



Ulyse "Jack" Keene

June 12, 1934 - February 11, 2026

Ulyse J. Keene, known to his family and friends as Jack, passed away on February 11, 2026 in Richlands, VA at the age of 91.

Born on June 12, 1934, in Jolo, WV, Jack grew up with a vigorous work ethic. He left his home and friends at the age of seventeen to work for General Motors in Ohio. He later served in the Korean Conflict and was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. He spent the majority of his working years mining coal. Jack was a long-time member of the United Mine Workers of America #2232 and served as both their secretary and president.

Jack was known for his signature cowboy boots that rarely left his feet, and he walked with a steady, unmistakable stride. A true car enthusiast, Jack could often be found shining his vehicles or simply admiring their engines. When not in the garage, Jack was outside turning his yard into a manicured green or tending to his bountiful vegetable garden. Beyond his hobbies, Jack was a fierce and lifelong Democrat. He was never shy about his political stance and was quick to stand up for what he believed in.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, many siblings; and his daughter in law, Pam Keene.

He is survived by his loving spouse of 67 years, Flora Ratliff Keene; their

children, Dennis Keene, Greg (Stephanie) Keene; his grandchildren, Maygan Keene (Bradley) Nuckles and Maggie Keene (Hunter) Foster; and great-grandchildren Graham and Brady Nuckles. Jack is also survived by one brother, Leonard Keene.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 1:00 pm at Hurst Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA with Rev. Hobert Kennedy officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens, Claypool Hill, VA. Pallbearers will be: Terry Wimmer, Bill Meade, Paul Cole, Mack Ratliff, James Watts, and Anthony Childress. Visitation will be from 12-1 pm on Monday afternoon at the funeral home. UMWA Chaplin Corps Sub 21 will conduct services. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Blackberry Winter.<https://www.blackberrywinter.org/>

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands oversees arrangements, and 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

FEB 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I liked Jack he was always real nice and military like loved helping him around his yard...a real gentleman....going too be missed...



Chris R - February 17 at 01:11 PM

SH

“ Sally Herron lit a candle in memory of Ulyse "Jack" Keene



Sally Herron - February 16 at 08:13 PM

GN

“ Gina Vanover Newman lit a candle in memory of Ulyse "Jack" Keene



Gina Vanover Newman - February 14 at 08:14 PM

HF

“ Hamon & Barbara Cannell family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ulyse "Jack" Keene.



Hamon & Barbara Cannell family - February 14 at 12:57 PM

AA

“ Mrs. Keene and family, I also very sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing him out in the yard and enjoying time on his porch. We are grateful that we got to know him. He was a great neighbor and friend.

Rick and Amanda Alsbrook

Amanda Alsbrook - February 13 at 06:24 AM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Ulyse "Jack" Keene

TonyanEdgar Wicks - February 12 at 07:28 PM

