



## James A. Keen

March 22, 1972 - August 19, 2021

James Allen Keen, 49, passed away on August 19, 2021, in Gainesville FL. Allen was born on March 22, 1972, in Lake City, FL. Allen never met a stranger. He was charismatic, outgoing, and friendly. He loved spending time outdoors and on the water. Bringing home fresh fish for supper recently caught in the Suwannee River was one of his favorite things to do.

Allen was preceded in death by his father, Earnest Harmon Keen, his brother Earnest Keen Jr. and his sisters Gloria (Keen) Cooper, and Mary Ellen (Keen) Cassidy. He is survived by his stepfather and mother Mitchell and Bobby Sue Sapp, his brothers Berry Keen and Earnest Owen Keen, his stepbrother Anthony Sapp, his sisters Judy (Keen) Pinner, Donna Kay (Keen) Lamb, and Beverly Sue (Keen) Wonders and step sister Mechele (Sapp) Castillo. As well as many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services for Allen will be held 5:00 PM Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book [atrickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://atrickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
PO Box 1208  
Cross City, FL 32628

## Service

AUG **24**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of James A. Keen*



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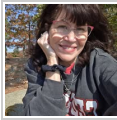
**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - August 24, 2021 at 04:04 PM

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*Thank you for making it possible for us to listen to this beautiful service for Allen.*

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**Tamie Davis** - August 24, 2021 at 05:42 PM



*What a beautiful tribute. Thank you for posting it. I was unable to make it to Florida for the service. May Allen rest in eternal peace in the arms of the Lord.*

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**Kimberly Maness Litzkow** - August 26, 2021 at 02:10 AM



“ *James A. Keen*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *James A. Keen*

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January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM

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“ There aren't a whole lot of childhood memories that don't include Allen in them. He was and always will be a huge part of what makes me who I am today. It has been quite a few years since I've seen him, but I always considered him a part of my family. I wish I could be there to celebrate his life with the rest of the family. I'm praying for you all, that the Lord gives you peace during this difficult time. God bless.

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**Tim Hodsdon** - August 24, 2021 at 04:56 PM

LP

“ Allen, forever will be remembered for his big heart and that great big grin, he'd give to just about anyone. He wasn't afraid to laugh at himself, as long as we were all laughing, too. Allen would give you the shirt off his back. He was generous and kind. He would remind, I you it all the good you had within you and with life, he'd tell you to never forget the blessings you have. Sending prayers to his loved ones and sending love to Holly. (Things might've been rough at times but, the love they shared was real.) May all the people Allen loved, find peace in their hearts and are able to mourn with grace & love surrounding them. May you all find strength in the memories he left you with. He will be missed.

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**Leslie Patterson** - August 24, 2021 at 03:23 PM

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“ The Hayes and Hollingsworth Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James A. Keen.



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**The Hayes and Hollingsworth Families** - August 24, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James A. Keen.*



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August 24, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Troy & Cindy Shivers + Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James A. Keen.*



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**Troy & Cindy Shivers + Family** - August 24, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James A. Keen.*



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August 24, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *A memory? Gotta be at the Daytona 500 infield..and don't think I can get anymore detailed lol*

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**Joni Booth** - August 23, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ Allen you were one of the 1st I met at Lil’s. I didn’t get the “Duke Bros” initially but didn’t take me long. We had t seen each other in a bit but I knew you were always there for me and I hope you knew the same. I will miss that wide ass grin and big ole heart tremendously. Give em some heck up there

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**Joni Booth** - August 23, 2021 at 09:15 PM

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“ Allen, my dear friend, Allen... my heart & soul is so crushed by your passing. I grieve as though I am blood related, but through the love of God and His grace, you came into my life, and our friendship and love for each other never waivered over the 32 years I've known you.



Your smile, laughter and eagerness to help me, whenever I needed help, you were always happy and willing to do so... and I'll never forget it. Your engery and heart for thrills and fun were endless. You took life by the horns and road it for all it was worth. You lived fearless and with great spirit. I admired your love, and excitement you got out of each experience you shared with me.

From the beach, the lake, the Sheriff's Office Explorer program, Halloween parties or snow skiing in West Virginia... those times together will be forever cherished my brother. I was so blessed to have shared that part of my life with you.

I'll forever remember your kindness and charity in my heart. Thank you for being there during my days of sorrow and grief. You were tremendous and understanding.

I'll miss you til my dying day. I look forward to seeing your beautiful spirit in our Father's Kingdom. Rest in Peaceful, loving eternity Allen.

Your "buddy" Donnie Van Wie

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Donnie Van Wie - August 23, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. Keen.*



August 23, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. Keen.*



August 23, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James A. Keen.*



August 23, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences to your family for this unimaginable loss. We will keep you all in our prayers 🙏🙏*

*Marshall and Heather Howard*



**Heather Howard** - August 23, 2021 at 06:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James A. Keen.



August 23, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James A. Keen.



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August 23, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James A. Keen.



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