



Staley Bradley Keith

December 29, 1942 - August 11, 2012

On August 11, 2012 Staley Bradley Keith was called home at Columbia Memorial Hospital at 8:15pm. Staley was born December 29th 1942 in Raleigh, NC to Mazie Hedgepeth-Keith and James H. Keith. He attended Wake County Public Schools including John W. Ligon High School where he was an all star athlete and earned a full Football Scholarship to North Carolina Central University in 1961 where he earned his Bachelors in Physical Education and Health.

Staley was being solicited by the Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Bears upon graduation but decided to become a teacher and arrived in Hudson NY in 1965. Staley began his Career at Berkshire Farms in Canaan , NY as a Cottage Supervisor and then with the Office of Children and Family Services formerly the New York State Division for Youth at the NYS DSS Training School for Girls earning his Permanent Teaching Certificate in Physical Education in 1966. Staley also received his Master's from Marywood College in Education in 1978. He continued working for the state in many capacities from Assistant Director, Director of Child Care and Senior Youth Division Counselor Unit Administrator. Staley Retired from Brookwood Secure Center in 1995. Staley also served in his community as a substitute school teacher within the Hudson City School District for many years to follow.

The Civil Rights Movement spurred Staley a man of conviction to seek political and social justice in the Hudson Community and his career. He was a founding member of the Kiwanas Club, Past president of the Local

Columbia/Greene NAACP, Vice President of the NYS Division Black Caucus, Employee Council Relations within the Division for Youth. Politically he held offices as the Commissioner of the Hudson Housing Authority, Commissioner of Cemeteries 1986-88, 1989-91, City Alderman of the 4th Ward and Columbia County Board of Supervisor 4th Ward. He also was an avid golf player and enjoyed playing the sport with friends. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Twin County Vikings Football team and inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1992. He is also a member of the M.W. King Solomon Grand Lodge Mt. Carmel Lodge #52.

Staley was predeceased by his Mother, Father, and Younger brother Dwayne. He is survived by his Wife of 30 years Jacinta, Daughter Alexis, and Sister Pauline Vandergrift. Staley also leaves behind to cherish his memory his niece, Pamela Douglas, and family, Waco Douglas Sr., Waco Douglas Jr., Adonya Pinique Douglas, Nephew Paul F. Vandergrift III, and family Angela Vandergrift, Paul Vandergrift, Delaney Vandergrift, and Othell Wilson, Nephew Keith Vandergrift and family, Stephanie Vandergrift and Keith Vandergrift Jr. He also leaves behind two aunts, Juanita Hedgepeth and Madeline Keith, and a host of cousins ,and friends.

Staley's 6 year long battle with a rare disease called Amyloidosis finally called him home. His family will hold services at Bates and Anderson Saturday 8/18/12 from 10am-1pm viewing hours will be from 10am-11:30am services following, internment will be at Cedar Park Cemetery. Family and Friends are invited to a Repast at Savoia Restaurant 214 Warren Street Hudson, NY.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy. Staley has suffered for a while, may he now rest in peace and be pain free.
Your ex-neighbor from State St. and former rehab patient at Kaaterskill.

Phyllis (TORCHIA) Brabender

Phyllis Torchia Brabender - August 21, 2012 at 01:47 PM

CC

“ So sorry to hear about your loss prayers and thoughts are with you and your family

Cindy Hoag and Mary Cole - August 17, 2012 at 10:20 PM

CH

“ Cindy Hoag lit a candle in memory of Staley Bradley Keith



Cindy Hoag - August 17, 2012 at 10:18 PM

DB

“ To the Keith family,

Please accept my sincere condolences. May Staley rest in peace. (I used to work with Staley and Jacinta at Lansing Residential Center).
Darlene Baetz

dbaetz - August 17, 2012 at 07:05 PM

GN

“ Gwendolyn Keith Newsome sent a virtual gift in memory of Staley Bradley Keith



Gwendolyn Keith Newsome - August 17, 2012 at 09:19 AM



“ In deepest sorrow over the loss of your love one. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. May he rest in peace and may God bless you all.



Rebecca Kill - August 17, 2012 at 06:32 AM

RF

“ In deepest sorrow for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May he rest in peace and God be with you all.



Rebecca F.Kill - August 16, 2012 at 09:25 PM

PV

“ Paul F. VandergriftIII sent a virtual gift in memory of Staley Bradley Keith



Paul F. VandergriftIII - August 16, 2012 at 09:20 PM

RF

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your daughter during this very difficult time. May he rest in peace and God be with you all.

Rebecca F.Kill - August 16, 2012 at 08:57 PM

MS

Ms. Jacinta and family, my deepest sympathy to you all. Truly "earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal." Look to our heavenly father for comfort for he knows the pain you bear.

Heartfelt Sympathy,
Maddie Shannon-Roberts and Family

Maddie Shannon-Roberts - August 18, 2012 at 08:01 AM

TW

“ Tania Woodward lit a candle in memory of Staley Bradley Keith



Tania Woodward - August 16, 2012 at 11:15 AM

EL

“ My sympathies to his family and friends. I did not know him personality but by his obituary he seemed to achieve a lot of things in his life . My prayers go out to you Jacinta :(god bless



Effie loving - August 16, 2012 at 06:29 AM

KF

“ *Kistina Freeman lit a candle in memory of Staley Bradley Keith*



Kistina Freeman - August 15, 2012 at 08:37 PM

KF

“ *Keith Vandergift & Family lit a candle in memory of Staley Bradley Keith*



Keith Vandergift & Family - August 15, 2012 at 08:02 PM

PI

“ *Paul Vandergift, III lit a candle in memory of Staley Bradley Keith*



Paul Vandergift, III - August 15, 2012 at 07:54 PM

PV

“ *Pauline K. Vandergift lit a candle in memory of Staley Bradley Keith*



Pauline K. Vandergift - August 15, 2012 at 07:52 PM

DF

“ *Doug & Pamela Douglas & Family lit a candle
in memory of Staley Bradley Keith*



Doug & Pamela Douglas & Family - August 15, 2012 at 07:50 PM

PF

We love you and you will always be in our hearts & minds forever!!

Paul Vandergrift, III & Family - August 15, 2012 at 08:05 PM

HS

“ *Harrison & Patricia Shell lit a candle in
memory of Staley Bradley Keith*



Harrison & Patricia Shell - August 15, 2012 at 06:02 PM

CH

“ *Cassandra Hunt-Clark lit a candle in memory
of Staley Bradley Keith*



Cassandra Hunt-Clark - August 15, 2012 at 09:35 AM

SF

“ Sarah Sacco And Family lit a candle in memory of Staley Bradley Keith



Sarah Sacco and Family - August 15, 2012 at 08:42 AM

PM

“ Staley Keith was a kind and gentle man who dedicated his entire life in helping others. It was a priveldge and honor for me to have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Keith in his capacity of Ward Supervisor and member of the Human Services Committee. Through his professional career and public service, it was quite obvious that he loved his community and cheerished his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of grief. You will be missed Staley.
Paul and Chris Mossman

Paul W. Mossman - August 14, 2012 at 07:23 AM

SA

“ Sarah Anderson lit a candle in memory of Staley Bradley Keith



Sarah Anderson - August 14, 2012 at 07:17 AM