



## Donald Lue Key Jr.

September 18, 1966 - November 11, 2021

Donald "Don" Lue Key Jr. was born September 18, 1966 in Troy, Missouri to Donald Lue Sr. and Nyoka (Fudge) Key and departed this life November 11, 2021 in Jadwin, Missouri at the age of fifty-five years.

Don was united in marriage to the love of his life, Jessie Laughlin and together shared many memories before her passing. He was a loving and supportive husband and proud father of his children: Kenny, Jessica, Novalee, Betty, Crystal Rachel, Tyrone, Jennifer, and Rex.

Don worked hard to provide for his family and taught his children the value of hard work. He was employed with Salem Wood Products for many years and obtained the position of supervisor. Don later worked as a caretaker with DCAI, he truly liked helping others in the community.

Don was an avid outdoorsman and loved spending time in the woods hunting deer and turkey. He enjoyed fishing and riding his four-wheeler. Don was a sports enthusiast and a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Chiefs. He loved watching the Nascar races, especially when Dale Earnhardt was racing.

Most important to Don was his family and he cherished the time spent with them. He deeply adored his grandchildren and treasured the memories they

made together. Don also had a strong relationship with his nieces and nephews and valued spending time with them.

Don leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving children: Kenneth Laughlin of Jadwin, MO, Crystal Yandell and husband David of Jadwin, MO, Rachel Carnell of Salem, MO, Jessica Carnell and husband Jonathan of Jadwin, MO, Betty Shanika and husband Corey of Marthasville, MO, Tyrone Leonard of St. Louis, MO, Rex Leonard of Springfield, MO, Novalee Laughlin of Salem, MO, and Joshua Laughlin St. Louis, MO; grandchildren: Tyler, Gabriel, Julia, Sawyer, Izzy, Conner, Aubrey, Ava, McKenzie, Mariah, and Logan; siblings: June Ball and fiancé George of St. Charles, MO, Steve Key of Jadwin, MO, and Wilma Yarham of Springfield, MO; nieces and nephews: Steven Key Jr., Brandon Key and wife Nicole, Brittany Ockerhausen and husband Kevin, Tyler Herndon, Nick Reece, and Chloe Struckman; great-nephews: Hayden and Liam; a host of extended family and dear friends

Preceding him in death, his wife: Jessie Laughlin; daughter: Jennifer Leonard; and parents: Donald Sr. and Nyoka Key.

Don was loved beyond measure by his family and friends. He will be deeply missed, loved, and remembered always.

Celebration of Life for Donald "Don" Lue Key Jr. was held Sunday, November 21, 2021 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel. Song selections played were "Rise Up", "Waterfalls", "Mama, I'm Coming Home", "I Did It My Way", A.O.K., and "Young, Wild n Free". Special memories were shared by family and friends. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Donald Key Jr. and left at

Wilson Mortuary.

Online Condolences may be entered at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Eddie Chernoff and your friends at MARS purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald Lue Key Jr..*



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**Eddie Chernoff and your friends at MARS** - November 18, 2021 at 08:54 AM

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“ *Dad you will be dearly missed , I already miss hearing your voice, you will forever be in my heart ❤️ You are loved beyond words*

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**Betty Shanika** - November 18, 2021 at 08:00 AM