



Rev. Frank Keels

November 16, 1950 - November 5, 2016

Rev. Francis “Frank” Craig Keels, 65, passed away November 5, 2016.

A native of Pinewood, South Carolina, he was a son of Sarah Reid Keels of Pinewood, South Carolina and the late W.R. Keels, Jr.

Rev. Keels was a retired Southern Baptist Minister having served the following churches: Spears Creek Baptist Church, Columbia; Ashley Heights Baptist Church, North Charleston; Hopewell Baptist Church, Parkers Ferry, South Carolina; Cheraw Baptist Church, Cheraw; First Baptist Church, Morrisville, North Carolina; Clearview Baptist Church, Charleston; Westside Baptist Church, Greenwood; Rosewood Baptist Church, Columbia; Cornerstone Baptist Church, St. Cloud, Florida; and Abner Creek Baptist Church, Greer. He was the founder of Frank Keels Evangelistic Association, served on the Board of South Carolina Baptist Convention and Greer Baptist Association. Rev. Keels served as an International Missionary in Africa, Indonesia, Korea and Russia. He was a member of Burnsvew Baptist Church, Greer.

Also surviving are his wife, Kathy Hair Keels of the home; two sons, Dr. Josh Keels (Sarah) of Duncan and Dr. Robbie Keels (Tara) of Greer; two brothers, Rey Keels (Barbara) of Pinewood, South Carolina and Billy Keels (Linda) of Columbia; five sisters, Ginger Reyes (Patricio) of Washington, Ellen Goodroe (David) of Dacula, Georgia Sally Mewborne (Jim) of Swansea, Pat Keels of Sumter, and Shand Johnson (Steve) of Proctorville, North Carolina; and six grandchildren, Austin, Harrison, Asher, Easton, Griffin, and Graham Keels.

Rev. Keels was predeceased by one brother, MSgt. Harry Keels.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at Burnsvie Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Tim Huckaby, Rev. Steve Vasser, Dr. John Cashwell, and Rev. Herbert Brown. Burial will follow in Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held immediately after the graveside service at Abner Creek Baptist Church Sanctuary.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Burnsvie Baptist Church Building Fund, 9690 Reidville Road, Greer, South Carolina 29651.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

2461 Abner Creek Road
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Burnsview Baptist Church
9690 Reidville Road
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall

FB

“ I remember Frank when we were students at the Baptist College at Charleston. Sincere sympathy to the family.



Fran Bagwell - February 24, 2017 at 11:58 PM

RC

“ You and your family and your dedication to Jesus Christ will remain in the hearts of The Robert and Diane Corley Family as long as we live on this Earth. Thank you for being our friend, neighbor, and Pastor while you were at West Side Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC. We love you all!



Robert & Diane Corley - November 10, 2016 at 10:07 PM

BH

“ Berry Strickland and Claire Hammond purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Frank Keels.



Berry Strickland and Claire Hammond - November 09, 2016 at 09:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Frank Keels.*



November 09, 2016 at 07:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Frank Keels.*



November 08, 2016 at 10:34 PM



“ *Robbie, Josh, Mrs. Keels and family, Sharon and I grieve with you on the passing of Pastor Keels. We can't express how much your Dad and husband influenced our lives during our 4 years living in Charleston. He finished the race strong and left a Legacy we all hope to achieve. May you all rest in God's arms as He comforts you, knowing that He is welcoming Frank home! Greg & Sharon*

Greg and Sharon Ayers - November 08, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ *Kathy and family. My thoughts, love and prayers are with you at this time. With deepest sympathy, Evelyn Ford*

Evelyn Ford - November 08, 2016 at 07:19 PM

GM

“ Kathy, Josh, Robbie, and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at the loss of Frank. We have fond memories of your time at West Side. He was a Godly man that taught us so much about the bible and living a Christian life. May God bless you and give you comfort. Love, Walter and Gail Madden

Gail Madden - November 08, 2016 at 07:16 PM

PK

“ My heart and prayers are with you, Kathy, Robbie, Josh and family. And with you, Aunt Sa'Reid and all my cousins. We've lost another great man who'll be so missed, but lovingly remembered. May God give us comfort.

Paul Keels - November 08, 2016 at 04:00 PM

LP

“ Kathy, Josh, Robbie and family, I was sadden to hear of Preacher Frank passing on. Only we know he is with our God as a new person in heaven. Oh what a blessing Frank was to my family as my younger brother Philip was his first one to baptize at Abner Creek Baptist, Frank after 6 yrs of praying lead my husband to accept Jesus Christ as his savior and he and Kathy showed their love to my mother for many years as she fought Alzheimers, last but not least your family through the love of the Lord loved me. Those memories will never be forgotten Preacher Franks teaching of Gods Word has marked many lives and will live on through each of you. May God Bless you all daily.

Linda Pauley - November 08, 2016 at 02:48 PM

DL

“ Josh & Family, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.



Donna Leonard - November 08, 2016 at 02:46 PM

AG

“ We have fond memories of Frank & your family at Clearview. We are praying for comfort & peace for you after this long journey.

Al & Sandra Gresham - November 08, 2016 at 11:42 AM

MC

“ Dear Keels Family,

We are so sorry to hear of the home going of Rev. Keels. He was a kind, loving man who loved his family and he loved and served his Lord faithfully for many years. May God be with you during this time of grief; but may you also remember that he is home now with the Lord where there is no more pain and suffering. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Maureen & Jay Crawford

Maureen Crawford - November 08, 2016 at 09:01 AM

BM

“ Kathy Josh and Robbie, Alan and I are so sorry about frank. He was at rue man of God. We often remember the good times we had at Westside and how Frank preached and was always visiting people. Josh and Robbie I can remember how y'all hated having to go with him and asking him to let y'all stay at my house. Frank lived what he preached.

becky morgan - November 08, 2016 at 08:27 AM

BP

“ Kathy I am so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. You are in my prayers.

Bridges Poston - November 08, 2016 at 08:05 AM

TC

“ Thanks be to God for Frank Keels! Not only was he a wonderful Christian, son, husband, but I especially appreciate his role as a brother to Shand and her family. Yes, there were many kids in the Keels family, but Frank (and Kathy) have always supported and loved many times MY "family", the Steve Johnson clan. I remember Frank and/or Kathy getting Shand back to me to ride home from James Island BC when we were sweetmates at BCC so she could spend time with Frank, Kathy and the boys over the weekend....

I also appreciated that he married Steve and Shand all those years ago....what a special connection beyond sibling love!

I also have enjoyed knowing that Shand could help Kathy and her mom (especially) during these last few months...I am so proud of Shand for being that sister who truly felt her mission was to help Kathy and Frank...those are memories she has shared with me that will never leave her at this time...

Kathy and family: know that we love you and are here for you all during this time...

Angie, Dean, Will and Aaron Carter

The Carters - November 08, 2016 at 07:28 AM

VT

“ So sorry to hear about Preacher Keels passing. He meant a lot to me personally. The family will be in my prayers. Vickie Tow

Vickie Tow - November 08, 2016 at 06:58 AM

SK

“ Dear Robbie & family, Paul & I were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We know that he is no longer suffering & is rejoicing in a much better place. We are praying that God will wrap his arms around your family & give you all peace & comfort during this time. We love you guys. Stuart & Paul Kennemore

Stuart Kennemore - November 07, 2016 at 10:18 PM

BG

“ Dr josh and family.
Our deepest sympathy goes out to you on your loss. Barb and Val and Jason Geneau

barb geneau - November 07, 2016 at 07:45 PM

RR

“ Josh,
My heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Your dad spent his life teaching and praising the word of God and he will surely be missed. But to know he is now in the presence of our Lord.....what a joy!
God Speed my friend,
Randy Robinette

Randy Robinette - November 07, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Frank Keels.



November 07, 2016 at 04:56 PM

JK

“ Mrs. Kathy, Josh and Robbie, you are in my prayers and thoughts. I can remember playing football, basketball, and baseball at your house in Greenwood. Growing up a Clemson fan he always ribbed me about it (I saw the error of my ways and graduated from USC). I can remember him wanting to change his license plate because the first three letters of it were PAW. He was a GREAT man. He always preached the word of God and I am thankful that I was a part of his congregation. We love you all. God Bless!

John Keasler.

John Keasler - November 07, 2016 at 11:53 AM

RH

“ My Sister, my nephews and my nieces. I love you all so much. Remember there is rejoicing in heaven today as Jesus has welcomed one of his children home, so let us rejoice and know that Frank is in no pain now and we will see him again soon. You are in my prayers. I love you! Aunt Ne’



Renee Holden - November 07, 2016 at 11:38 AM

JS

“ We are praying for all of you that the Lord will provide all of your needs during this difficult time in the life of this precious family. Although we didn't know Rev Keels well, we know of his ministry and we know firsthand the legacy he leaves through his two sons and their families. Rev. Keels left behind some deep footprints through his hard work in his ministry, and he leaves behind a family who continues his work through their own walks of faith.
Max and Janet Sherbert

Janet Sherbert - November 07, 2016 at 08:35 AM

DB

“ Frank and I go back to the early days of Baptist College in Charleston. He was a friend and my pastor for a short time right after I moved from Michigan to South Carolina. He took this stranger under his wing and nurtured me until I became established in my new South Carolina environment. He was a wonderful pastor, an inspiring preacher, but most of all a good friend. He will be missed by all.

Dr. W. Steven Brown - November 07, 2016 at 08:14 AM

SH

“ Our thoughts and prayers go with you family, as you walk this part of the journey. Frank and I had many good days together jogging the roads near Morrisville and Cary, North Carolina while he served at First Baptist, Morrisville. He shared his faith and love for Christ each step of the way, delivering the message entrusted to him as a minister.

Thanks be to God.

Sam and Marilyn Haithcock

Durham, North Carolina

sam haithcock - November 07, 2016 at 07:52 AM

MQ

“ My prayers have been going out for months and will continue. Rev. Keels short life on Earth had a final calling. God's will was done. A new life has begun as he has joined his Heavenly Father - his Maker and Redeemer. As one who has walked this path, just remember that memories are forever and will forever lighten your path through life even on the darkest of nights. Rest in peace Rev. Keels.

Marilyn and Tom Quattlebaum - November 06, 2016 at 10:03 PM

WP

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you. Frank was such a kind and caring person. He will be greatly missed.



Wallace and Judy Perry - November 06, 2016 at 04:52 PM

RS

“ Our Prayers are with you all in the loss of Frank. He was a great person and a good friend.

Robert and Lorene Spears - November 06, 2016 at 03:25 PM

FH

Kathy, Josh, Robbie ---Sorry for the loss of you husband and father. Frank was a good preacher and strong man in his Christian faith. He touched many lives during his long years in the ministry. Our prayer is that the Lord will comfort you during these difficult days. I will be available if there is any way I can assist you. May the Lord bless and comfort you. Our prayers will support you each day. F.E. and Louise Hendrix

F.E. and Louise Hendrix - November 08, 2016 at 04:50 PM