

***HOMEGOING SERVICES
FOR
MR. LEE E. KEETON, SR.***

Sunrise
March 29, 1919



Sunset
February 04, 2007

Services
Friday, February 09, 2007
2:00 p.m.
St. Paul United Methodist Church
801 Plum Street
Texarkana, Texas
Rev. Doctor Samuel Butler, Sr., Presiding



Saturday, February 10, 2007
1:00 p.m.
Jones Chapel United Methodist Church
Fairfield, Texas
Rev. Darrell Houston, Presiding

ORDER OF SERVICE

February 9, 2007 – 2:00 P.M.
St. Paul United Methodist Church
801 Plum Street
Texarkana, Texas 75501

PROCESSIONAL

*Officiant.....Rev. Dr. Samuel Butler, Pastor
St. Paul United Methodist Church*

Selection.....Come Thy Fount

Affirmation of Faith (Page 801 UMC Hymnal)

Gloria Patri

Prayer Rev. Patrick Williams

Scripture

*Old TestamentRev. Milton Glass
Halls Memorial UMC*

*New TestamentRev. Billy J. Rembert
Mt. Zion 1st Missionary Bapt.*

Solo Cora Lewis

Acknowledgements.....Family Member.

Solo Reuben Drake

Obituary Read in Silence

*Remarks..... Rev. Dr. Samuel Butler
Charles Nutt
Dan Haskins
John Fooks, Texarkana Gazette
Rev. Londel Williams*

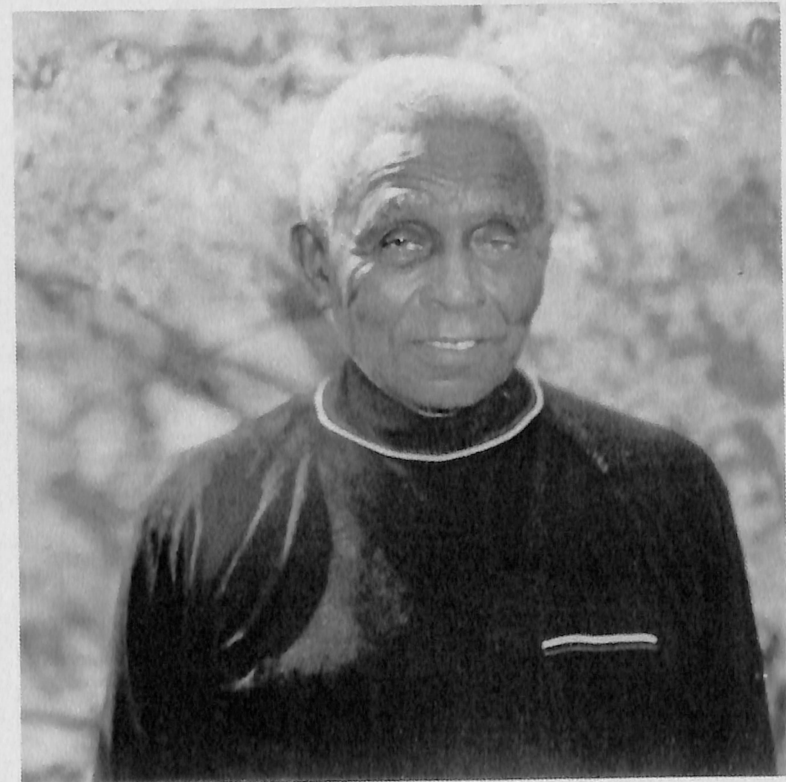
SoloRev. John Garr

Eulogy.....Jesse J. (Butch) Keeton

Selection(s)

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Parting View/ Recessional



immediately after moving to Texarkana. He has served as Sunday School Superintendent, Financial Secretary, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, Director of MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship), Chairman of the Pastor-Parrish Relations Committee, President of the choir, Usher Board, served on the Board of Ordained Ministries, and was a Lay speaker.

In 1948, Lee joined and became secretary for the local branch of the NAACP propelling a long career in the civil rights movement in Texarkana and surrounding areas. In 1951 while working at the Lone Star Ammunition Plant he became the first black member of the International Chemical Workers Union where he served on it's first negotiating committee attending a union conference in Chicago in 1954. He was also involved in an attempt to register the first black female students at Texarkana College in 1956. Seven years later Lee attempted to register his oldest son Lee Jr. into Arkansas High School. Also in the mid-sixties he was involved in helping to organize "sit ins" in local establishments and the desegregation of schools in Atlanta, Texas. Before she died, his oldest daughter Cornelia became the first black telephone operator in Texarkana.

Later in life (1996), Lee journeyed to Jerusalem where he visited several sites "where Jesus walked." He once said "I spent 10 wonderful days on tour over there, it was one of the greatest experiences of my life, walking where Jesus walked."

Through it all, he never quit his first love and profession of embalming. His skill to him was a "gift from God". He took special pride in preparing the deceased for final viewing and farewell. His satisfaction was in seeing families pleased with their loved one's appearance, hoping to give them closure. He was active in his profession until his untimely illness at the age of 87. He was licensed in three states and over the years worked for Jones Funeral Home, Richardson Funeral Home, Lyles Funeral Home, Haynes-Patterson Funeral Home all of Texarkana and Moore's Funeral Home in Ashdown, Burton Funeral Home in Jefferson, Texas, Linden Funeral Home in Linden, Texas, Hicks Funeral Home in Hope, Arkansas, Community Funeral Home in Clarksville, Texas and Baker Funeral Home in Idabel, Oklahoma.

Lee was truly a servant of God. He gave until he could no longer give. He met no strangers and helped everyone he could. *He left with his family and friends his way of life, the duty to forgive and love each other.*

He leaves to cherish his memory:

Sons: Lee E. Keeton, Jr. of Pearland, Texas
James A. Keeton of Texarkana, Texas
Jesse J. Keeton of Texarkana, Arkansas

Daughter: Dorenda V. (Keeton) Truett of Humble, Texas

Son in Law: George W. Truett of Humble, Texas

Daughter in Laws: Ruth Canidate Keeton of Pearland, Texas
Mary L. Keeton of Texarkana, Texas
Jessie M. Keeton of Texarkana, Arkansas

Brother: Virgil Keeton of Fairfield, Texas
Sister in Law: Jewel Keeton of Fairfield, Texas

Grand Sons: Patrick Williams of Tracy, California (James)
James C. Keeton of Pearland, Texas (James)
Javon J. Keeton of Texarkana, Texas (James)
Joshua A. Keeton of Texarkana, Texas (James)
Che' L. Keeton of Texarkana, Arkansas (Jesse)
Julius O. Keeton of Texarkana, Arkansas (Jesse)
Jimmie Canidate of Phoenix Arizona (Lee)
Trung Canidate of Phoenix Arizona (Lee)
Robert Canidate of Phoenix Arizona (Lee)
Cornell Canidate of Phoenix Arizona (Lee)

Grandaughters: Demetira Spencer of Dallas, Texas (James)
Tina Richardson of Atlanta, Texas (James)
Stephanie Canida (deceased) of Texarkana, Ar (James)
Jeri Matlock Barnes of Huntsville, Alabama (James)
Kim Canida Perry of Camp Pendelton, Ca (James)
Jerica Keeton Hamilton of Greensboro, N.C. (James)
Cornelia R. Keeton of Texarkana, Arkansas (Jesse)
Michele Canidate of Phoenix, Arizona (Lee)

Great Grandchildren: Jordan Williams
Joshua Williams
Shandria Williams
Taqiya Spencer
Gamone Spencer
Jadean Keeton
JoyLynn Keeton
James C. Keeton, Jr. (deceased)
Jordan Barnes
Bradley Canida
Ny'Evan Ky Jamaal Keeton
Javon J. Keeton, Jr.
Jordan Canida
Tevin Canida
Jordan C. Hamilton
Jeffery B. Franklin
Kenneth Phelps
Chayla Canidate
Kyla Golston
Janaya Canidate
Jayla Canidate
Caden Canidate
Jimmie Canidate, III

Special Friend - Hattie Fay Burton of Shreveport, La.

Long time childhood friend – Mary Batchelor of Portland, Oregon

God Sons -- Charles Nutt and David Dean of Texarkana, Arkansas

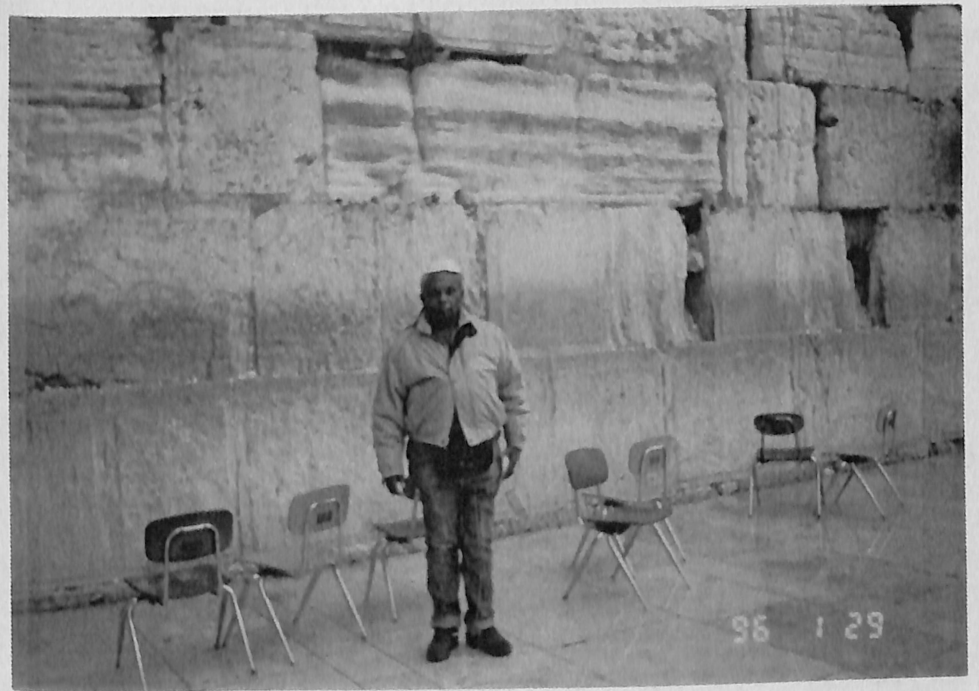
Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Extended family: St. Paul United Methodist Church Family
Elwood Shannon Sandflat Glendale Senior Citizens

Sandflat and Community Friends:

**Betty Washington
JoAnn Davis
Roy Lyles
John Murphy
Keith Floyd
Charles Nutt
Mrs. Gladys Whitfield
Versie Miles
Willie Mae Thornton
Mrs. Hartfield
Beaulah Douglas
John J. Jones, Jr.
Roland Jones
April Alford
Lou Wade
Pearlene Meadows
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ehrman
Whitaker Allen
Precious Deloney
Reva Lewis
Cleotha Reece**





IF

*If you can keep you head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;*

*If you can dream – and not make dreams your master;
If you can think – and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;*

*If you can make on heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch – and – toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings – nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all me count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run –
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And – which is more – you'll be a Man my son!*

Rudyard Kipling.

Acknowledgements

Family's Gratitude

*When our load seems hard to bear,
We look around and our friends are there
With food, flowers, and words spoken,
With smiling faces and hearts open.
They comforted us and shared our grief,
May God bless and keep you –
Granting all relief.
Our gratitude can not be
Adequately expressed,
But they are the best that can offer
During the period of stress*

--The Family

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills;
From whence cometh mine help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
Who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
And he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

Psalms 121.1-4

Active Pallbearers
Texarkana Area Morticians

Honorary Pallbearers - Texarkana
Pallbearers - Fairfield, Texas

Grandsons

Patrick Williams
James C. Keeton
Javon J. Keeton

Joshua A. Keeton
Che' L. Keeton
Julius O. Keeton

"AT LYLES WE CARE"



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Final and Most Sacred Services
for the family of

Lee E. Keeton, Sr.

For safety's sake, please drive with your lights on while riding in the funeral procession.