



Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key

December 14, 1938 - February 26, 2026

Jackson, SC – Funeral Services for Mrs. Pearl Elizabeth Thomas “Pet” Key, 87, who entered into rest February 26, 2026, surrounded by her loving family, will be conducted Monday morning at 11 o’clock from Matlock Baptist Church, Rev. Dale Reeves officiating. Interment will follow in Wade H. Key, Jr. Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday afternoon from 3 until 5.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Pet was a devoted Christian, and truly loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was also a member of Matlock Baptist Church in Jackson, SC. Mrs. Key also cherished and loved her family deeply. She will be remembered for being a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and aunt. Mrs. Key was always a caring and nurturing person, and was quick to help when the need arose.

Mrs. Key was a wonderful Southern cook leaving us to cherish so many of her recipes, and the warm memories associated with them. She loved hosting Sunday afternoon meals that were lovingly prepared by her and enjoyed by all. Family celebrations such as holidays and birthdays were her favorites. She enjoyed birdwatching, ceramics and trips to the beach and mountains.

Pet was born December 14, 1938, in Augusta, Georgia to the late Franklin

Bourlin and Ruth Connell Thomas. She was the youngest of eight children. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, Wade Hampton Key, Jr.; sisters, Norma Baxter, Maryann Ergle and Nillar Rooks; brothers, Franklin B. "Frank" Thomas, Jr., Gordan "Buddy" Thomas, George "Tinker" Thomas and Perry Thomas.

Survivors include her daughter, Gail Key Mullan (Mike); sons, Josh T. Key (Cindy), John T. Key (Jean) and Wade Anthony "Tony" Key (Sherry); grandchildren, Lace Widener (Rhett), Alison Lowe (Jonathan), Shelley Key Williams (Jim), Brandy Key Swancey, Tony Reynolds (Amanda), Jason Reynolds (Jessica), Whitney Bryson (Thomas), Wade Hampton Key III, Heather Key, Jesse Wade Key (Chelsea), Carra Richardson (Keat), and Lindsey Key; 32 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jesse Key, Jason Reynolds, Tony Reynolds, Hampton Key, Thomas Bryson, Rhett Widener, Jonathan Lowe and Justin Poteat.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Cameron Lowe, Bentley Bowman, Cullen Lowe, Austin Reynolds, Omar Zambrano, and Jim Williams.

The family would like to express our sincere gratitude to our forever friends and caregivers, Ruth Rodriguez and Deborah Shaw. The family would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Trinity Hospice for the care and support given during our journey.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 278-1181
admin@poseycares.com
<https://www.poseycares.com>

Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Matlock Baptist Church
980 Main Street
Jackson, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key



Posey Funeral Directors - March 01 at 10:57 AM

KJ

John and Jean and family I'm so sorry to learn of the loss of your mother. Sending hugs 🤗

Karen Johnson - March 02 at 11:55 AM

GG

“ Glenn Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key



Glenn Gustafson - March 03 at 05:38 PM

GG

Josh and John--so sorry for your loss.....

Glenn Gustafson - March 03 at 05:39 PM

KM

“ The Key family has always been some of my favorite people. I’ve been around a few time to hear Ms Pets say “shut up Josh” cause as he said he loves to pick. She took it well and she always showed how much she loved her kids, their spouses, her grands, great grands and the great great grands. I’m thankful for the times I was around Mr. Wade and Ms Pets. She will be greatly missed. Thoughts are prayers are with you all.
Love you all , Karen

Karen Copeland Muns - March 02 at 08:27 PM

DP

“ Delaine P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.

Delaine P. - March 02 at 08:58 AM

EH

“ Pet was truly a beautiful lady inside and outside. She had a funny side and loved hearing her talk about kids. I know she will be missed but I know that she is at the feet of God. Prayers for the family.

Erma Hiott-Ellis - March 01 at 09:16 PM

MJ

Key family and friends, Our prayers are with entire family. Knowing that the Lord will take good care of the entire family and friends.

Mike Jones - March 02 at 03:27 PM

SS

“ I still hear this after 50 years! “Josh ! John! And Steve! She was a sweet lady to me at a rough time in my life! She has the legacy of a great family! I know she will be missed greatly.

Stephen Scott - March 01 at 07:29 PM

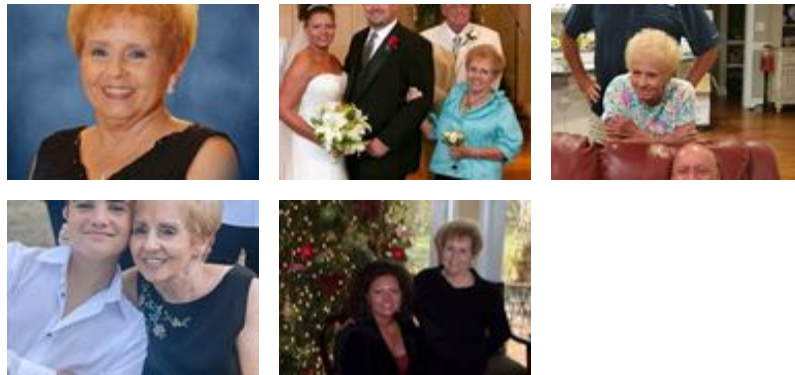
EJ

“ I would just like to say that Ms. Pet was beautiful inside and out. She will be missed here on this earth but, remember the good times and that she is now in Heaven with her Lord and Savior and her beloved husband Mr. Wade. I send my love and prayers to all the family.

Emily Franklin Jackson - March 01 at 01:38 PM



“ 132 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - March 01 at 10:52 AM

JF

“ Jay Youmans & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.



Jay Youmans & Family - March 01 at 07:41 AM

FF

“ From the Rodriguez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.

From the Rodriguez Family - March 01 at 07:37 AM

JF

“ Jean Dobson Robbins and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.

Jean Dobson Robbins and Family - February 28 at 08:56 PM

JF

“ Jean Dobson Robbins and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.



Jean Dobson Robbins and Family - February 28 at 08:56 PM



“ I love you so very much, Grandmama.



Shelley Key - February 28 at 07:26 PM

DK

“ David and Angela Key purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.



David and Angela Key - February 28 at 07:00 PM

DK

“ David and Angela Key planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.

David and Angela Key - February 28 at 07:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.

February 28 at 06:25 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.*



February 28 at 06:25 PM



“ *Lee Shaw and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.*



Lee Shaw and Family - February 28 at 06:12 PM



“ *Lee Shaw and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.*

Lee Shaw and Family - February 28 at 06:12 PM



“ *High Praises Church Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.*



High Praises Church Family - February 28 at 05:57 PM

SS

“ My prayers are with all of you. Pet was such a special lady. I know she will be truly missed.

Sue Blankenship Stallings

sharel sue stallings - February 28 at 05:49 PM

NF

“ Norma Ruth Thomas Volkomer and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.



Norma Ruth Thomas Volkomer and family - February 28 at 05:45 PM

TC

“ Thomas C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.

Thomas C. - February 28 at 02:47 PM

LL

“ Lane and Linda purchased the Beautiful Heart Boquet for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.



Lane and Linda - February 28 at 12:34 PM

LL

“ Lane and Linda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.

Lane and Linda - February 28 at 12:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.



February 28 at 12:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.

February 28 at 12:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.

February 28 at 12:21 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.*



February 28 at 12:21 PM



“ *Loris Stallings, and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pearl Elizabeth Key.*

Loris Stallings, and Family. - February 28 at 09:07 AM



“ *Loris Stallings, and Family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.*



Loris Stallings, and Family. - February 28 at 09:07 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May God give you strength to move forward . Prayers for you and your family- Judy Scott retired RN Day Surgery, St Joseph Hodpitsl*

judy Scott - February 28 at 07:51 AM

KH

“ Kevin & Lycia Hood purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.



Kevin & Lycia Hood - February 27 at 11:05 PM

KH

“ Kevin and Lyn Harrison purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Pearl Elizabeth Thomas "Pet" Key.



Kevin and Lyn Harrison - February 27 at 05:02 PM

TB

“ I will always remember Pearl Elizabeth (“PET”to me) as a wonderful Friend , Mother. Grandma, great Grandma and Devout Christian lady. She will be so missed by many people. I know she is in Heaven celebrating with family members that she has missed for so long. Jesus has his arms around her now. Rest In Peace.

Terry Bryson - February 27 at 04:20 PM