



PALLBEARERS  
 Hercules Goodwin, Jr.  
 Bryant Keith  
 Delvin Roe  
 Michael Richardson  
 Brian Patterson  
 J'Mon Richardson

FLORAL BEARERS  
 Ashley Woodard  
 Ayesha Richardson  
 Danielle Richardson  
 Sheria English  
 Skyler Grooms  
 Tierra Richardson

## Slipped Away

*I had to go, I could not stay,  
 So during the morning, I slipped away;  
 I loved you then, I love you now,  
 But I must leave you for a little while.*

*Please do not grieve nor shed a tear,  
 And I, in turn, will always be near;  
 Think of me when the bright sun shines  
 Speak of me with a gallant smile.*

*Jesus loves us all, so never forget  
 I've gone to meet Him in the sky;  
 I'll be waiting for each of you,  
 In the sweet bye and bye.*

### THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We the Keith family would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. Also, a special thanks to his Embassy Suites Family. May God bless each of you.

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# A CELEBRATION OF *Life*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019  
 TWELVE O'CLOCK

BOSTICK-TOMPKINS FUNERAL HOME  
 2930 COLONIAL DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SC

# Bruce

A L A N K E I T H

*Sunrise*  
 SEPTEMBER 17, 1952

*Sunset*  
 OCTOBER 30, 2019



# REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

II Corinthians 5:1

Bruce Alan Keith, the last child born to the late Mr. Allen Keith and Addie Spears Keith, was born on Wednesday, September 17, 1952, in Pamplico, South Carolina. Bruce departed his earthly home on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at Prisma Health.

Bruce was formally educated in the public schools of Florence, SC, where he graduated from Gibbs High School in 1970. He furthered his education at Denmark Technical College with an Associate Degree. Upon graduation, he started his career as a tailor at Lourie's, where he was an expert at his craft. While in Columbia, he met, courted, fell in love, and married the love of his life, Judy E. Richardson. From this union, two children were born, Travis and Shari. Although Bruce loved tailoring, he tried several fields of work, including being a trainman at Norfolk-Southern Railroad and a section supervisor at the Department of Special Needs. At the time of his death, he was employed with Embassy Suites, having been there for 17 years.

Bruce attended New Hope Baptist Church. In 1980, he became a Master Mason with Prince Hall Freemasonry, Inc. His favorite college football team was Clemson, and he also enjoyed to fish and socialize with his friends.

In addition to his parents, Bruce was preceded in death by his brother, Mallie Keith; and sisters, Barbara Ann Keith Evans, Van Dora Myers, and Betty Battle.

Bruce leaves behind to cherish his memories, his loving wife, Judy; his sons, Derrick Gaston and Travis Keith; his daughters, Stacey Hughes, Terrell Richardson-Smith (Nathaniel), and Shari Keith; and 9 grandchildren who he loved and adored and who called him Papa; one great-grandchild, nephews, nieces, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and a host of other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

# Remember Me

***Don't remember me with sadness,***

***Don't remember me with tears,***

***Remember all the laughter,***

***We've shared throughout the years.***

***Now I am contented***

***That my life it was worthwhile,***

***Knowing as I passed along the way***

***I made somebody smile.***

***When you are walking down the street***

***And you've got me on your mind,***

***I'm walking in your footsteps***

***Only half a step behind.***

***So please don't be unhappy***

***Just because I'm out of sight,***

***Remember that I'm with you***

***Each morning, noon and night.***

# ORDER OF SERVICE

REVEREND WILLIE J. GOODWIN, PRESIDING

Prelude ..... Church Musician

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Selection ..... *You are My Strength*

Scripture Readings ..... Reverend Richard Keith

Old Testament ..... Isaiah 41:10

New Testament ..... John 14:1-3

Prayer of Comfort ..... Dr. Juanita Molden

Solo ..... *I Won't Complain*  
Marcus Sumter

Reflections ..... Family and Friends

Poem ..... Davita Grooms

Reading of Obituary & Acknowledgments ..... Edwena Thomas

Solo ..... *I'm Free*  
Jennie Martin

Words of Comfort ..... Reverend Willie J. Goodwin  
*New Hope Baptist Church*

Recessional .....

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