



## Darrell James "Sonny" Keyes

September 4, 1938 - May 9, 2026

Darrell James "Sonny" Keyes, 87, of Oxford, Alabama, passed away on May 9, 2026, in Anniston, Alabama.

Born September 4, 1938, in Wytheville, Virginia, Sonny was the son of the late Earnest Blaine Keyes and Ethel Wanda Keyes. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Gerald Keyes and Larry Keyes, and his sister, Wanda Sue Keyes, along with his lifelong friend Boyd Vinson.

Sonny was a devoted man of faith and a member of Eastaboga Baptist Church. Sonny was a loving Husband, Father, and Poppy! Sonny had a heart of gold, he loved his Family and Friends dearly! He proudly served his country as a veteran of the United States Army and Army Reserve. He was an avid fan of the Atlanta Braves and Alabama football and enjoyed watching westerns and reading Louis L'Amour novels.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Brenda Ann Keyes; his daughter, Kim Jussen, and son-in-law, Erik Jussen; his son, Darrell Keyes Jr.; his granddaughters, Sarah and Janah Wingo, and Caitie May; and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Danny Keyes; his sister-in-law, Dorothy; a special nephew, Noah Keyes; as well as additional family members Ann, Jeffery, Craig Vinson, and Teashea Zeller, along with their families. He leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, extended family

members, and friends.

A celebration of life for family and friends will be held at Eastaboga Baptist Church on Thursday, May 14, 2026 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. A memorial service will follow at 6:00pm, with Randy Taylor, Jeremy Thiolosega, and Brian Frost officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Veterans Affairs or the Wounded Warrior Project.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (csft)

Eastaboga Baptist Church  
Eastaboga, AL

## Memorial Service

MAY 14. 6:00 PM (cst)

Eastaboga Baptist Church  
Eastaboga, AL

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sonny was one of the most sincere, nicest people I've ever known. He always had a big smile and hug for me whenever I saw him. He will be missed.*

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**Jacqueline Tessen** - May 14 at 12:53 PM

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“ *Sonny was a special brother-in-law. He had a kind spirit, always loved deeply. Always wanted to give gifts when we visited him and Brenda! We will miss you Sonny but we know you will be waiting for Danny and me when we get to heaven! Brenda, Kim, Daryl and girls, we love you and are praying that God will wrap his arms around you and give you peace that surpasses all understanding!*

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**Dorothy Johnson** - May 13 at 12:15 PM