



Helen Key

June 12, 1925 - April 13, 2013

Helen Bernice Walton Key was the eldest daughter of Reverend Emmett W. Walton and Nell Louise Leathers Walton. She was born June 12, 1925 in Selma, Alabama. She received her Bachelors of Science degree at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama, and her Master of Arts degree at Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan. Helen was a Dietician for the Birmingham schools in Alabama and a teacher at Romulus High School in Romulus, Michigan. On February 10, 1945 Helen wed her college sweetheart, James Alexander Key. To this union two daughters, Jan LeaNeel and April Lealia were added. James and Helen loved life together and traveled the world extensively. They relocated their family from Birmingham, Alabama to Romulus, Michigan in 1960. In 1977, they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico to enjoy retirement. Helen's spiritual life was rich and active. She was a faithful servant to God throughout her life, teaching Sunday school, serving as a deaconess, and singing in the choir. She departed this well-spent life quietly on April 13, 2013. She leaves to mourn her passing, two loving daughters, Jan LeaNeel Key Range and April Lealia Key; two precious granddaughters, Brittany Alexanderia Wilson and Jasmine Patrice McCloud, a host of affectionate nieces and nephews, faithful cousins, extended family, and dear friends. Services will be held Friday, April 19, 2013, 10:00 a.m. at Gate of Heaven Chapel, 7999 Wyoming Blvd NE.

Tribute Wall

LL

“ Words cannot express how much I will miss you, however, I know you are in his care now, with not a worry in the world. I will miss you. Love, Lindy!

Linda Labasik - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Oh, April! I am so sorry for your loss. You guys will be in my thoughts and prayers (wish I had read the newspaper earlier and I would have been there!) Ruthann

Ruthann Woods - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I worked with Helen Key at a drapery shop in 1978, right after the family moved to Albuquerque. We sold window coverings and provided decorating advice. Helen had impeccable taste and was always dressed to the nines! She was a wonderful woman and I enjoyed the time we spent together. I was young, and not really a "real" Christian then, but I am now. She loved her family, and always talked about "Mr. James Key" and her lovely daughters, and that sweet laugh of hers...I still remember...such a lady. I have thought of her many times over the years and wondered where she was. She was a beautiful Christian woman, and I will see her again. God bless you all.

Debbie Griego - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I will always remember Sis. & Deacon Key. Sympathy to all family members.

Doris Willard - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *To our family, God bless and know that "Mam" is with 'Sir' and the Lord. "Mam" was a wonderful women and she will be dearly loved and missed.*

Will and Vikki Wilson - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.*

Apollo Miller - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM