



## Thomas Keen,

January 5, 1942 - October 12, 2006

Mr. Thomas R. Keen, Jr., age 64, of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, passed away Thursday, October 12, 2006 at a Richlands, Virginia hospital following a sudden illness. He was born in Paynesville, West Virginia and was the son of Bessie Stacy Keen of Baptist Valley, Virginia and the late Thomas R. Keen, Sr. He had made his home in the Baptist Valley area for the past 42 years and was a retired masonry carpenter for Jewell Smokeless and a former custodian and bus driver for the Tazewell County School System. He was an avid hunter and farmer who enjoyed life to the fullest. His world revolved around his grandchildren whom he loved more than life itself. He will be forever missed by his family. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Edward Keen; grandmother, Rosie Keen; and one special uncle, Cecil Keen, who was like a brother to Thomas. Survivors, in addition to his mother, are: His loving wife of 47 years: Elenore Christine Stilwell Keen Two daughters: Patricia Cline of North Tazewell, Virginia Carrie Donithan and husband Scott of Tazewell, Virginia Son, David Alan Keen Five Sisters: Patty Brown and husband Jimmy of Tazewell, Virginia Janice Keen of Pounding Mill, Virginia Peggy Osborne and husband Harold of Baptist Valley, Virginia Joyce Price and husband Bob of Tazewell, Virginia Carol Keen of Cedar Bluff, Virginia Three Brothers: Lonnie Pete Keen and wife Joyce of Bland, Virginia Eddie 'Popeye' Keen and wife Moresa of North Carolina Earl Keen and wife Mildred of Baptist Valley, Virginia Grandchildren: Andrew Cline, Christy Cline, Kimmy Cline, Gabriel Donithan, Chase Donithan, Carrie Davis and husband

Buzz, Kellie Rash and husband Rob; Great granddaughter, Melanie Ann Davis and a future great grandchild due in May. Also surviving are many special nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral Services for Thomas R. Keen, Jr. will be held Sunday, October 15, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Michael Trent, Rev. Clarence Herron, Rev. Troy Lester officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be Andy Cline, Gabriel Donithan, Chase Donithan, Marshall Keen, Nick Keen, Patrick "P.J." Keen, and Chucky Williams. Friends may call from 6-9 pm on Saturday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Keen,*

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January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Thomas Keen,*

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January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *I have known Junior for many years. He will be remembered as a fine man and a good friend to many people. My prayers are with the family. I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Doug Smith** - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“Hey Junior”-- those are the famous words my uncle liked to tell of my first buck fever experience. I stood there at 9yrs old with my uncles 30/30 overtop of my first deer screaming "Hey Junior" for his help. This is only one of many great hunting experiences that I spent with him over the past 20 some years. Over the years as time went by I became closer and closer with my uncle. Although I could only visit on occasion, each time was special. Each visit gave me more of a reason to come back to a town and family that I moved away from. Every visit I became prouder and prouder to be a KEENE, to be the nephew to such a wonderful man. Each visit not only taught me great hunting lessons but life lessons as well. I could always talk to him about something in my life and he would always help me. I wish I could explain in words how much I loved my uncle and how much I am going to miss him. I only hope that I can be the man, father, and friend he was to so many people. There is almost 30 years of wonderful memories that I can keep of my uncle. Junior Keen's memory will always be a big part of my life and my childrens life as well. Thank you Junior for everything that you did for me, I am going to miss you.

Always remember the Boom-Boom twins, Black Bear story, Home Interior on the walls, Kiss Ass turns, my brother going to Georgia, deer in Thompson Valley, Jrs favorite desert (cornbread and milk), poker, Appalacian trail, long range muzzle loader, wood in the stove and  
"Hey Junior"

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**Marshall Keene** - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Please convey our deepest sympathy to the family of Thomas (Junior) Keen.

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**Ronnie Nelson & Edith Keen** - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Having such a large family it seems a lot us have lost touch with one another. But I believe everyone of us always kept in touch with uncle Junior. Junior was the heart of our family. We could always count on him to help us with what ever we needed. Junior was a man who always stood up for what he loved and believed in. I will always cherish every memory I have of uncle Junior. What stands out the most to me is his nightly helping of cornbread and buttermilk and always telling me that I was running around with the wrong type of people each time he seen me with Dad or my brothers. I love you uncle Junior.

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**Patrick (P.J.) Keene** - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ CHRISTINE AND CHILDREN we are so sorry we will miss him very much there is no words to say but look up god can take care of us. we love you all mommy is really hurt . love faye

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**mandycollins Faye and Bob** - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ To: Crick, Lonnie, Popeye, and most of all my dear and close friend Marshall. I am truly sorry for your great loss. I hope you can all find peace knowing Junior must be in a better place. I will always cherish the hunting trips spent with all of you. I thank each of you for sharing one of the kindest people I have ever met, your husband, brother, and uncle, Junior. My thoughts are always with you.

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**William Petry** - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ I never got to meet my Grandpa, Thomas Keen, I was not born when he passed, so as a child I became close with my uncle Jr. Throughout my life I always looked upon my uncle as more than just my uncle, but more as my grandpa, my uncle, and my buddy. I spent many days with him especially during hunting season as a young child, waking to the early morning eating a hot biscuit that my aunt Crick made and driving out into the woods to meet that early deer season. Jr. would always make sure I had a cake nearby and would tell me stories of my grandpa and my dad as we drove through the winding roads of Burkes Garden.

Those drives I cherish the most, because I always looked up to my uncle, and having the opportunity to ride with him was special to me. He spoke of the old days, and of what is to be a man, how to hunt, but most of all he would talk to me of the importance of what it meant to be a Keene.

I will miss my uncle, but most of all I will miss those rides in the woods, the chats and the words of wisdom he would bestow upon me every chance he got. I am proud to be a Keene, and I am proud to have known my Uncle Thomas Riley Keen Jr., and I am proud to pass on his wisdom to my children.

I love you Jr., thank you for the wisdom, the love, and the rides.

Nick

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Nicholas "Nick" Keene - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I am a first cousin of Jr.'s and I know that some folks don't even know their first cousins, but I happen to know a few of mine and I'm so thankful that one of them was Jr. Keene. He was and will always have a very special place in my heart. During the years he always brought a smile to my face when I see him at mommies when he and his family visit. I know that his family and alot of the other cousins are very sad with Jr.s passing. I pray for the family and all that will miss him including me. And I'm so glad that I had a chance to see him at the Keene Festival in July. All my love

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**Brenda D. Keene** - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Christine,

*I can't tell you how sorry I was to hear about Jr's passing. It took me by suprise, as he always seemed as onery as my own PawPaw was, with a lot more trouble left to cause in this world. I can only hope that Jr and my PawPaw are together, hunting down deer. I am so sorry I could not make it too the service, but I was unable to break away from school. You are in my prayers, and my mom's as well.*

*Lots of love to everyone.*

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