

*Homegoing Celebration For*



*Albert Keith*

July 14, 1954 – June 16, 2021

Saturday, July 10, 2021 - 4:00pm

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Rev. Craig Majett, Eulogist

# *Obituary*

**Albert Keith**, son of the late Bessie Keith Washington, was born on July 14, 1954, in Georgetown, South Carolina. Raised in a family where both faith and education were important, Albert attended Bethel A.M.E. Church (Georgetown) as a child, and was educated in the South Carolina school system until moving to New York City with his mother, where he attended the former Benjamin Franklin High School in Manhattan. During the early years of his time in New York, he met and married Flora M. Hayes, and from that union they produced a daughter.

No stranger to hard work, Albert began working at a young age, and after being employed in (and around) Harlem, New York, a unique opportunity was afforded for him to work in the music industry for years alongside legendary recording artists, Gladys Knight and the Pips as their assistant road manager and stage announcer; it was a richly-rewarding experience that allowed him to see the world. The involvement and exposure of such a juncture would prove to be something he carried throughout every future endeavor in his lifetime.

Albert (also affectionately known as “Car Wash” and “Al”) was always a great person to be around, and known for having a quiet strength. His light-hearted demeanor and calm disposition made him well-liked, and as an honest person who never hesitated to lend a helping hand, he was trusted by just about everyone he encountered. On the morning of June 16th, 2021, the Almighty called Albert home after a brief hospital stay in New York City, battling an arduous illness.

Loving memories of Albert will be forever cherished by his daughter, Scheria Keith of New York, NY; aunt, Ammie McKnight of Georgetown, SC; cousins, Mae C. McKnight of Georgetown, SC; Carol McKnight of Clinton, MD; M. Carmelita McKnight of Charleston, SC; Benny McKnight of Lewisburg, TN; Michael McKnight of Georgetown, SC; “Lil’ Sis” Juanita Hayes-Washington, and a number of additional family members and friends.

Lovingly submitted by,  
The Keith & McKnight Family



*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness...."*

*2 Timothy 4:7-8*

# My Way

Paul Anka/Frank Sinatra

And now the end is near, and so I face the final curtain;  
My friend I'll say it clear, I'll state my case, of which I'm certain.  
I've lived a life that's full, I've traveled each and every highway,  
And more, much more than this,  
I did it my way.

Regrets, I've had a few, but then again, too few to mention.  
I did what I had to do, saw it through without exemption.  
I've planned each chartered course, each careful step along the byway,  
And more, much more than this,  
I did it my way.

Yes, there were times I'm sure you knew,  
when I bit off more than I could chew;  
But through it all, when there was doubt, I ate it up and spit it out.  
I faced it all, and I stood tall,  
And did it my way.

I've loved, I've laughed and cried, I've had my fill, my share of losing;  
And now, as tears subside, I find it all so amusing.  
To think I did all that, and may I say, not in a shy way,  
Oh no, oh no, not me;  
I did it my way.

For what is a man, what has he got?  
If not himself, then he has naught.  
To say the things he truly feels,  
And not the words of one who kneels.  
The record shows, I took the blows  
And did it my way.

Yes, it was my way...

## Acknowledgement

***The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.***

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