



William Eugene Keller

June 24, 1932 - March 21, 2023

William Eugene Keller, 90, of Chiefland, Florida, passed away March 21, 2023. He was born June 24, 1932 in Kokomo, Indiana to the late Russell Emerson Keller and Ada Mae Hudson Keller.

The Keller family moved to Frostproof, Florida, in 1934, and bought several acres on Lake Clinch. Bill grew up in Frostproof, and enjoyed the outdoor life, swimming and fishing in the lake. He attended Frostproof High School, and completed the tenth grade.

Bill spent his working life in Tampa. He was a union bricklayer, and later worked for Alert Refractories, and for Graphite Maintenance, in Mulberry. He was always interested in Florida history, and for years, he collected artifacts from the Second Seminole War. After he retired, he moved to Arizona, and tried his hand at panning for gold, but he didn't make his fortune there. When he moved back to Florida, he settled in Chiefland, where he enjoyed line dancing, playing cards, fishing, and his cats, Doofus, and Simon. He was a member of Long Pond Baptist Church in Chiefland, Florida.

Bill was preceded in death by his son, William "Billy" Keller, and by his brothers, Merrill, Howard, and John Keller. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Barbara Joan Keller of Chiefland, Florida; daughter, Sherry Lynne Keller of Tampa, Florida; two grandchildren, Miranda Bailey, of Tacoma,

Washington, and Russell Bailey, of Bradenton, Florida; great granddaughter, Juniper Jean Pearl, of Tacoma, Washington; sisters-in-law, Alice Keller of Geneva, Florida, Joyce Keller of Ruskin, Florida, Carol Anderson of McBain, Michigan, and Shirley Birge, of Haines City, Florida, and by his lifelong friend, Horace Branch, of Panasoffkee, Florida.

Funeral services for Mr. Keller will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 27, 2023 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel with Rev. Chuck Cook officiating. Interment will follow at the Chiefland Cemetery. Visitation is at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Chiefland Cemetery

520 Southeast 5th Avenue
chiefland, FL 32626

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland
1301 N Young Blvd
Chiefland, FL 32626
(352) 493-0050
<https://www.RickGoodingFuneralHomes.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of William Eugene Keller



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - March 28, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ William Eugene Keller

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Aunt Joan sorry for your lose , Sherry and for you lose Love you both Judy

Judy.craven@hotmail.com - March 26, 2023 at 02:45 PM



Thanks for reaching out. We love you, too. Sherry

Sherry Keller - April 13, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ Bill and Terri Potter purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Eugene Keller.



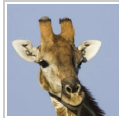
Bill and Terri Potter - March 25, 2023 at 01:01 PM

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“ I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUTS BILL'S PASSING. MY HEART GOES OUT TO JOANN AND SHERRY DURING THIS TIME . IAM GOING TO MISS HIM DEEPLY. BILL WAS A LIFELONG FRIEND OF MY DAD (CHARLIE). I TOO WORKED WITH BILL AT GRAPHITE MAINTENCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE TAUGHT ME A LOT IN THOSE YEARS. AFTER BILL MOVED TO CHIEFLAND BILL AND MY DAD STAYED IN TOUCH WITH ONE ANOTHER. AFTER MY DADS PASSING I KINDA TOOK OVER. I TRULY ENJOYED TALKING TO HIM ON THE PHONE. BILL AND JOANN WERE FAMILY AND I LOVE THEM VERY MUCH.



BRAD NALLEY - March 25, 2023 at 08:46 AM



Thanks for posting those pictures. I looked for them when I was making a photo tribute for the funeral, but couldn't find them.

Sherry Keller - April 13, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of William Eugene Keller.*



March 23, 2023 at 02:09 PM

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“ Sherry, You don't know me but I wanted to reach out to you with the loss of your dad. I'm Teresa and worked with your dad for a few years at Graphite Maintenance, before he retired - Bill hired me in 1981 and I'm still working here now - that's 42 years ago. We shared alot and laughed alot. I will always remember Bill and JoAnn and wanted you to know - even though I can't be there, I will say a prayer for you all. God bless.

TERESA WOMBLE - March 23, 2023 at 01:51 PM



Thanks for your kind words. It means a lot to me and my mom.

Sherry Keller - April 13, 2023 at 03:03 PM