



## Eddie Keys

March 10, 1955 - April 26, 2024

Eddie Ray Keys, 69, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 26, 2024, in his home, surrounded by his family.

Eddie was born on March 10, 1955, in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of the late Clarence Eddie Keys and Vida Keys. He grew up in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and attended high school at Cape Central where he met and married the love of his life, Colleen. Together they raised four children and owned Keys Music Store. After selling the historic Keys building in 2001, Eddie continued working for Act Entertainment (formerly Rapcohorizon) for 30 years, retiring in 2021.

While Eddie and Colleen raised their four children, you could find him coaching on the fields at Arena Park. He touched many lives in the community as he served as Coach and commissioner to the Girls' Breakfast Optimist League for 12 years. Eddie supported all his children and grandchildren in all their interests and was their biggest fan.

Eddie was a proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Eddie was known for his love of music. He traveled with his musician parents as a young boy, later forming his own bands, Fried Jam and Tufa, playing locally and in surrounding cities. Most recently, you could see Eddie on stage, playing guitar, at Lynnwood Baptist Church Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery group. He has blessed many with his talent through the years, however, serving the Lord through music became his passion.

However, his greatest and most treasured role was that of "Poppy" to 10 grandkids; Skylar, Allison, Alexis, Kennedy, Seth, Izzy, Chloe, Reid, Vida and Miller.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; sister, Vi Ann Hall and brother, Larry Lucas.

Survivors include his wife, Colleen (Miller) Keys; children Billy Keys (Mandy) of Cape Girardeau, Angie Bird (Ben) of Lubbock, Texas, Jessie Richardson (Daniel) of Cape Girardeau and Gabe Keys (Merritt) of Cape Girardeau; his 10 grandchildren; sister, Monta Sue Richardson; sister-in-law Pearl Lucas; nieces and nephews and their families.

Visitation will be from 4-8 pm, Tuesday, April 30 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am, Wednesday, May 1 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Watts officiating.

Eddie was a huge supporter of the Central High School band. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bill Ewing Memorial Scholarship through Cape Public Schools Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Memorial Service

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PL

“ I went to school with Eddie until 8th grade when I moved. He was always so kind and so easy to make as a friend. I'll remember him always just as I've never forgotten him. Fly high Eddie. You were one of the good ones. Penny Easley Long

Penny Long - June 05, 2024 at 01:55 AM

VR

“ I've been away from Cape for quite a while but spent some time with Eddie when my 1st husband and he played music together. I remember him as talented, funny and a good guy. I'm pretty sure my brother Jeff Volkerding and he played music together some time too so they can make music together again in heaven. My condolences to the whole family. RIP Eddie---see you on the other side.

Victoria A Roundtree - May 02, 2024 at 02:25 PM

SM

“ Life takes us through different paths ... and different drummers. Tufa? Colleen, you shared a kindness with me that you wouldn't remember, kind soul that you are, but I remember. Billy, you as well. I am truly sorry for your loss - although in heaven it will seem like a temporary parting. Or is that partying? My sincere sympathy and my condolences, Sande Meyer.

Sandra S Meyer - May 01, 2024 at 10:07 PM

JH

“ I graduated from Cape Central H.S. with Eddie. Being involved in the music programs, we became good friends. Always a smiling. His kindness and musical talent were gifts to anyone who knew him. Rest in Peace, friend. My sincerest sympathy to Coleen and their family.

Joan Edmundson Howard - May 01, 2024 at 12:43 PM

DB

“ Eddie has been my patient for many many years. It has been a blessing from GOD to be his care giver over these years. Throughout his last few years he has endured many challenges that few could deal with and except. He has been a trooper and a child of GOD putting his trust and Faith in the Lord Almighty. Many, if not most would have thrown in the towel and given up. Because of his belief in GOD he was steadfast in his belief that knowing he would be welcomed to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Eddie is a great man, who loved his family, his children and grandchildren, he adored his wife and he loved life. His everlasting, eternal life with GOD has begun. I pray for his family, I pray for him, knowing that one day I will see him again at the throne of our Jesus Christ. May GOD bless us all !

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**Dr Dan Bieser** - May 01, 2024 at 12:42 AM

DS

“ I first met Eddie & Colleen almost 50 years ago. Since then we have smiled, laughed, cried, shared meals, traveled, danced, partied, and raised families together. Eddie was funny, smart, a great musician, and a good business man. But most importantly he was a wonderful family man and a friend to many. In my 70+ years I have known 6 men that I have admired and respected for who they were and how they handled their family lives. Eddie is one of them. With Eddie's passing a void has been left in the lives of all that knew him. I want Colleen and their children and grandchildren to know it is an honor and a privilege to call him a dear friend. Denise and I mourn his loss, and we will miss him!

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**Darrell Sewart** - April 30, 2024 at 09:00 PM

BP

“ To Colleen and the family, I condolences to the passing of Eddie to me, he was a good friend growing up, we were in evry class together from first grade through graduation. Eddie was a talented musician if Cape ever had one. But most of all, he was a husband to Colleen and father to his children and grandpa to his grandchildren. Rest in Peace old friend and thanks for the memories.

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**Bob Pollack** - April 30, 2024 at 01:27 PM

CP

“ To the family of Eddie Keys: So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

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**Clairene Priest** - April 30, 2024 at 12:55 PM

AK

*So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! I was fortunate to have Eddie as a softball coach, and a positive influence in my life. Billy, Angie, and Jessie all crossed paths with me at some point: Billy as a friend, Angie as a teammate and friend, and Jessie as an observer in the classroom when I was teaching. It is evident through his children what an amazing man and father he was! He will be missed.*

Angie Askew Kesler - April 30, 2024 at 10:15 PM

TT

*“ I’m so sorry to hear that Eddie passed. He had so many talents and a great heart.*

Tina Trickey - April 30, 2024 at 08:00 AM



*“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Eddie Keys.*



April 29, 2024 at 05:24 PM



*“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eddie Keys.*



April 29, 2024 at 01:15 PM



*“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eddie Keys.*



April 29, 2024 at 12:59 PM

TF

“ *The Page family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Eddie Keys.*



The Page family - April 29, 2024 at 12:45 PM

DE

“ *Dane & Sherry Lorenz, & Everyone at EAI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Keys.*

Dane & Sherry Lorenz, & Everyone at EAI - April 29, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Eddie Keys.*



April 29, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eddie Keys.*



April 29, 2024 at 11:56 AM

HB

“ *To Gabe, Merritt, all other family members: We, Larry & I wanted to express our most humble condolences to you all for having lived a life still full with bittersweet chocolate that make you loved immensely; blessings as you endeavor to be obedient to the father, in laws, and those who may be relatively new comers to the family. You are loved and thought highly of in this time of grief. May you turn to God for all your directives!!!!!!*

*Sincerely, Larry & Harryette Burnette*

Harryette Miller Burnette - April 29, 2024 at 03:42 AM

MP

“ *What a great guy I'm going to miss him, I loved watching him and all the boys play music and me dancing to it, he and the others in the band was a part of the my extended family even if they didn't know it my mother said so, so rest in peace and harmony Eddie we love you*

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**Mary Palermo** - April 28, 2024 at 02:43 PM

SL

*My family and I had the privilege of knowing Eddie and Colleen and their kids as neighbors and friends. He will be missed by us all. To know Eddie was to love him. He was a good man who loved his family and friends and served them well. Rest dear friend.*

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**Sue Lamkin** - April 28, 2024 at 06:24 PM

GS

“ *Colleen, Gabe, Billy, and the rest of the Keys family:  
Praying for the Lord to grant you peace and comfort. I am so very sorry for your loss.*  
*“Miss Gayle” Shaffer*

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**Gayle Shaffer** - April 28, 2024 at 10:28 AM

RM

“ *The nicest guy ever. Great musician. Sherry and I are just devastated. RIP*

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**Ralph Murphy** - April 27, 2024 at 10:57 PM