

A Celebration Of Life For

Keith ANDERSON

November 3, 1958 ~ April 23, 2024

Order of Service

Friday, May 3, 2024
12:00 pm

Shiloh Christian Church
211 Durham St. Smithfield, NC 27577
Rev. Christopher Edwards, Eulogist
Rev. DeAshley Curtis, Presiding

Musical Prelude

Processional
Pastor & Family

Reading of Holy Scriptures

Old Testament ~ Dr. Eva Mitchell
New Testament ~ Rev. Gerald Solomon

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. DeAshley Curtis

Solo

Marietta Clark

Acknowledgements

Randolyn Flournoy

Remarks

(2 minutes please)

The Obituary

In Silence

Musical Selection

Choir

Eulogy

Rev. Christopher Edwards
Pastor of Bethel AME Church

Mortician's Brief

RL Sanders Funeral Home

Recessional

Pastor, Family, & Congregation

Interment

Selma Memorial Gardens
Selma, NC

Repass

New Generation Christian Church Fellowship Hall
4423 Wilson's Mills Rd. Smithfield, NC 27577



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About Keith's Life

Keith Anderson, beloved brother, uncle, and friend, aged 64, departed this life peacefully on April 23, 2024, embraced by the warmth of family and a lifetime of cherished memories. Born on November 3, 1958, to Herman "Andy" and Janie Ann Anderson, Keith was a proud lifelong resident of Smithfield, North Carolina. He graduated from Smithfield-Selma Senior High School in 1978 and furthered his education at Mount Olive College, where he pursued his passion for music—a melody that danced through his entire life.

Keith embarked on a career that began with the Youth Employment Program at Community Action, eventually leading him to roles in healthcare at Johnston Memorial Hospital and later as a Dialysis Technician with Fresenius Kidney Care. His work was not just a profession but a series of opportunities to touch the lives of those around him with kindness and care.

Keith is Survived by his siblings Herman Anderson, Jr. (Ywhite) of Cordova, Tennessee, Janice Anderson of Raleigh, Kelvin Anderson of Smithfield, Karen Wallace (Ken) of Clayton, and Tanga Solomon (Bobby) of Smithfield, NC as well as Tonya Pearce and Kerry Anderson who preceded him in death. He is also fondly remembered by his niece DeVonda Toler, nephews Franchez Anderson, Joshua Anderson (Victoria), Micari Green, Justin Williams, Sr. (Alecia), Caleb Anderson, and Brandon Anderson, a delightful ensemble of grand-nephews and nieces, and special friends.

Keith's life was a canvas of joy, painted with vibrant moments of music, family gatherings, and spontaneous joy. His gift at the piano was nothing short of magical, with each note he played weaving a tapestry of emotion and worship that could touch the very soul of his listeners. Whether playing a hymn in church or serenading a quiet gathering at home, Keith's performances were heart-stirring displays of his deep faith and love for music.

More than just a talented musician, Keith was the heart of his family. He cherished every gathering, every holiday meal, and every impromptu visit, always ensuring that laughter was abundant. His enthusiasm for life's simple pleasures, from sports games to board games, infused every interaction with happiness and warmth. His presence was magnetic, drawing people together with his genuine curiosity about their lives and his infectious smile. His ability to light up a room was unparalleled, making every moment spent with him a cherished memory.

In our hearts, Keith was more than just a relative or a friend; he was a shining star in the constellation of our lives, guiding us with his wisdom, uplifting us with his humor, and inspiring us with his unwavering optimism. Though he has stepped beyond the veil, his spirit remains a beacon of light and love, guiding us still. Keith's song may have ended, but his melody lingers on, eternal and beautiful.

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Thank you all for being here and for showing such great love and solidarity. Let us continue to inspire and uplift each other, finding joy in the simple pleasures of life and the shared moments that connect us. May we strive to live as Keith did—fully, passionately, and with open hearts.

Special thanks to Pastor Christopher Edwards and the Bethel Baptist Church family, Apostle Addie Rawls and the New Generation Christian Church, Mother Mary Matthews and the staff at Shiloh Christian Church, the team at UNC Johnston Health, and Blackmon's Catering,

To Hugh Sanders and the entire team at Sanders Funeral Home, your sensitivity was not just instrumental in crafting a service, but it was a personal touch that made it as dignified as it was heartfelt. You managed every aspect with such care, ensuring that the celebration of Keith's life was not just beautiful and poignant, but also a true reflection of him.

Please know that your kindness and dedication have touched our lives deeply and will forever be remembered with heartfelt appreciation and enduring love.

The Anderson Family

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*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7

