



## Loren Mercer Keyes

December 1, 1943 - February 5, 2022

Loren “MERCER” Keyes, the 5th born son of Kenneth & Alistine Keyes, was born in December 1, 1932 in Cumberland, Maryland. Mercer’s family later moved to Braddock. Mercer graduated from Braddock High School in 1961. After graduating, he enlisted in the United States Marines. While away in the Marines, his family moved to Homestead. Upon his 4 year completion in the Marines, he too joined his family in Homestead. In 1965, Mercer was introduced to Peggy Dalton by their long-time friend, Alice Harris. On March 29, 1966, the two became one. He married the love of his life, Peggy; and from that union their only child, Kandi, was born. Mercer called his baby girl “Kid.” Mercer took being a U. S. Marine Veteran to heart. He took pride in speaking at the Veterans Day Program at Steel Valley High School. His favorite pastime was going to Rivers Casino with his long-time friends Sidberry & George Knox. He loved fishing and was also a devout Pittsburgh Steeler Fan. Mercer was a man of few words, but when he spoke, he kept it 100. LOL. “Imma cut you” was one of his favorite sayings. Mercer was crazy about his grandchildren. They affectionately called him “Pap-Pap.” Mercer loved and supported his entire family. He did whatever he could, when he could for his siblings, nieces and nephews. He also adored his four-legged best friend, FREEWAY. Mercer worked at Mesta Machinery in West Homestead for 28 years until the mill shutdown. After Mesta closed, Mercer took ownership and ran the Jitney Station (Kwik Kar) along with working for Tunie Funeral Home where he faithfully served over 40 years until his health began to decline.

While embarking on his journey for Tunie Funeral Home, Mercer confessed and accepted Christ. Mercer departed this life on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Mercer was preceded in death by his parents Kenneth & Alistine Keyes; siblings; Kenny, Max, Charles and Robert Keyes, TieAnn Petties (Keyes) and Debbie Standford. Mercer leaves to cherish his life and long-lasting memories, His devoted wife of 56 years Peggy; his faithful daughter, Kandi (Ronnie Winford); Grandchildren, Bijan, Kashmyre, & Zebadiah; Siblings, Danny, Frank (Tina); Karen, Maye, Michelle; long-time best friend RaFeek Smith along with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Loren Mercer Keyes

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ Loren Mercer Keyes

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ To everyone that prayed, sent a card, a text, called and/or posted, sent food or stopped by. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and being there. My daddy's Homegoing service was truly amazing. My mother, myself and the entire Keyes were truly blessed for the turn out and the love the people expressed for my dad and his family. I am forever grateful the love you have showed us.

*Though I still struggle with the fact that he is no longer in the flesh with us ... I am at peace knowing he is with the Lord.*

*Again, I thank you and I Am humbly grateful for your love.*

*Love,*

*Peggy, Kandi & the Entire Keyes Family*

Kandi Keyes-Winford - February 22, 2022 at 11:49 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the album *The Life of Mercer Keyes*



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**Kandi Keyes-Winford** - February 22, 2022 at 10:51 PM

KM

*Beautiful video, Kandi...my favorite part @9:19 the entire family led by the first lady of the Keyes family, grandmother Alistine: I was a youngster, but I remember her well, spending many a day there, her babysitting me and cooking "supper" as I remember her saying, lol...*

*What more can I say, uncle Merc, I truly love you, respect you, and will miss you but I will never forget you. Your humble yet no-nonsense demeanor, our friendly and respectable conversations about YOUR Steelers, and MY Ravens.*

*You ALWAYS had my back and those ain't just words that is a FACT. Nothing but fond memories of all of the Keyes, especially Charles, my girl TieAnn, Frances, Karen, little Frank, Nisha, Trina, Lori, Lisa, Maye, and even Bobby, though he scared me, haha...he used to pick me up back in the alley behind his mother's house when I was about 3 or 4 and playfully swing me around in the air...and of course last but not least, my little sis, Kandi...even though she works my last nerve on occasion 😂.*

*I couldn't bring myself to watch you lying there in a casket, I didn't want that to be the last way I saw you; I remember the last time I saw you, as I was moving away from Homestead and we had a brief conversation about my ordeal and I recall your final words and reaction as you drove off down Ann Street which I will keep between you and me and THAT is how I want to remember you.*

*Again and on behalf of my dear and beloved mother, I offer my condolences to Miss Peg and Kandi and the Keyes family, a cool and unique bunch.*

*Rest Easy uncle Merc, you were one of a kind!*



*Kev Miller*

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**Kevin D Miller** - February 25, 2022 at 03:42 PM

RT

*KEYS AND KAREN AND FAMILY*

*SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS*

*TUTTI (BLONDI) ACITY*

*BRADDOCK*

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**ROSE M M. THORNE** - March 18, 2022 at 09:12 AM

BK

“ *To Karen and Francis and Family. Sending my heartfelt condolences to you, Peace and Love*

*Brenda Keys*

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**Brenda keys** - February 12, 2022 at 03:55 PM

RT

“ *May God's peace and comfort be with the Keyes Family. With much love, The Tedder Family.*

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**Robert Tedder** - February 11, 2022 at 02:15 AM

RR

“ *Prayers to the Keys Family, So sorry for your loss. I pray zGod's Peace and comfort to you all*

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**Rosia Reid** - February 11, 2022 at 12:38 AM

SW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Keyes Family. I pray God gives each of you comfort and May Mr. Mercer rest in the loving arms of God.*

*Sandy Wolfe  
Homestead, PA*

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**Sandy Wolfe** - February 10, 2022 at 10:24 AM

ST

“ Sending prayers and condolences to your family may he rest in peace

Sherril Todd - February 09, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ Our prayers and love sent to the Keyes family from the Taylor family.

Thelma Shankle - February 09, 2022 at 07:18 PM

RF

“ My condolences Peggy and family I am keeping you all in prayer. My heart breaks for you cause Mercer was a special person, he will be truly missed!!! RWG Mercer 🙏🙏🙏

Rita Ford - February 09, 2022 at 01:36 PM

LB

“ I never forget how respectful and funny he was. He would step to me when he see me doing wrong and didn't care how felt about it. He really cared. R I P



Lynda Bursey - February 09, 2022 at 12:02 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loren Mercer Keyes.



February 08, 2022 at 08:56 PM

KM

“ In my tribute to Mercer, I misspelled his last name by mistake, it's "KEYES" and I would be remiss not to correct myself, and not put proper RESPECT on his name, absolutely!

Kev Miller - February 08, 2022 at 03:17 PM

KM

“ "Uncle Merc."

One of a kind. My man and a true Homestead icon. Legendary respect and I have fond memories of this man since I was a snot-nosed kid raised on West 14th Avenue to the day he passed. During the most traumatic moment in my life, a true LIFE and DEATH experience, this man was there for me, had my back and showed me support like no other.



Nothing but love for the entire Keys clan, they are like family to me and always have been and I send my deepest and most sincere condolences, Rest in Peace uncle Merc!

Kev Miller

Kev Miller - February 08, 2022 at 03:11 PM

MN

I always had big respect for Mercer.. from my formative years until adulthood.. he and my brother were very good friends..Keyes family was cut from a different cloth (positively)RIP 🌹👊👊

Malcolm Nelson - February 08, 2022 at 06:57 PM

DE

Mercer was a "Street Professor to me and others. I extend my deepest sympathy to the family on the loss of your loved one. RIP "Dr. Keyes"

Denine - February 09, 2022 at 08:54 AM

MA

“ *Sympathy to the families, Mercer was close my family thru the years  
Nelsons from Braddock RWG big bro* 🌹🙏💪

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**Malcolm** - February 08, 2022 at 12:29 PM