



## Richard L. "Rick" Keller

May 2, 1948 - December 17, 2018

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Richard L. “Rick” Keller, 70, who entered into rest December 17, 2018, will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o’clock from True North Church. Reverend Steve Davis officiating. Private Family interment in Westover Memorial Park.

Mr. Keller was a native of Richmond, Virginia, having made North Augusta his life-long residence. He was a member of True North Church where he served as a Journey Team (Bible Study) co-leader with his wife, Betsy, and a First Time Visitor Greeter. Mr. Keller was the owner-operator of Peach Orchard Tire and Auto Service and an Honorary Member of the Alleluia Community. Rick’s greatest desire as he often expressed “I love the Lord and try to live for Him every day”.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Elisabeth “Betsy” Thurmond Keller; four sons, Richard L. (Amanda) Keller, Jr., Charleston, SC, Troy C. (Kacie) Keller, North Augusta, Craig (Stephanie) Keller, Greer, SC and Jordan N. Printup, III, North Augusta; two daughters, Elisabeth (Steve) Young and Eleanor “Ellen” Cook both of North Augusta; twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren; mother, Catherine J. “Kitty” Keller, North Augusta.

Honorary Pallbearers will be employees of Peach Orchard Tire and Auto Service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday evening from 5 until 7.

Memorials may be made to True North Church, 1297 West Martintown Road, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at [www.PoseyCares.com](http://www.PoseyCares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Westover Memorial Park**

2601 Wheeler Road  
Augusta, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard L. "Rick" Keller*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - December 20, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ *Richard L. "Rick" Keller*

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Richard L. "Rick" Keller*

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Betsy, I know firsthand the pain and heartache of losing a spouse. Time doesn't make the pain go away, but, I promise, it does get better, My sincerest condolences. JIMMY ANDREWS*

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**James Andrews** - February 14, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ *I used to work for Rick at Kelly Springfield and Firestone. Rick treated me well and I am honored to have known him. Prayers for the family. Jimmy Griffin*

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**jimmy griffin** - December 25, 2018 at 05:55 PM

FR

“ We will remember Rick as a person with a generous heart and a kind smile for everyone who walked into his shop. Rick was more than “the tire guy” he was a friend who cared about our safety and the safety of our family. His gentle spirit will be missed.  
The Rueggeberg Family

Fred and Sallie Rueggeberg - December 21, 2018 at 10:27 PM

AS

Thank you Mr and Mrs Rueggeberg

Ashlie - December 22, 2018 at 11:11 PM

EH

“ Betsy and family, I have known Rick most of my life and he is a special person who loved GOD. I remember so well when my sister was In hospice and after I lost her, you and Rick would sit with me in church and you helped me so much during that time. I loved you and Rick, both, and will always appreciate you, both. I lost my sister Dec 15 several years ago and I will be here if you need a friend to just sit and listen or hold your hand. Please call me!!! Rick left lots of good memories with us all. I will be praying for strength, peace and comfort during this time of you lives.



Erma Hiott-Ellis - December 20, 2018 at 07:36 PM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of Rick’s passing. Praying for the family. Sherry Hagberg Perez



sherry perez - December 20, 2018 at 03:27 PM

SP

“ *Sherry Perez lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Rick" Keller*



sherry perez - December 20, 2018 at 03:24 PM

WK

“ *Thank you Rick for the care and service you've given my family over the years. Your kindness will continue in your absence from here, and your eternal joy has been given to you by your love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Rest easy my friend...*

William Knippenberg - December 20, 2018 at 10:49 AM



Elaine Fox

*I just met Rick Keller on the 13th. We talk about God and I felt his caring spirit as he talked and joked. Praying for his sweet family in this season of their life. He was a blessing to so many people. I am honored to have met him.*

Elaine Fox - December 23, 2018 at 07:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. "Rick" Keller.*



December 20, 2018 at 09:54 AM

CH

“ with deepest sympathy ,Im praying for the family, he will surely be missed he was my mechanic for 20 years he was a good man , he loved the Lord he would often talk about the Lord. Cora Holt

Cora Holt - December 20, 2018 at 09:41 AM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Posey Funeral Directors - December 20, 2018 at 08:22 AM

MG

“ Mary Guilfoyle sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard L. "Rick" Keller



Mary Guilfoyle - December 20, 2018 at 07:31 AM

MG

“ We appreciate Rick and for all love and help he has shown us through the years. He was a true blessing to all of us. Love, Mark, Mary, Mark Jr. Valerie, and Alan.

Mary Guilfoyle - December 20, 2018 at 07:30 AM

CB

“ *Betsy, I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. As you may know, I lost Jim about 7 months ago, so I surely know the heart break that you and all the family are feeling now. Jim especially loved Kitty too..as do I. She is such a special lady who raised this equally special fellow. My love and sincere sympathy to each of you.*

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**Carolyn Baggott** - December 20, 2018 at 01:48 AM

JB

“ *Jef\$ And Lynne Broome lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Rick" Keller*



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**Jef\$ and Lynne Broome** - December 19, 2018 at 06:01 PM

KR

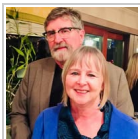
“ *He was a good friend to me and my family, I will miss him tremendously.*

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**Kevin Richards** - December 19, 2018 at 05:01 PM

AS

*Papa thought the world of you and your mama Mr Richards! Thank you so much for being such a good friend to him over the years*

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**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:26 AM



“ *I will never forget when I was being followed from Aiken and didn't want to go home; I immediately thought of Rick and drove straight there; he was ALWAYS so good to our family! Our hearts are broken. Hank was going to ask him to lunch this next week, They always shred cigars.*

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**Dotty Edmondson** - December 19, 2018 at 04:59 PM

AS

*Thank you Mrs. Edmondson!! Papa really loved you and Mr. Edmondson!*

**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 12:59 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Richard L. "Rick" Keller.*



December 19, 2018 at 02:44 PM

TA

“ *Rick was a sweet and caring man. He will be missed. Praying for the family. God bless you all.*

**Trinka Akeson** - December 19, 2018 at 02:18 PM

AS

*Thank you Ms Akeson! He thought the world of you!!!*

**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:03 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard L. "Rick" Keller.*



December 19, 2018 at 02:03 PM

LC

“ Rick and Betsy always brightened up my Saturdays at the Whistle Stop Cafe! They were faithful customers that felt like family. Rick was always smiling, offered up lighthearted conversation, and the occasional welcomed advice. After closing the cafe we lost touch. I am saddened by this news, but grateful for the opportunity to have met such a wonderful and kind man. My heart goes out Betsy and his children. Rest In Peace Rick, and thanks for the memories.



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**lisa chapman** - December 19, 2018 at 12:11 PM

AS

Thank you so much for your kind words Ms Chapman. I am rick and Betsy's granddaughter and I remember papa mentioning many times how much they loved the whistle stop... they went there every weekend for a really long time! Thank you for being such a good friend to them

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**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:22 AM

RO

“ Thank you to the Keller family for sharing Rick with us. He was a good man. Always full of love and generosity. Please know that you are in our prayers as you walk this path of grief. May the Lord Jesus hold you in the palm of his hand.  
Ray and Rita O'Keefe

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**Rita O'Keefe** - December 19, 2018 at 12:07 PM

AS

Papa sure did Love y'all Mr and Mrs O'keefe! Thank you so much for your kind words and for being such a good friend and customer to him and us over the years!

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**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:25 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Richard L. "Rick" Keller.*



December 19, 2018 at 10:44 AM



“ *John & Linda Kessinger purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard L. "Rick" Keller.*



**John & Linda Kessinger** - December 19, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ *Augusta Dent Professionals Ken Waites,Christy Key purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard L. "Rick" Keller.*



**Augusta Dent Professionals Ken Waites,Christy Key** -  
December 19, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear this news. Rick was such a wonderful man. He will be sadly missed. My husband has been a customer since he was in high school and would go no where else. Rick always was so gracious and kind; always extending a hand to help. I know he loved the Lord and he is resting in his eternal home with Him. Love and prayers to the family as you go through this separation and grief.*

**Carol** - December 19, 2018 at 10:02 AM

AS

*Thank you so much Carol for your kind words!*

**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:05 AM

SD

*“ When my siblings were younger my mom and us were in the shop for most of the day. When the kids started getting hungry he bought them crackers out of the machine and offered to take us down the road to get something to eat. He was awesome and will be missed!*

**samantha desjardins** - December 19, 2018 at 09:33 AM

KE

*“ All our love and prayers for your family.*

**Kenneth, Estelle, Mark, Michelle & Steve Ellis** - December 19, 2018 at 09:18 AM

KH

*“ I am so sorry to hear about Rick’s passing. You are in my prayers. I always enjoyed the times that I spent with your family and I’m sure that Rick will be missed greatly by his family and your friends.  
Sincerely, Kathy Hodan*

**Katherine Hodan** - December 19, 2018 at 08:29 AM



*“ Betsy and family I am so sorry to hear Rick has left his earthly home. I enjoyed conversations with Rick and loved hearing him talk about your home on Old Edgefield road. He and I were both history buffs and had some talks about such things. Rest in Peace Rick, until I see you again.*



**David Frazier** - December 19, 2018 at 07:00 AM

AS

*Thank you Mr. Frazier!*

Ashlie - December 20, 2018 at 01:06 AM

BB

“ *Papa was one of the sweetest men I know and has always treated and loved me like one of his grandchildren. He will be forever loved and missed. My family and I will keep the Keller/ Cook family in our prayers.*

Bethaney Bedgood - December 19, 2018 at 05:41 AM

AS

*Thank you Bet!! He really loved you*

Ashlie - December 20, 2018 at 01:07 AM

JG

“ *I was a customer of Mr. Rick He was very honest and never tried to cheat anyone. A great guy. To his family I am so sorry for your loss*

Janet Glabas - December 19, 2018 at 12:01 AM

AS

*Thank you Ms Glabas*

Ashlie - December 20, 2018 at 01:17 AM

EH

“ *Elisabeth, Ms Betsy and family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Rick was a great man and will be missed.*



Ernest Hooks - December 18, 2018 at 10:27 PM

CS

“ I worked for Rick for over 12 yrs. He was a great boss .He was always good to my family. Rick was always helping people with their cars even if they were low on money, he say bring it next pay check.Put on acct. I will miss him very much.He was a good men always welling to help.God bless your family I know they will all miss u. .Praying for your family.

**Cathy W. Smith** - December 18, 2018 at 10:21 PM

AS

*Papa really loved you Ms Cathy!!! Thank you for your kind words*

**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:28 AM

SG

“ Rick Keller was a true friend and man of God. I have taken my vehicles to him for years for service and I have never met a more sincere mechanic/business man that would always have our backs if we had car troubles. I always looked forward to talking with him at Church and he always made sure I was satisfied with my car service. He had a heart of gold and he will certainly be missed. Rick Keller, no one can replace your kindness and your heart for people.

**Steve Green** - December 18, 2018 at 10:06 PM

AS

*Papa really thought the world of you too Mr. Green. Thank you so much for your kind words*

**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:16 AM

BB

“ *Betsy. We are so very sorry. We will always remember Rick's smiling face greeting visitors at True North. We loved him and we are praying for you and your family. Betsy he went from your living arms to God's.*

*We love you. Mason & Becky Bradley*

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**Becky and Mason Bradley** - December 18, 2018 at 10:02 PM

AS

*Thank you for your kind words Mr and Mrs Bradley!*

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**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:15 AM

WG

“ *So sorry for your loss Rick was truly a wonderful person,he was always there to help, he will be missed by all. I pray his family follows in his footsteps bless you all in all you do.*

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**Wayne and Rosemarie Garrett** - December 18, 2018 at 09:25 PM

AS

*Thank you Mr and Mrs Garrett for your kind words! We will try our best to do honor to his memory!*

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**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:14 AM

JM

“ *Rick was always so good to us. He took care of us like he was our parent's. My car broke down and in return he tried to help me get mine fixed as well as loaning me his personal vehicle so I could take my babies to the doctor's. He will be greatly missed. Many love and prayers to the family. May God help ease your pain. Bobby and JoAnna McGuire*

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**Joanna McGuire** - December 18, 2018 at 09:04 PM

LH

“ *Betsy I'm so sorry to hear this my heart goes out to all of you . He was a very special and caring man. God be with all of you.*

**Lynn Hadden** - December 18, 2018 at 08:58 PM

AS

*Thank you Ms. Hadden! I am Ellen's daughter Ashlie and Mr. rick was my papa.. I work for him at his shop... my mama Ellen and my grandmama have spoken of you often... my mama always said how kind you are to her... thank you for your kind words!*

**Ashlie** - December 20, 2018 at 01:12 AM

KW

“ *Our parents were great friends in the 1960's. My parents were Bob and Kathryn Wilkes. Leo and Kitty were very special. I moved away from N.A. 50 years ago, I am very sorry to hear of Rick's passing and extend my sympathies to his family. Kathy Wilkes Wooddall*

**Kathy Wilkes Wooddall** - December 18, 2018 at 08:54 PM

CS

“ *The community is surely going to miss this guy.*

**Carol Patterson Sweeney** - December 18, 2018 at 08:50 PM

LC

“ *Words seem so empty to express the sorrow felt by the loss of Rick. Our hearts are with you during this time. Rick will always be remembered fondly. You and your family are in our thought and prayer. May God Bless and comfort you knowing that Rick is now sitting next to our Lord.*

*Leo Charette and the entire staff of Leo's Produce*

**Leo Charette** - December 18, 2018 at 06:59 PM

AS

*Thank you Leo! You were a good friend to him*

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**Ashlie** - December 18, 2018 at 08:18 PM

LR

*“ I grew up with Ricky in Hammond Hills and he was my dear friend! After high school when I married and moved away I caught back up with him on FB a couple of years ago ! I'm so glad to hear he had married and had children and grandchildren and was doing well ! I was so sad to hear of his passing and my thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time ! Rest In Peace my dear friend ! I know you will be missed !*



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**Linda McPherson Red** - December 18, 2018 at 06:20 PM

JF

*“ To know him was to love and appreciate his good service to ppl like me..RIP my brother till we meet AGAIN*

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**Jeanette Scott and Family** - December 18, 2018 at 06:19 PM

AS

*Love you Ms Jeanette! You were his buddy*

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**Ashlie** - December 18, 2018 at 08:16 PM

PS

*“ I met Mr. Rick 4 years ago through Pastor Ron Fearneyhough. He was always kind and considerate. I am so glad God put Mr. Rick in my path*

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**Priscilla Skipper** - December 18, 2018 at 05:56 PM

CB

“ My heart goes out to you Betsy and the family. Rick was always giving me hugs and checking up on me. He was a very loving and caring person. He will always be in my heart.

Catherine Barbay - December 18, 2018 at 05:40 PM

AS

He loved y'all too!!

Ashlie - December 18, 2018 at 08:15 PM

DM

“ My Thoughts and Prayers go out to y'all I'm gonna miss seeing him whenever i go into the Shop he was always there for me whenever I needed him



Donald McNair - December 18, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. "Rick" Keller.



December 18, 2018 at 04:40 PM