



Robert Clayton Key

July 9, 1937 - August 21, 2017

Robert Clayton Key, 80, passed from this earth on August 21, 2017 in his home in Norge, Va. He was born in Jay, Florida on July 9, 1937. He was predeceased by his mother and father Annie Lois Key and Robert Grover Key, and his brother John Key. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gail, his son Robert (Ampy), two daughters Victoria (John) and Angela, sister Jean Sapp (Thomas) and brother Samuel (Vera), along with numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews who will miss him very much. He was a man of integrity and faith, committed to his church and his family. He enjoyed traveling, watching sports, and activities with his family. His career spanned 38 years of public service in law enforcement, retiring as Chief of Police of James City County in 2000.

Bob served 17 years in the Police Department for the City of Alexandria Virginia, and in Wilson North Carolina as Chief of Police there. He was a teacher and a leader, serving on numerous State and regional task forces, boards and commissions throughout his career. He received his BS degree from American University in administration of Justice, his MA degree from Central Michigan University in Public Administration, and was a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Bob taught Social Sciences and Criminal Justice courses in the North Carolina Community College system, and taught at the Chiefs Executive Development Program at Radford.

He received numerous awards, commendations, and appointments including the Award of Excellence for Outstanding Service with James City County, recognition for service from the United States Department of Justice and two appointments from succeeding governors to the Criminal Justice Services Board, and the chairmanship of the Board of Directors, Hampton Roads Regional Academy of Criminal Justice.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday August 26 at Olive Branch Christian Church (7643 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188) at 3:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Hospice House of Williamsburg and/or the Olive Branch Memorial Gift Fund.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **26**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Olive Branch Christian Church
7643 Richmond Road
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry for your loss. He was a great man and We always considered him a friend.
Lacy and Bettie Banks



Lacy Banks - August 25, 2017 at 07:48 AM



“ *Gennie Bellas lit a candle in memory of Robert Clayton Key*



Gennie Bellas - August 24, 2017 at 05:11 PM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of you during this time of sadness.*
Ben and Carol Malkiel

Benjamin A Malkiel - August 23, 2017 at 04:59 PM