



## Wade Hampton Key, Jr.

November 27, 1933 - December 31, 2006

Jackson, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Wade Hampton Key, Jr., 73, of Old Jackson Highway, Jackson, SC, who died December 31, 2006 will be conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the First Baptist Church of Beech Island. Rev. Frank R. Hyder officiating. Interment in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Key was a native of Ellenton, SC having made the Jackson-Beech Island area his life-long home. He was the son of the late Wade Hampton and Pearlie Verdell Key, Sr.; a graduate of Ellenton High School, a member of the Beech Island Agricultural Club and was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Beech Island. Mr. Key retired from International Paper with 30 years of service. His true life-long passion was farming, where he served as a mentor to his sons and many other young men in this trade. He was a master at restoring John Deer tractors and he loved wearing his John Deer hat. Mr. Key was a wonderful, loving, faithful husband as well as a kind, gentle and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved his children and grandchildren's spouses as if they were his own and he dearly loved all of his extended family and friends. He will be missed by many but never forgotten. We love you Wade, you made us Proud!

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth (Pet) Thomas Key; three sons and daughters-in-law, Josh and Cindy Key, John and Jean Key and Wade Anthony

and Sherry Key, all of Jackson; a daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Mike Mullan, North Augusta; two sisters, Dorothy Rabun, Augusta and Grace Grayson, Whitwell, TN; twelve grandchildren, Alison Lowe, Shelley Bowman, Tony Reynolds, Jason Reynolds, Lace Widener, Brandy Key, Jesse Wade Key, Wade Hampton Key, III, Heather Key, Carra Key, Lindsey Key and Whitney Mullan; twelve great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Hampton Key, Jesse key, Tony Reynolds, Jason Reynolds, Jonathan Lowe, Rhett Widener, Steve Bowman and Justin Poteat. Honorary Pallbearers will be Esau Hankerson, Danny Jackson, Donald Pinion, G.W. Jackson, Austin Jackson, Elliott Walker, Kevin Hood, Sam Way and Kurt Bellamy.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday evening from 6 to 8.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Beech Island, 170 Church Road, Beech Island, SC 29842.

Stephen D. Posey Funeral Home of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry online at [www.poseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.poseyfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC

## Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Beech Island  
170 Church Road  
Beech, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wade Hampton Key, Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Wade Hampton Key, Jr.*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Josh & John*

*I will keep your family in my prayers. I am sorry for the loss of your Father. Remember the Lord is with you and with him your Father, so you are never alone##imported-begin##Becky Blankenship Germaux##imported-end##*

January 05, 2007 at 12:07 AM



“ *Josh and John*

*I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family members are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Angela Hughes Kuykendall##imported-end##*

January 03, 2007 at 06:40 PM



“ *May God bless the family and friends of Mr. Key.##imported-begin##George & Joyce Jeffers##imported-end##*

January 03, 2007 at 04:05 PM



“ Friends, Please let this serve as our way of offering our support in this time of sorrow. My parents repeatedly told me that the measure of a man was what he would do if he knew he would never "be found out." I only knew Wade Key when he was visiting in Tennessee. I found him to be a most decent and thoughtful gentleman when he was away from home where none of you would know. I believe Wade H. Key to have been a gentleman who measured up to my parents standard.

Know that we will remember and will miss him. Tell Grace that we took the time to offer our thoughts.

James V. Delk###imported-begin###James V. Delk, Sunset Dr., Whitwell, TN 37397###imported-end###

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January 03, 2007 at 03:24 PM



“ I was sorry to hear about your father. I know that he will be greatly missed by the community and by his family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Cecelia Davidson###imported-end###

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January 03, 2007 at 02:46 PM



“ Uncle "Junior" will be missed by everyone he knew. He was a loving and kind man who had a heart of gold. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

With deepest sympathy,  
Renee and Butch of Anniston, AL.###imported-begin###Renee and Butch Campbell###imported-end###

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January 03, 2007 at 09:43 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Robby and Jean Robbins##imported-begin##Jean Robbins##imported-end##

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January 02, 2007 at 04:00 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Key. He is/was one of my favorite people. There is no doubt in my mind that he is in Heaven right now...looking down on us and saying everything is going to be all right!! My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you.##imported-begin##Brenda Willing##imported-end##

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January 02, 2007 at 02:51 PM



“ I want each of you know that my prayers are with each of you. We all grew up together, not just as kids but as familys. Mr. Wade was always a man that would be there for you no matter what, and I know he is watching over us all and will continue to, until we all meet again. Just have faith in the Lord and He will help us through this trying time. May God bless each and everyone of you and wrap his healing arms around you. The Bellamy Family thanks you for being there for us so please lets us be there for you during this time and the many times we may need each other down the road.##imported-begin##Ray Bellamy##imported-end##

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January 02, 2007 at 02:23 PM



“ Tony, Sherry and family,

*Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort in knowing that Wade is resting safely in the Lord's arms.*

*May God be with you and your family during this time of sadness. Rejoice in knowing that you will be together again someday. We love you.*

*Brent, Christy & Lauren Zachow##imported-begin##Christy Zachow##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2007 at 02:02 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy during these hard times. I was not blessed enough to know Mr. Key, but I know Tony and Sherry and they always spoke very highly of him. My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Melanie Morris##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2007 at 01:36 PM



“ *Pet & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. What wonderful memories we all have of Wade. Kenneth's from Ellenton and all of ours from the wonderful times at Wesley Chapel we shared. God bless you with wonderful memories and with peace knowing Wade is with God.##imported-begin##Kenneth, Estelle F., Mark, Michelle & Stephen Ellis##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2007 at 08:02 AM



“ Please accept my heart felt condolences. It makes me sad that I can not be there in person to say goodbye. Uncle Wade was always an inspiration to me when I was a child, and throughout my life. I will truly miss him.##imported-begin##Kevin Wade Duncan##imported-end##

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January 01, 2007 at 10:26 PM



“ I always looked up to Mr. Key. He was a strong roll model to me in my teenage years. His Christian beliefs, family values, and work ethic helped influence me well into my adult years. My prayers go out to his family.##imported-begin##Shawn Lewis##imported-end##

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January 01, 2007 at 09:27 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you peace. Love, Marti##imported-begin##Marti Flippo##imported-end##

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January 01, 2007 at 08:51 AM



“ He will be greatly missed! I didn't get to see much of Uncle Wade, but one story from the last time I saw him stands out. We were all gathering for Oktoberfest at Villa European. We had such a good time. When he heard my son didn't ever see much of his father he offered to take him fishing. That really touch me. It takes a good person to offer their time when they have their own grandchildren. He was always sweet! Always a gentelman! I loved him! Lynda##imported-begin##Ms. Lynda Leigh Thomas##imported-end##

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December 31, 2006 at 05:26 PM



“ I have no words to express our great loss of Uncle Wade. I always loved him very much. He was always soft spoken , attentive, and very sweet. He use to tell me to come down at harvest time and I could drive his big harvester and I really wanted to. We never get enough time on this Earth to do all we wish.

I never met a happier or more suited couple than Aunt Pet & Uncle Wade. I know they were very much in love and respected each other. Aunt Pet, I am so very sorry. I love you.

Ruthie##imported-begin##Norma Ruth Thomas  
Volkomer##imported-end##

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December 31, 2006 at 04:38 PM