



Thomas Milton Keene Jr.

June 29, 1940 - July 9, 2025

Tom Keene was born on June 29, 1940, having recently celebrated his 85th birthday. He was born to the late Thomas Milton Keene, Sr and Beulah and the late Goldie Dye Overstreet. He grew up and lived his life in Richlands. He was a 1959 graduate of Richlands High School and a proud Blue Tornado. He met the love of his life there, Ann Childress Keene, and shortly after they married. They spent the next 64 years and 106 days together creating and enjoying a life as close to perfect you will find this side of heaven. He loved Ann more than anyone could possibly imagine. Tom joined the Army and was a proud US veteran. Then came his sweet daughter, Deana Elizabeth, followed by Lisa Faye and Ollena Gail. He was an amazing girl dad that was good at making sure clothes matched and that the hot rollers didn't burn ears on Sunday mornings. Tom was a hard worker up to the day he died. He worked in the auto parts business most of his life, having co-owned White Front Auto Parts with Harry Robinette. After selling the store, he wasn't ready to sit down so he became a licensed insurance agent. He never met a stranger and loved to talk to people so insurance sales was perfect for him. Buying and selling campers, motorhomes and boats was his hobby. He loved to buy a piece of junk and turn into something wonderful for another family to enjoy. It was nothing for him to sell the family motorhome while on vacation. Ann always said that she and the girls were lucky that they didn't come with a deed or title or he might have sold them. Tom loved adventure and he loved to travel, having visited 49 of the 50 states and several foreign countries. A good

late night cruise pizza was tops on his snack list. You never knew where you would find him and Ann and you were never surprised when you did find them. They spent their winters together in the Florida sunshine and their summers at South Holston Lake, his favorite place. Tom was so many things to so many people, but above all, Tom was a Christian. He loved the Lord with all of his heart and was a faithful servant even in the toughest times. If he could tell you one more thing it would be that God loves you, wants to forgive you and that he wants to see you in heaven with him when your time is up.

Thomas Milton Keene, Jr passed away peacefully at his favorite place with his loving family on July 9, 2025. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and step mother, as well as his in-laws Lee and Elsie Horne Childress. His brothers and sisters Ursel Keene, Nancy Gillespie, Joann Ingersoll, Shirley Keene, Darlene Kennedy, Bill Keene, Raymond Elswick and Betty Schwartz-Pulley. He lost his precious daughter, Deana Vandyke seven years ago.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ann, daughters Lisa McGlothlin and her husband Keith, Ollena Jackson and husband Patrick, and son-in-law Bob Vandyke. Children of the heart Darrell Cole and wife Donna and Debbie Ratliff and husband Larry. Grandchildren Jason Hale and wife Judy, Tim McGlothlin and wife Mary, Jonathan Horne and wife Aubry, Kalida Custalow and husband Matthew, Kelsey Massengill and Rocky Massengill, Autumn Castle and husband Hayden. Great grandchildren Cory Hale, Kaci Hale, Haydyn Hale, Braelyn Massengill, Gunner and Grayson McGlothlin. Grandchildren of the heart Sara Cole, Isaac Cole, Benjamin Hale and Alli-Grayce Hale. Brother Jack Keene and wife Sue, sister Della Burnette and husband Jim, sisters-in-law Gay Elswick and Elsie Keene and special niece Judy Blevins and husband Anthony. A host of very loved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends also survive.

A celebration of Tom Keene's life will be held Saturday, July 12th at 1pm at

Hurst Scott Funeral Home in Richlands with Dr. Marc Brooks and Pastor Denver Winebarger officiating. A visitation will be held Friday, July 11th from 6pm-9pm . Pallbearers will be Jason Hale, Jonathan Horne, Tim McGlothlin, Cory Hale, Haydyn Hale, Sam McIntosh and Isaac Cole. Honorary pallbearers will be Ray Brown, Jack Sanders, Harry Robinette, and Bobby Hale. Military graveside rites will be performed. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia, is in charge of arrangements. Those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral

JUL 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Milton Keene Jr.



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - August 07, 2025 at 11:12 AM

CH

“ C.J. Hawthorne lit a candle in memory of Thomas Milton Keene Jr.



C.J. Hawthorne - July 15, 2025 at 08:15 AM

AM

“ Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Keene



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - July 14, 2025 at 04:26 PM

DS

“ Remembering our dinners of all you can eat catfish and then to Dairy Queen for dessert.
I will always cherish our friendship. Ann, keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie Stephenson

Debbie Stephenson - July 12, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Thomas Milton Keene Jr.



Davie Horton - July 11, 2025 at 06:23 PM

CS

“ I remember Tom driving the church bus when I was about 12 years old I loved the man he always had a smile on his face and sometimes kind to say too you

Craig Smith - July 11, 2025 at 04:46 PM

MH

“ Mike And Virginia Hart lit a candle in memory of Thomas Milton Keene Jr.



Mike and Virginia Hart - July 11, 2025 at 04:11 PM

DI

“ Don and Debby Isaman purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..



Don and Debby Isaman - July 11, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..



July 11, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ A [Memorial
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..

July 11, 2025 at 01:28 PM

HF

“ Harry and Charlotte Robinett and family
purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the
family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..



Harry and Charlotte Robinett and family - July 11, 2025 at
12:14 PM

Many Men lose their Queen Bee messing around with these so-called Butterflies that were really Flying Cockroaches. "let us spray"

“ Joy Fields lit a candle in memory of Thomas Keene



Joy Fields - July 11, 2025 at 11:10 AM

CP

“ Condolences to Ann and all the family. Praying for you all.



Carolyn Baldwin Pyles - July 11, 2025 at 09:15 AM

KH

“ Tom was the sweetest man as well as our insurance agent. He and my Mom went to school together. Sincere condolences to Toms family and friends. He was definitely one of the good ones! R.I.P. Tom



Karen Joyce Hale - July 11, 2025 at 08:19 AM

TM

“ Tom and Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Thomas Keene



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - July 11, 2025 at 07:51 AM

PC

“ *Family*
You remain in our prayers
Pastor Phillip and Barbara Cook
And members of Ivy Spring Baptist

Pastor Phillip and Barbara Cook - July 10, 2025 at 10:22 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family*
of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..



July 10, 2025 at 09:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..

July 10, 2025 at 09:58 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks sent a virtual gift in*
memory of Thomas Keene



TonyanEdgar Wicks - July 10, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Thomas Keene



TonyanEdgar Wicks - July 10, 2025 at 09:45 PM

JK

“ Jack & Sue Keene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..

Jack & Sue Keene - July 10, 2025 at 08:57 PM

JK

“ Jack & Sue Keene purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..



Jack & Sue Keene - July 10, 2025 at 08:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..

July 10, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..*



July 10, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ *Wayne,Rosalie,Charlie,Patty purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..*



Wayne,Rosalie,Charlie,Patty - July 10, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ *Pastor Steve B. & Katrina Holden purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..*



Pastor Steve B. & Katrina Holden - July 10, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ *lisa tiller lit a candle in memory of Thomas Keene*



lisa tiller - July 10, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..



July 10, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ Tommy was a humble yet great man. He was a loving husband, patient and caring father, and a grandfather who loved to spoil his grandchildren. Tommy was also a great friend to so many. But, above all these measures of a good man, Tommy Keene was a Christian who loved his Savior, Jesus Christ. And he was a man who wasn't ashamed to share his faith with others. Oh, that such might be said of us all.

It's been years since I lived in Richlands. But each time I visited and drove through town and passed the old White Front Auto Parts store, I always was reminded of the smiling man behind the counter. Tommy will be missed by us all.

Rick Grinstead - July 10, 2025 at 08:13 PM



AMEN TO THAT BROTHER!!! TOMMY WAS ONE OF THE BEST!!!

CHRISTOPHER MARK LEWIS - July 11, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ God's blessings to Ann, Lisa and Ollena and their families. I will always cherish the wonderful memories we all shared over the years. Much love and prayers to all of you.

Love, Charlene, Amy, Tony and Scott



Charlene Keen - July 10, 2025 at 07:53 PM

BJ

“ Prayers of peace, comfort and strength for Ann and Tom's family. Bill Ray and Naomi Joyce.



Bill Ray and Naomi Joyce - July 10, 2025 at 07:44 PM

RA

“ Ruby Asbury lit a candle in memory of Thomas Keene



Ruby Asbury - July 10, 2025 at 07:44 PM

CL

“ TOMMY WAS ONE OF THE BEST!! HE WAS KIND, CONSIDERATE, ALWAYS DECENT TO EVERYONE!! A WONDERFUL MAN WHO WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THAT KNOW HIM!!! LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM IN HEAVEN!!! MAY GOD COMFORT ALL HIS FAMILY 🙏❤️

CHRISTOPHER MARK LEWIS - July 10, 2025 at 07:22 PM

CK

“ Tommy was everyone's favorite uncle. I loved seeing him and Ann drive up with Deana and Lisa to visit me and my sister Debbie when we were kids. Tommy was more than an uncle, he was a friend and confidant as I grew older. I will always be grateful that he prayed with my dad, and his brother.

Carol Keene - July 10, 2025 at 07:07 PM

MA

“ Marie Altizer lit a candle in memory of Thomas Keene



Marie Altizer - July 10, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..

July 10, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..



July 10, 2025 at 06:38 PM

JF

“ Judy and Anthony Blevins and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..



Judy and Anthony Blevins and family - July 10, 2025 at 06:11 PM

ET

“ *Elsie, Debbie, Gary, Carol, Doug & Trish purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Thomas Milton Keene Jr..*



Elsie, Debbie, Gary, Carol, Doug & Trish - July 10, 2025 at
05:21 PM