



Nathan Key, Jr.

May 24, 1937 - October 18, 2020

Former Conyers resident Nathan Key, Junior, 83, died Sunday, October 18, 2020, at Westbury Nursing Home.

Mr. Key was born on May 24, 1937 in Lithonia, GA. He grew up in a large family with five brothers and eight sisters. After school he entered the Navy and served for two years, including an assignment in Hawaii where he was able to visit numerous Pacific Islands. Afterwards he served for five years in the Air National Guard and went into business working with his brother at Key Curbing and Paving in Conyers. Mr. Key also owned his own trucking business and home in Auburn, GA.

His interests included his family, NASCAR racing, his tomato plants, and being the expert operator of heavy equipment, not only for a living but often for little or no charge for his family and friends. He was well known for his cooking ability on the grill, especially the large, trailer mounted smoker he had custom built.

Mr. Key is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters, Kerri, Lisa, Vicki, Vada, and Vivian; sons, Randy and Charles; younger brother, Cecil; seventeen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Condolences may be submitted online at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Tribute Wall

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“ Always loved going to the reunions to get some of Uncle Jr’s stew and BBQ. He was a very loving man and will truly missed.
Charlotte Daniel(Nancy KeyAdams daughter)

Charlotte Wages Daniel - October 24, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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“ Junior Key was a good man & my uncle. I didn’t get to see him often after we grew up but always loved & respected him.bill wages (junior wages zell’s oldest son)

bill wages - October 24, 2020 at 10:30 AM

WC

“ I will say Lisa Key went to see her Daddy every time she could until the Cornavius. She took him his favorite fruit which we’re peaches he loved them. She was always there for her Dad and loved her Dad. He loved Lisa and even talked about how much he loved her..

Wanda crawford - October 22, 2020 at 09:45 PM

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“ Remembering back when JR. always had the best cookouts, while all the kids played, in the pool. Not sure what he put in the hamburgers, but they were the beat ever!! Deepest condolences to Ms. Carol. Heart felt sympathy & condolences to his first families daughter’s, grandchildren & great grandchild: Lisa Key, Garrett & Landon Gayton, Tammy Key Mallett, Morgan Mallett Brown, Nancy Mancell & Branden Reagin. Prayers to all for the cherished memories you hold & strength to go on.



Donna Yopp Paul - October 22, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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Beat ever

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Correction: The hamburgers were the best ever!!

Donna Yopp Paul - October 22, 2020 at 11:21 AM

KK

Thank you for the condolences! However his "first family" never did anything for him & has not seen him in probably 25 years. Lisa did visit the nursing home, at times, however the one time she was asked to go to a doctors appointment she couldn't do that. I'm so grateful my father had my brothers & sisters that helped take care, support, visit him because with his "first family" he would've been completely alone & never had anyone!!!

Kerri Key - October 22, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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My family was close with Rachelle & JR & his 1st family for many many years. No need to be disrespectful, nor to judge folks. You never know what folks are going through or their situations. We will all answer to God when time comes & some before that day arrives. I hope God heals your sole. Prayers for all.

Donna Yopp Paul - October 22, 2020 at 04:51 PM