



Randy
Lamar Keys

AUGUST 26, 1982 - APRIL 2, 2024

Saturday April 20, 2024

Viewing: 11:00 A.M.

Funeral: 12:00 P.M.

Tabernacle of Praise Church
7550 Constantinople Ave,
Las Vegas, NV 89129

The Life Story of *Randy* Lamar Keys

Randy Lamar Keys was born on August 26, 1982, two months later Randy was adopted by Ronnie Keys and Joyce Keys. Immediately Randy stole Ronnie's (Pops) heart and became a daddy's boy. In August of 1991, Randy became an integral part of the blended family of Ronnie, Andria, Alex and Gabby. Randy and Alex were thick as thieves and Gabby loved them both and looked up to them.

At an early age he was baptized at Second Baptist Church. He regularly attended Sunday School and Vacation Bible School as a child. He worked as a youth usher along with his sisters for many years.

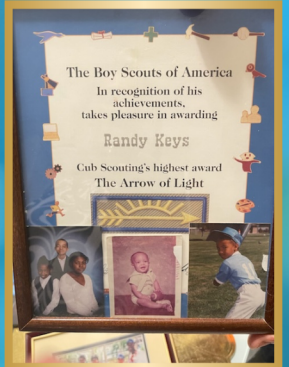
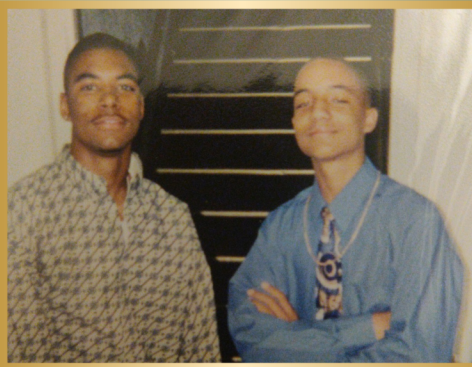
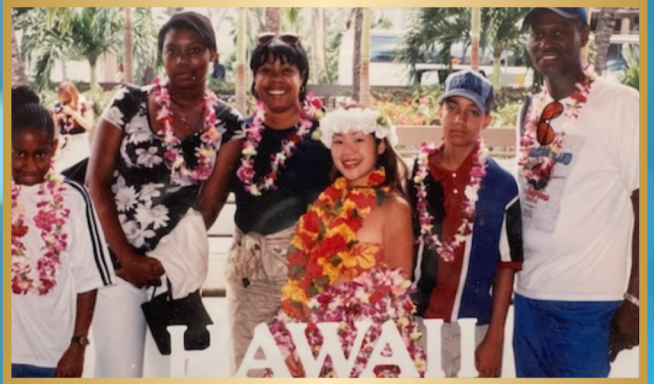
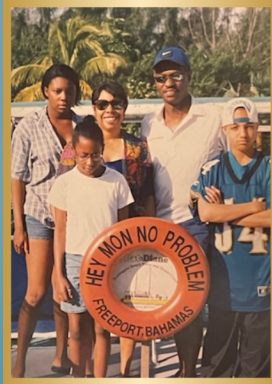
As a child Randy really enjoyed family vacations, family outings, and extended family gatherings.

Randy attended Mountain View Elementary School, Kit Carson and O'Callahan Middle School, and graduated from Eldorado High School and Area Technical Trade Center (A.T.T.C) for culinary arts. Randy also attended Community College of Southern Nevada where he studied to be a chef. Through the years he was employed by MGM properties, Wynn, Station Casinos and Resorts World.

Randy played t-ball as a young boy and took karate classes, he was not much of an athlete (but obviously, no one could tell Randy anything). He was a boy scout, he played the saxophone and loved bowling. Bowling was a sport where he really did shine. He bowled a perfect 300 game while bowling in the Second Baptist Church League, with Pops and Mom on his team and received a 300 ring to prove it. Teaching TaySean to bowl was... a struggle. Randy also had a passion for cooking and food presentation.

In August of 2018, Randy married Shansi and they became a blended family with their boys TaySean and Jaylen. They extended their family and had two boys, Brycen and Cairo. Randy enjoyed spending time with his family and hosting BBQ's. He made sure to teach the boys to cook simple meals, teach TaySean to shoot pool, give Jaylen football advice before his games, and teach Brycen to bowl. He loved date nights and trying new food with his wife.

The sun went down in the life of Randy L. Keys on April 2, 2024. Randy is with his son Cario Keys and leaves to cherish his loving memories: His wife, Shansi Keys; Children: TaySean Keys, Jaylen Payne, Brycen Keys. His Father Ronnie Keys and Mother Andria Keys; Sisters Meosha Thomas, Alex White, Gabby Keys; Father and Mother in law: Charles Payne and Antoinette Warren; Brother in laws Marcello Payne and Derek Thomas, Sister in laws: Camille Payne, and Shasi Payne; Nieces: Cheyenne Payne, Maacah Payne-Smith; Nephews: Dalton Thomas, and Sebastian Thomas. Randy's grandparents, and his son Cairo preceded him in death and he is survived by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Friends.



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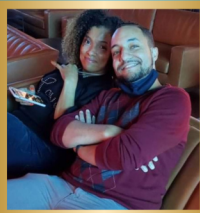
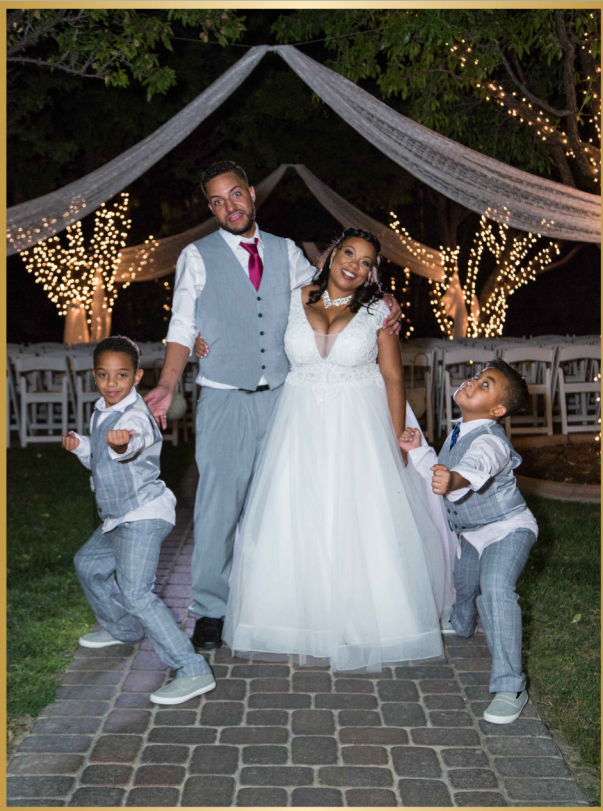
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Processional.....	Family & Pastor Michael Jackson
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. Clayton D. Moore Second Baptist Church Las Vegas
Scriptures of Hope.....	Rev. Clayton D. Moore
Proverbs 3:5	
Revelation 21:4	
Song of Praise.....	TOP Praise Team
Family Tributes.....	Alex White Gabrielle Keys Meosha Thomas
Remarks...(Two Minutes Please).....	Family & Friends
Liturgical Dance.....	Maacah Payne-Smith
“Better” by Jessica Reedy	
Acknowledgements & Obituary.....	Elder Tony Graham Triedstone Baptist Church Columbus, Ohio
Sermonic Selection.....	Niani Jones
“Safe In His Arms”	
Eulogy.....	Pastor Michael Jackson
Recessional.....	Clergy & Family

Interment

Palms Northwest Mortuary & Cemetery
6701 N. Jones Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89131



Loving Tributes to

Randy Lamar Keys



At Sadie Hawkins we got married, yes it was fake, but years later we married, and our bond was so strong. We created a family and moments together that will remain in my heart forever.

Randy worked extremely hard and when time allowed it, we had game nights or movie nights as a family. But the one thing that he loved was spending time with our boys and teaching them to cook and bowl. I'll never forget the time Randy took me zip lining and he was so scared but wanted to share the experience with me. So, he took a deep breath and said "Stink I love you" and yelled the whole way down. But I loved the fact that he was always willing to try new things even if it took him from his comfort zone. There was so much more on our list, and I wish our time together on earth did not end so soon. I will miss you so much, but I know you will always watch over us.

Love you more, Shansi



Randy,

I was going to write a haiku but I only had the first and last lines:

"Keep it short like you
Blow my nose tissue"

I thought to myself, "he's gonna be mad you called him short, and you should probably write more than just a haiku where you try to imply you're crying and that's why you have to blow your nose. It could just be allergy season."

We've had a storied relationship. You've been the villain and the hero. I've been your biggest fan and enemy. More importantly I'm proud of the person you've become. I'm happy I had a chance to express this to you. Our last few conversations were really good and I was impressed with how reflective you were. Thank you for being my brother.

Love you,

Gabby

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My first best friend is gone. The little boy who decided “we were a team, and no one was better than us” changed my outlook, my sense of humor, my commitment to finishing something that was frustrating but fun, the kid that changed my childhood. Randy made me a big sister (or “Sissy”) and a bestie, a sounding board, and a co-conspirator, he made me feel seen when I wasn’t aware that I needed to be. Randy made me laugh when I felt like crying, and swore vengeance against whoever, whenever someone actually made me cry.

When I’d show Randy things I loved, he instantly took the time to decide whether he could love them too; whether it was cartoons, video games, friends/family, music, or the culinary arts. It was something special to have his trust and for him to defer to you (instead of forging ahead because he knew everything already which was his default for a decade or so). My cousins became our cousins (except when El “wasn’t our cousin anymore” hahaha) my Grammy was our Grammy and he loved and cherished these things we shared that made us family.

Lately Randy had been all nostalgia and sweetness. Spending time with the boys showing them how to do the things he loved, but more than that... being shown what they loved, made him grin so big. You could see how excited, fascinated and eager he was to see who “Tay”, “Jay”, and “Bobos” would grow up to be. The last time we hung out, he spent hours reminding me of stories with Gabby (Gabbers), Will, our cousins in town and back home, Nanny/Parrain and being given his favorite nickname “Randai”, telling me the things he loved about all of us.

If you know both of us, make sure to come and find me, so I can tell you what he loved about you.

-Alex



You found me in 2020. Before we met I was internally alone and in a bubble. I never really fit in anywhere. Then you arrived. Telling me I’m your sister. No questions asked. No get to know you first. Just confidently and proudly proclaiming me as your sister. You’re the most decisive person I know. You said I was your sister and so I was.

Yours? What an absurd notion to a loner like me. I would’ve waited years to meet. Scared of not living up to an idea of what it meant to be your sister. But the idea of waiting years to meet me? Not a chance. You made sure we met within a month.

Instead of feeling out of place in your life I found home. You made room for me in a way I never had before. You shared your family. Your home and your love. You grounded me with your existence. I’d tell myself “if Randy is ok then I’m ok” because you were my mirror. I just knew you’d always be there, so I took our time for granted. I thought we’d have a lifetime together, but time has never really been on my side. I didn’t think you could meet your sibling as an adult, but our relationship has always been backwards. The moment we met I realized I had missed you for years. I’d give anything to have more time with you, but I’m incredibly grateful for the time we had.

You were a force in this world. And I tell myself you’re being a force up there too lately, sending rain, earthquakes, and storms just to check in. Your presence is so big that you not being here has left a space that can’t be filled in my life and heart. But I’ll keep the memories there to hold me over till I see you again. Thank you for finding me. You mean the absolute world to me twin. I love you bunches, and I will miss you forever.

-Memes



Active Pallbearers

Donald R. James

Will Tyler

Chris Casal

DeMario Marshall

Marcello Payne

Charles Kennedy

Derek Thomas

Acknowledgement

The Family of Randy Lamar Keys would like to express our sincere appreciation, gratitude, for your thoughts, outpouring of love, acts of kindness, and prayers we received during this exceedingly difficult time.

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