



Mrs. Candas Lee Keele

November 5, 1938 - August 22, 2023

Candas Lee Cleveland Keele, was born November 5, 1938, to the late Tempie Lou Greene Cleveland and Thomas Leon Cleveland, Sr., of Wartrace. On the morning of August 22, 2023, Candas gained her heavenly wings, surrounded by her family, at her son and daughter in law's residence, after a courageous 5 ½ year battle with cancer.

Candas was Valedictorian of the Class of 1956, at Bedford County Training School in Shelbyville. She also attended Tennessee State University and worked in several capacities with the State of Tennessee for over fifteen years. She retired with the Bedford County School System as a Teachers Aid in 1996.

She accepted Christ as her Personal Savior at an early age, and was a member of Wartrace St. Paul A.M.E. Church, and later Wartrace Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Candas was known to be a strong witness for Christ, actively taking on such duties as Sunday school teacher, choir member, and leadership roles. She continued her Christian Journey, when her health permitted, by attending church at Westbrooks Towers Senior Living in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Candas married the "Love of her Life", the late Carl Keele, Jr., on December 25, 1956, and to this union one son was born, Cedric Wendell Keele, of

Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Candas was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, Claudette Barrett and Kay Cleveland, and a brother, John Cleveland.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son Cedric, and devoted daughter in law, Stephania Keele, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; granddaughters, Monica Keele, of Ft. Collins, Colorado, and Lauren Keel, of Cookeville, Tennessee; sisters, Beverly McGee Louis, of Chicago, Illinois, Yvonne McChristian (William), of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Cassandra Stoesser (John), of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Deborah King (John), of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Sara Settles (Calvin), of LaVergne, Tennessee; brothers, Thomas "TC" Cleveland, Jr., of Shelbyville, Prince Cleveland, of Chicago, Illinois, Lacy Cleveland, William "Bill" Cleveland, and Jerry Cleveland, all of Shelbyville, Tennessee; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends, who will all miss her dearly.

Funeral services will be 1 PM Friday, August 25, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend William Hurd will officiate, with burial to follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive visitors 12 noon until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel
2022 North Main St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-8356
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com
<http://feldhausgowensmith.com/>

Service

AUG 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Shelia Chunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele*



Shelia Chunn - September 03, 2023 at 08:08 AM

MB

“ *Melinda Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele*



Melinda Bell - August 31, 2023 at 10:57 PM

DT

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Mrs. Keele. I lift up the Keele and Cleveland family in prayer in their time of mourning. Love you all. ❤️*



Delorse Taylor - August 26, 2023 at 07:22 PM


Shawanda
Rodgers-
Wells

“ *Shawanda Rodgers-Wells lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele*



Shawanda Rodgers-Wells - August 26, 2023 at 01:33 PM

GB

“ I’m sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was a beautify,loving woman of God. May God strengthen the family during this difficult time. Love GLORIA BRAGG



Gloria Bragg - August 26, 2023 at 08:28 AM

IC

“ Ingrid Cleveland (niece) sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele



Ingrid Cleveland (niece) - August 25, 2023 at 12:08 PM

LM

“ LaShonda Moss lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele



LaShonda Moss - August 25, 2023 at 10:04 AM

MP

“ Michelle Peacock Sneed And Anna Jean Pea lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele



Michelle Peacock Sneed and Anna Jean Pea - August 24, 2023 at 11:55 PM

RW

“ Yvonne and William,
So very sorry to hear this about your sister.
Know that we are praying for your comfort
during this time of loss.
Donald Dalton
Rhonda Dalton West



Rhonda West - August 24, 2023 at 08:06 PM

MR

“ My prayers and condolences to the family. Was blessed having
Candas as a friend. She was a wonderful lady.
Marie Rivers

Marie Rivers - August 24, 2023 at 07:19 PM

SC

“ Cedric, We are so sorry to hear of your
Mother's passing. She was such a sweet ,
gentle Lady and I know it will be an
adjustment for you and your family. Our
thoughts prayers are with you ♡ Most
Sincerely, Shelly and David Calvert



Shelly Calvert - August 24, 2023 at 07:03 PM

CM

“ Connie Marsh lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Candas Lee Keele



Connie Marsh - August 24, 2023 at 06:58 PM

ST

“ From: Sandi, John, Jonathan, and Trace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele.

Sandi, John, Jonathan, and Trace - August 24, 2023 at 04:19 PM

ST

“ Sandi, John, Jonathan, and Trace purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele.



Sandi, John, Jonathan, and Trace - August 24, 2023 at 04:19 PM

BA

“ Betty Buckingham And lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele



Betty Buckingham and - August 24, 2023 at 03:25 PM

TN

“ Aunt Candas, (Sista to all for sweet reasons)! Sista was as sweet as her sock it to me cake! I have lots of memories but our Reno Nevada trip with her, uncle Chin, my parents and my late Husband was unforgettable ❤️ Plus Sista validated my ribs 🤞 love you thanks for great memories!

Tina Jackson niece - August 24, 2023 at 11:09 AM

BG

“ To Cedric and Stephanie, my deepest condolences goes out to you. I'm so lost of words. She was one of the sweetest people and cousin. I can't even recall ever hearing her raise her voice, she was always a soft talker and always smiling. I know she will be missed among family, and friends. Even though she's gone physically she is still around and will always be around. RIP Candice



Buffy Gross - August 24, 2023 at 10:38 AM

TH

“ Tyree Hiles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele



Tyree Hiles - August 24, 2023 at 10:24 AM

BD

“ My sincere condolences and prayers

Barbara Draine - August 24, 2023 at 10:21 AM

RN

“ I describe my Aunt Candace as “sweet as southern tea!” All my life I’ve been Blessed to have nothing but positive and loving memories of her. She delighted in telling me about something wonderful she had cooked, as if just for me! I can instantly recall the taste of her dressing with chicken and some of her signature sweets! One of my mom’s favorite stories about her was that she used to start cleaning the house the moment she came home with her purse still on her arm! Thank you, Aunt Candace, for the beautiful and positive moments of my life that were a haven of rest and love with no judgment and always pure love, so needed and appreciated in my upbringing! 🙏
❤️😊👛👛

Reri her nephew - August 24, 2023 at 10:11 AM

ET

“ Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele



Elsie Trice - August 24, 2023 at 09:20 AM

VC

“ Virginia Chrstmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele



Virginia Chrstmon - August 23, 2023 at 10:54 PM

CG

“ Carolyn L Goodman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele



Carolyn L Goodman - August 23, 2023 at 09:03 PM

RM

“ What a wonderful person. Kind, thoughtful, gentle and loving. We will miss her very much. Prayers and condolences to the family.

Robert and Peggy McClean - August 23, 2023 at 08:18 PM

CM

“ Sending prayers to the family of Ms. Candace Keele. She was a very sweet individual and one of my childhood Sunday School teachers. I will cherish the time spent with her as cousin and Sunday school teacher. I will remember her talented singing voice too!!! Take your rest sweet cousin, you may be gone but surely not forgotten.

Carolyn Murray - August 23, 2023 at 06:44 PM

JR

“ James Rippy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Candas Lee Keele



James Rippy - August 23, 2023 at 06:35 PM