



Key Lawrence Whiting Sr.

May 19, 1962 - November 4, 2024

Key Whiting, Sr. Passed away on November 4, 2024. Although it was sudden, he was surrounded by loved ones.

Key was born in Baltimore, MD on May 19, 1962 to Lewis Jr and Judith Whiting.

Key lived in Pennsylvania for the first few years of his life and then moved to Hampton, MD. Key had great memories that he spoke of often of making ice box cakes and many crafts with his Mom as a child. He attended and graduated from McDonough School. He then attended The Catholic University of American where he earned his degree in mechanical engineering. In 2008 Key and Dena met in St Michaels, MD. They shared the love of the Eastern Shore and all it's beauty. Their son Parker was born in 2009.

Key always had a plan, so right out of college he began working for the Army Corp of Engineers. He worked on many Army bases and government facilities around Maryland, Virginia and New York. He retired after 32 years in 2016. Key was able to repair almost anything. He began repairing and rebuilding machinery when he was very young. Key and his family attended Easton Baptist Church. He wanted to be there every time the church doors were open. He volunteered at the Kent Island Yacht Club, The Special Olympics Regatta, The Chesapeake Bay Motoring Festival and The Concourse

d'Elegance, and also an organ donor. Key and Dena had recently fell in love with taking cruises. He enjoyed visiting his Uncle Ronald and working on cars together. He loved hanging out with his children watching movies and spending time at the beach in Ocean City, MD. He had a great memory and would always know every actor. Key shared the gospel of Jesus Christ every chance he got. He would always say, "Let the main thing be the main thing."

Key is survived by Dena, his mother Judith Whiting – Lowe and her husband Bill Lowe, his children Madeline, Sean, Key Jr, George and their mother Courtayne. His children Parker, Courtney, Brooke and grandchildren Milania, Holton, Aria, Palmer and Hayes and his best friend Joe Krebs. His brother Lewis Whiting III and his wife Martine, and an Uncle Ronald Grimes.

A service will be held at Easton Baptist church, 101 Marlboro Avenue, Easton, MD 21601 on Monday, November 18th @ 5 pm with dinner to follow.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Easton Baptist Church, 101 Marlboro Avenue, Easton MD 21601.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 18. 5:00 PM (ET)

Easton Baptist Church
101 Marlboro Avenue
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Key brought to USACE, and specifically the Baltimore District, a special set of mechanical engineering skills, all supported by significant field inspection construction experience. This experience and knowledge, in turn, supported his abilities in identifying mechanical systems' construction deficiencies and mechanical systems' design errors- along with the ability to offer technical, as well as a common sense, approach and solutions to those errors. This experience and knowledge assisted in the support and goal of quality mechanical products.

I have heard it said, from those close to him, that Key could 'turn the wrench' and repair just about any thing related to a mechanical system, especially those involving boats and cars... and I believe them.

Along with his university education, experience and natural talent, I suspect that the 'school of hard knocks' must have come in to play somewhere... somehow... in all of these activities- all supporting in what Mike said previously in his tribute- "Key was a go-to guy"... in "high demand"... .

My condolences and deepest sympathies go out to Dena, Key's mother Judith, Courtnaye, Key's family, extended family and friends.

Randy Sitton

USACE (co-worker).

Randy Sitton - November 19, 2024 at 07:26 PM

BA

“ Steve and I are going to miss seeing you. We have some good memories made with you and "Dena". Rest in peace Key!

Barbara Ayres - November 19, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JM

“ Oh wow, so sorry to hear this news. Key was a beloved friend of so many at McDonogh and Catholic U. He'll be greatly missed.

John Mariani - November 19, 2024 at 01:36 PM

LB

“ Dena, our condolences on the loss of your beloved Key. May the many memories of your times together bring you comfort. Our thoughts are with you at this most difficult time. Lynn Sassin and Nate Braverman

Lynn Sassin and Nate Braverman - November 17, 2024 at 11:46 AM

IH

“ So saddened to hear of the loss of our Kent Island Yacht Club friend. Key was always a very warm and kind person, with a really 'chill' vibe. (He kind of reminded me of a surfer type.) As a fellow engineer, we made an immediate connection, and I always enjoyed seeing him and catching up. My deepest condolences to the entire family.

Ivan Humberson - November 15, 2024 at 09:59 AM

RO

“ Key, you were kind and thoughtful of others. Rest in peace. 🌹

Rose - November 15, 2024 at 07:47 AM

MP

“ *Key-Man, you left us too soon, but we know this was God’s will and God doesn’t make mistakes.*

You had a wonderful life and I will always remember all good times starting with your service with the US Army Corps at the NSA Area Office. We were on the same team managing construction of the Operations 2B Building at Ft Meade. In fact, I was your first line supervisor on this project as you started your career with the Army Corps. You were a dedicated and professional employee and would become one of the District’s “go to”mechanical engineers to problem solve complex mechanical issues on various projects. We became good friends as our careers intertwined many times on various projects over 30 plus years. I would seek your advice when faced with mechanical issues on a project.

We had a lot of good times playing softball for the NSA Area Office, going to the District’s yearly picnic, and getting our families together for various events.

You were a special guy, with a big heart, and a big smile. You will be missed by many.

God Bless,

Mike Pfarr

Michael Pfarr - November 13, 2024 at 09:14 PM

MI

“ *I would never forget the time Mr. Key showed up to pick Parker up from game night at Amy’s in his tiny smart car, seeing a very tall man stepping out of a very tiny car*



Michaela - November 11, 2024 at 03:57 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will so miss Key's welcoming smile, and the kindness he shared with everyone.



Marie and Pete Martinez - November 11, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JF

“ Jennifer Blades Skipper And Family lit a candle in memory of Key Lawrence Whiting Sr.



Jennifer Blades Skipper and Family - November 10, 2024 at 09:05 PM

AG

“ Aylin Guzman-Sosa lit a candle in memory of Key Lawrence Whiting Sr.



Aylin Guzman-Sosa - November 10, 2024 at 08:03 PM

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“ The Brown Family (Jason,Christine,Tyler) lit a candle in memory of Key Lawrence Whiting Sr.



The Brown Family (Jason,Christine,Tyler) - November 10, 2024 at 07:52 PM

VB

“ Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Key Lawrence Whiting Sr.



Vickie Bildstein - November 10, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ What a joy! What a smile! What a constant man who uplifted everyone around him. Key always was genuine in his love for my family and was a light in our church family. Key was always available and at church everytime the doors were open. He loved his family! We just love Keys sense of humor. I was honored to call him a friend!

Lynnette Keefe - November 10, 2024 at 07:24 PM



Man not man! Lol Key would get a kick out of that!

Lynnette Keefe - November 10, 2024 at 07:29 PM

DF

“ Thankful for the good times, and great memories we have of Key. He was easy going and always enjoyed getting together. Praying for Dena and the family at this difficult time.



Danenmann Family - November 10, 2024 at 07:09 PM

KC

“ We were saddened to hear of Key's passing. He was so full of life -- always with that smile and twinkle in his eye. He added a ton of fun and humor to so many soccer games and we always appreciated how often your family welcomed Charlie into your home and on your fun adventures. Sending love to you all.

Kelley, Wes and Charlie - November 10, 2024 at 06:03 PM

RB

“ Key was a good friend... We shared and enjoyed many interests in cars, boats and motorcycles...
'RIP' my old friend...
Rob Barnes



Rob Barnes - November 10, 2024 at 05:39 PM

WF

“ We were very sorry to hear about Key's passing. We have nothing but great memories of cutting it up on the sidelines with him at Parker's soccer games for all those years. Sending love and comfort to his family.

Weber Family (Bill, Kerry, Beau, Faith) - November 10, 2024 at 04:51 PM

AB

“ Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Key Lawrence Whiting Sr.



Agnes Blades - November 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM

AB

So very, very sorry for your loss...

Agnes Blades - November 10, 2024 at 04:33 PM

AH

I was saddened to hear of Key's passing. Key was a team member and family man. Key enjoyed talking about sport cars. May God be with his family in this sad time.

Andy Howard - November 18, 2024 at 09:16 AM