



## Gary Keene

February 28, 1942 - May 6, 2011

Gary Dean Keene, age 69 of Pounding Mill, VA died Friday, May 6, 2011 at the Wellmont Hospice House in Bristol, TN. He was born February 28, 1942 at Oceana, WV and was a son of the late Woodrow and Myrtle Frankie Keene. He was a retired foreman with Island Creek Coal Company and Consolidated Coal Company. Gary loved his family and enjoyed spending time at South Holston Lake. He liked watching NASCAR and listening to Bluegrass music. Gary was of the Christian faith and was a member of Claypool Hill Church of Christ. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Those left to cherish his memories include his loving wife, Julia Ann Keene; one son, Kevin Shane Keene and wife, Lori of Telford, TN; one sister, Anna Joyce Smith and husband, Raymond of Winston-Salem, NC; one brother, Lewey Keene of Richlands, VA; special friends, Ron and Barbara Breeding of Bristol, VA; special caregivers, the Staff of Wellmont Hospice House in Bristol, TN; a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends also survive. The family will receive friends at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA from 6 – 9 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2011, where a funeral service will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. with Bob Smith and Hobert Kennedy officiating. Final funeral services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at the Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum at Claypool Hill, VA. Pallbearers will be Dee - Dee Brown, B.J. Brown, Ron Breeding, Leonard Keene, Jack Keene and L. R. Cole. Honorary pallbearers will be Carl Keene, Jerry Lee Keene, Olen Keene, and Dr. H.G. Vardhana. Those wishing to attend the final

services on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 are asked to meet at the Greenhills  
Memory Gardens Mausoleum by 11:30 a.m.

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Keene

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Gary Keene

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Julia,  
*We will miss Gary as so many folks will. Both of you have been a blessing, an encouragement, and great example of faith and trust in God for many people during Gary's illness. We cherish our visit with both of you last Wednesday and will always remember his sense of humor with Pete about going out to pick up a medium steak, potato and corn bread for him!*  
*It is our prayer that you will continue to trust God as your source of strength.*  
*We love you and are here for you.*  
*Frances & Pete*

Pete Vance & Frances Matney Vance - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss . Gary will certainly be missed around that campground. Sincerely Dennis & Mary

Dennis & Mary Turner - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ (UPDATED-CORRECTED)

*Julia: We are so sorry for your loss of Gary. It just doesn't seem real. We were at the lake this weekend, and it was totally empty, not because there wasn't people around, but because it was so empty without you and Gary working in your yard. From now on, when we look across the road, we will always see him in heaven mowing the beautiful grass, even with his flashlight, if needed. Our love and prayers are with you and Shane.*

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**Paul and Phyllis Christian** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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**Paul and Phyllis Christian** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Gary was a very special cousin to Tom and I. I just want to express my love and sympathy to his beloved wife Julie and family. It is so hard to believe that I lost my precious brother Frank 6 days before Gary, I am praying that God will give you peace and comfort from your grief. I believe that Frank and Gary are looking down on us with those big smile of theirs , You never saw them without their smiles . I love you all. Augustine*

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**Augustine, Tom Davenport** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Anna Joyce & Lewey, Sad to here of your loss. Thinking of you at this time. Love You! Nola Faye

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**Nola Faye Herron** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Julia, I'm so sorry to hear about Gary.  
He was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Roberta

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**Roberta Ringstaff** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ I'm so sorry that distance and time make it impossible for me to attend your memorial. You were always there for Mom and Dad and I will never forget you for that!!! You had a difficult road to eternity and I'm confident God will make it up to you. I love you and will truly miss you. pl

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**P.L. Keene** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Julie, Shane & Lewey,

*My deepest sympathy is with you. May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you during this time.*

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**Carl and Betty Summy** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Julia and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Gary's death. He has endured a difficult  
time and is finally at peace. Please accept my deepest sympathy in  
your time of loss. Remember he will suffer no more.*

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**Bernie Dickinson** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Dear Julia, please know that you and yours are in our thoughts and  
prayers. Love, Steve and Rhonda*

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**Steve and Rhonda Morgan** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Julie, Shane, Anna & Lewey, My heart is breaking with sadness for  
each of you and all the family, but at the same time I am rejoicing in  
Happiness that Gary is in Heaven , no more sufering and pain..like  
the song says, I Can Only Imagine, the glorious Homecoming he  
has had, so many precious loved ones to greet him and to look  
upon the face of Jesus..Thank you Lord for answered prayer...I love  
you all and wish I could have been there with you..*

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**Loretta Keene Moore** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My love and prayers are with all our family in the loss of two of our  
love ones in a week. Gary was a very special person and will be  
deeply missed.*

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May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Julia and Family I am so sorry to hear about Gary!!He was such a nice person loved talking to him when He came into the store!!Our loss is Heavens gain!!!Anything I can do please let me know!!!Praying for you Julia!

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**Arlene Ball** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dear Julia, Shane, & Lewey:  
My Mom and I have you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!  
Love and God Bless!  
Sunni

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**Sunni Krantz** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ I only knew Gary for a short time, but I found out that you could not have a better neighbor. It will not be the same in the neighborhood without him. I know he is in a better place now. I pray that Julia will find peace in her heart.

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**Andy Alley** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ Shane, I'm sorry to hear about your father. I know the shock and emptiness you are feeling from personal experience. Just remember that time heals all wounds and that some day in the future you'll be able to appreciate all the good times the two of you had together and it will make you smile.

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**Victor Hopson** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ JULIE, SHAN, LEWEY & ANNA, ARE THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU,, WE LOVED GARY & WE WILL MISS HIM,,,

**BILL & EULA COLEMAN** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Julia, We are so sorry to hear about Gary. We miss seeing you next time we come in we will stop by to see you.If there is any thing we can do let us know.Love Eddie and Moresa

**eddie keene** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dear Julia, Shane, Lewey, Anna and Raymond

*I pray that the Lord will comfort you in your sorrow. I know that you will miss Gary but at the same time rejoice that he is in heaven with no more suffering. Gary was a wonderful inspraion to all you knew him as he was always steadfast in his faith and love of our Lord during his illness always trusting and never giving up.*

**Mary Lockhart** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Julia ~ with deep sympathy from your friends at this time of sadness. Jill and Roy

**Jill Kinder** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I will miss my life long friend and neighbor, a wonderful man.

**Marie Burress Davis** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM