

ROBERT STEVEN KEITH



JUNE 7, 1955 ————— SEPTEMBER 21, 2024



Date of Service: Thursday, October 10, 2024
Time of Service: Wake at 10:00 AM; Funeral at 11:00 AM
Place of Service: Jubilee Christian Church, 1500 Blue
Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA 02126
Officiating Minister: Pastor Matthew K. Thompson



Robert Steven Keith, age 69, of Randolph, MA, passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2024, surrounded by his wife and adult children.

Robert (known to most as Steven or Stevie) was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 7, 1955, to the late William W. Keith and Freada (Tubberville) Keith. As a boy, he enjoyed fishing and raising homing pigeons with his older brother, Ronnie. He attended Boston Public Schools and graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1974. After graduating, Robert developed an interest in aviation. He applied and was accepted to the New England Aeronautical Institute (NEAI) in New Hampshire, becoming its first African American student. After attending NEAI for a semester, Robert's path led him to work full-time as a bus driver for the MBTA. He drove buses during the tumultuous time of desegregation within the Boston Public Schools from 1977 through 1978. Despite the racial climate at that time and the daily threats he received, Robert showed remarkable resilience throughout his time with the MBTA. Eventually, he decided to pursue a different career. He found his calling in sales and worked for Ford dealerships over the past thirty years. Most recently, he held a position at Jack Madden Ford of Norwood, Mass. He built an extensive customer base throughout his career and received multiple Excellence Awards for Best Sales Consultant. His charismatic, outgoing, and friendly personality served him well in his career and personal life.

In August 1983, Robert met Michelle Chandler at a Boston landmark, the Jordan Marsh department store (now known as Macy's). Michelle, originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, would become the love of his life. They were married in October 1984 in Boston, Massachusetts.



Robert started attending New Covenant Christian Center, which is now Jubilee Christian Church. It was there that he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior under the anointed teaching of Bishop Gilbert A. Thompson. Robert had a deep love for the Lord and his church family. He served as one of the original armor-bearers for the church, and his faith was inspiring. As a result, he led many of his family members and friends to the Lord.

Robert is preceded in death by his grandmother, Hazel Tubberville, both parents, William and Freada Keith, uncles Raymond Haliburton, Harold Haliburton, Robert Tubberville, cousin Vernea Harold, and nephews Ronald Keith, Jr. and Juan Harold.

His precious memories will live on in the hearts of his children: Chanel Elise Latimer, Philip Cory Keith, Danielle Christina Keith, Aaron David Keith, and Anthem Seven Keith. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren: Jalen, Janayah, Jada, Jimmie, and Kaeden; his sister, Diane Keith of Kennesaw, Georgia; and brothers and sisters-in-law: Ronald Keith (wife, Rosa) of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts; Gary Keith, Sr. (wife, Kathy) of Brockton, Massachusetts; Kelvin Keith (partner, Donna) of Quincy, Massachusetts; Melvin Keith (wife, Kim) of Smyrna, Georgia, and Darren Keith of Randolph, Massachusetts. He also leaves behind his cousin, Barbara Tubberville of Randolph, Massachusetts, and his aunt, Margaret Tubberville, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, as well as his loving sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Karen and Keith Bynoe of Hyde Park, Massachusetts. Robert is also survived by his cherished in-laws, Dr. Geraldine M. Major and Wendell Major, of Hyde Park, Massachusetts, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.





ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Procession

Invocation

Opening Hymn: Total Praise

Scripture

Old Testament Isaiah 41:10

New Testament John 14:1-6

Solo/Selection: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Remarks (2 minutes each)

Acknowledgments

Obituary Reading: Danielle Keith

Solo/Selection: How Great Thou Art

Eulogy: Pastor Matthew K. Thompson

Benediction

Recession

Organ Prelude

INTERNMENT

Blue Hills Cemetery

700 West Street

Braintree, MA 02184

REPAST

VFW Post 8892

263 E. Main Street

Avon, MA 02322





Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14.



In loving memory of Robert Steven Keith, a loving husband, father
and grandfather.

