



**"SOMEWHERE
OVER THE RAINBOW"**

Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high,
There's a land that I've heard of
Once in a lullaby
Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to
Dream really do come true
Someday, I'll wish upon a star
Wake up where the clouds
are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Way above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

As sung by Judy Garland



Pallbearers

Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Delta Upsilon Chapter, Trenton, NJ

Acknowledgement

The Keel family would like to express thanks and acknowledge the comfort, care and kindness rendered to Frances from Meridian Hospice and Coral Harbor Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center staff. Thank you also to our amazing family and friends for their never-ending love and support at this time of our bereavement.

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Sunrise: December 24, 1931

Sunset: February 9, 2020

*In Loving Memory
of*



Frances J. Keel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

10:30 AM

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

705 Second Ave

Asbury Park, New Jersey

Officiating:

Father Messan Kodjo Tettekpoe, SVD Associate

Order of Service

Processional..... “On Eagle’s Wings”
Scripture Reading
 Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-7-9.....Deacon Kelvin Smith
 Psalm 23
 New Testament Reading: Revelations 14:13.....Lenora Keel
Gospel: John 14: 1-6.....Father Messan Kodjo Tettekpoe
Prayer of the FaithfulBrenda Terrell
Offertory..... “Blessed Assurance”
Gift Bearers:..... Taylor D. Dow
.....Madeline A. Keel
Communion..... “How Great Thou Art”
Communion Meditation “Somewhere Over The Rainbow”
Obituary ReadingDeacon John Walker
Remarks from GrandchildrenJordan D. Dow
.....Gregory G. Keel
Recessional “They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Obituary

Edna Frances Jeanette Keel, 88, of Neptune, NJ transitioned to heaven on February 9, 2020 surrounded by her family at Coral Harbor Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Neptune City, NJ. She was born on December 24th, 1931 in Neptune, NJ to Eldridge and Jeanette Garrett.

Frances attended Ridge Avenue School in Neptune, and graduated from St. Rose High School, in Belmar, NJ. At the age of 20, she met and married the love of her life, the late Moses V. Keel, on September 26, 1952. Frances was employed by Bell Telephone Company for many years, and she also worked for Asbury Park Head Start Program prior to giving birth to her six adoring children. They were her life’s mission.

She was loved by many and dedicated her life to caring for her children, as well as others. She served as a class mother and PTA member for many years, and was well known for the kindness she shared with all whom she encountered. She took pride in being everyone’s “unofficial” mother and grandmother throughout the years.

Frances was a member of the former St. Peter Claver Parish in Asbury Park, NJ where she served as a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister. She also worked alongside her husband at the family restaurant, “Moe’s Greenhouse Luncheonette”. She loved crafting such as hat making, ceramics and sewing. Frances was also an avid gardener and had a natural green thumb, and spent many hours planting beautiful flowers that were admired by many people.

She was known for her legendary “Mac and Cheese” and numerous desserts, such as Carrot Cake, German Chocolate Cake, Cheesecake and Peach Cobbler, to name a few. She exhibited her love for music by singing in the choir, and was a soloist during midnight mass. She would be most remembered by her creative rendition of “How Great Thou Art” and “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” which could be heard throughout the corridors of Coral Harbor Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. She was as spiritual as she was religious, and she enjoyed a good laugh.

Frances was predeceased by her devoted husband of 66 years, Moses V. Keel; daughter, Denise Keel Penick; parents, Eldridge and Jeanette Garrett; and one brother, Eldridge Hannibal Garrett.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Garry (Lenora) of Ewing, NJ, and Varnell (Carmen) of Edison, NJ; three daughters, Jacqueline (Michael) Brantley, Kyle Joy and Frances Maria Keel, of Neptune, NJ; adoring grandchildren, Gregory (Jessica) Keel, Taylor and Jordan Dow, Madeline and Maya Keel; great-grandchildren, Jamison and Emery Keel; sisters, Evelyn Middleton (late Courtney O. Middleton), and Elaine (Wayne) Thomas; brothers, Errington (Barbara) Garrett, Edward Garrett, James (Veronica) Garrett, John Douglas (Naomi) Garrett, and Joseph (Vanessa) Garrett; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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