

In Loving Memory
Of
David Lee Keys, Sr.

Tuesday, March 5, 2013
11:00 A.M.
Church of Christ
1055 Norris Road
Memphis, Tennessee 38106
Brother Brett Foxx, Officiating Minister

Obituary

David Lee Keys, Sr. was born on August 26, 1952, in Memphis, Tennessee to Jimmie Lee and Aline Keys, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Jana Marie Keys, in October, 2011. He departed this life on Thursday, February 28, 2013, at Methodist Hospital South.

He was educated in the Memphis City School System and was a proud graduate of Hamilton High School, class of 1970. He attended and was a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Broadcasting, Milwaukee, WI. He then returned to Memphis and continued his studies at Memphis State University (U of M). He accepted employment with the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier in 1975 and remained a dedicated employee for 38 years.

David was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed watching most sports including baseball, basketball, football, wrestling and boxing. His favorite teams included the Atlanta Braves, Memphis Grizzlies, University of Memphis Tigers and Indianapolis Colts. David's love of sports inspired him to give back to the community and coach the "Elliston Blues," a Little League baseball team, as well as captain many Postal Service softball teams. Through these avenues, he taught sportsmanship, commitment, and leadership.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted and loving wife; Cheryl C. Keys, two children: Sondra Denise Keys of Nashville, TN, and David Lee Keys, Jr., of Carbondale, IL, one stepson; Gregory DeShane Ward of Arlington, TX, two sisters; Denise Keys (Calvin) Johnson and Demetrice Keys Rufus, on brother; Dandridge Livingston (Nichelle) Keys, all of Memphis, Tennessee, two aunts; Nellie Keys of St. Louis, MO, and Bertha Keys of Chicago, IL, five grandchildren; Kaley Brown, Bryson Coffey, Shana Ward, Gregory Ward, Jr., and Nia Ward, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Moderator: B.G. Winston | **Song Director:** Hershel McDonald

Processional

Opening Prayer | Wayne Cooke

Scripture (Psalm 23) | Earl Walker

Selection

Prayer | O.J. Williams

Expressions (limit three minutes)

Minister Stanley Gates | Hamilton Class of 1970

Charles Ousley | U.S. Postal Service

Minister Ray Pettigrew

Solo | Dannis Williams

Reflections

Jerome and Gerald Po9tts

Larry (Mack) McKissick

Denise Keys Johnson

Selection

Acknowledgements | Vontyna Winfrey

Eulogy | Brett Foxx

Recessional

Active Pallbearers

Carl Bailey

Gary Deberry, Jr

Dover Ford

Roy Loggins

Kenneth Noel

Jackie Parker

Gerald Potts

Jerome Potts

Repast

Classic Soulz

1027 E. Brooks Road

Memphis, TN 38116

Interment

Memorial Park Southwoods

5484 Hacks Cross Road

Memphis, TN 38125

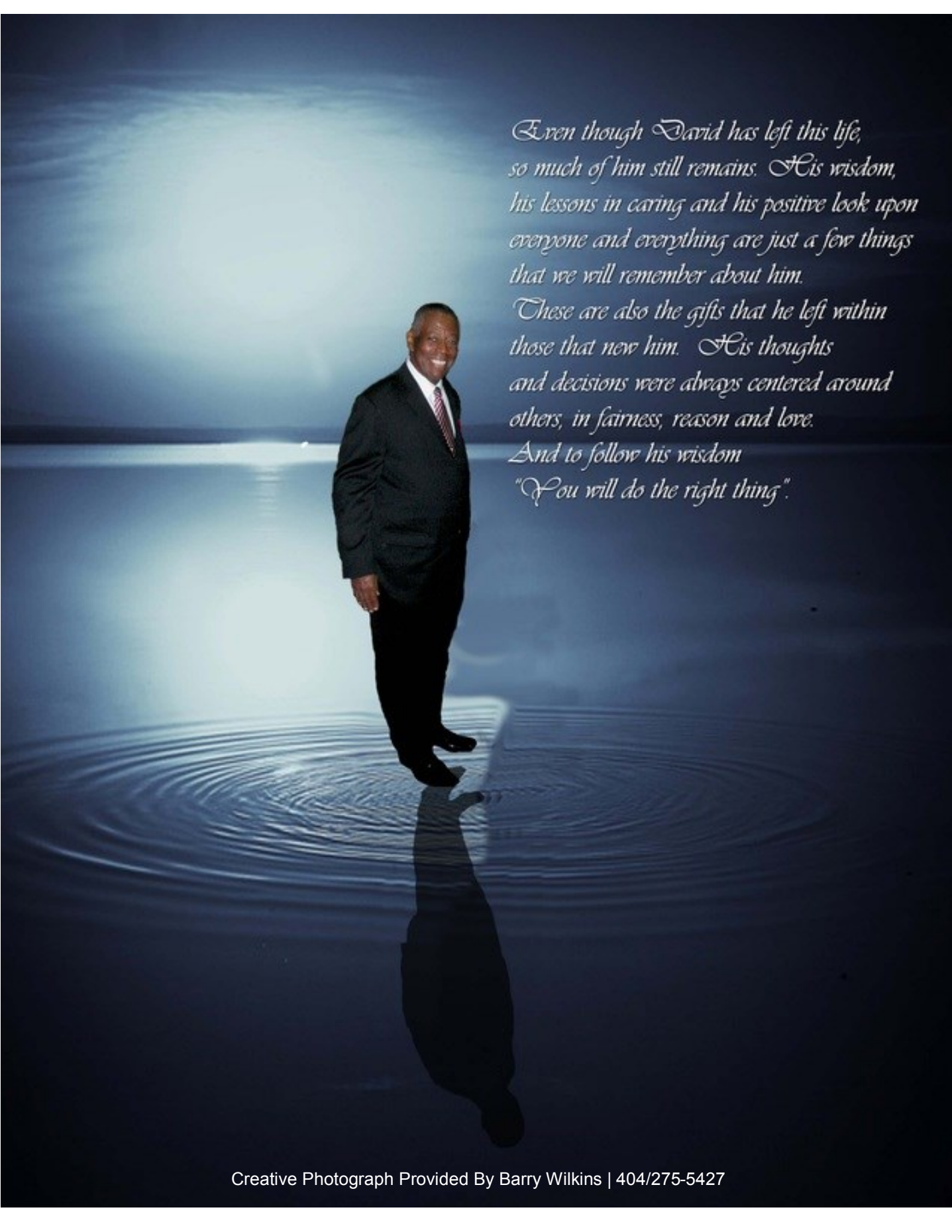
Arrangements

Christian Funeral Directors S.E.

3626 New Getwell Road

Memphis, TN 38118

(901) 362-1400

A man in a dark suit and tie stands on a dark, reflective surface that shows concentric ripples around his feet. The background is a soft, blue-toned sky or water surface. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

*Even though David has left this life,
so much of him still remains. His wisdom,
his lessons in caring and his positive look upon
everyone and everything are just a few things
that we will remember about him.*

*These are also the gifts that he left within
those that knew him. His thoughts
and decisions were always centered around
others, in fairness, reason and love.*

*And to follow his wisdom
"You will do the right thing".*