



## Luther Keith

October 9, 1950 - March 5, 2025

Please take a moment to leave comforting words of condolences for his family.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
24585 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 702-5367  
info@kempfh.com  
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

## Family Hour

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Chapel  
7707 West Outer Drive  
Detroit, MI 48235

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Chapel  
7707 West Outer Drive  
Detroit, MI 48235

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Live-streamed visitation in memory of Luther Keith*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - March 13, 2025 at 05:10 PM

KB

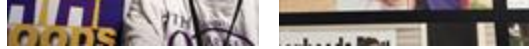
“ To the Keith and ARISE Detroit Families: Like Luther, I am a University of Detroit (now Detroit Mercy) graduate. About 10 years ago, I was in-between jobs when a fellow U of D graduate, who knew I was looking, suggested I contact Luther about possibilities with Luther and ARISE Detroit. As a broadcast news producer, editor and writer at the time (I since successfully transitioned into public relations), I wrote Luther a letter and sent him my resume. What followed was the beginning of a professional relationship that paid dividends far beyond the two ARISE Detroit Neighborhoods Day where I provided social media editing for Luther and ARISE Detroit. Not only did the work I did for Luther help me to be "working" while I looked for a new full-time position, I ended up meeting several people who I provided social media and writing support for. In addition, I met someone else who, years later, would be my boss at Detroit Public Schools Community District. And, during my pursuit of the for the job at DPSCD, when I mentioned to my soon to be boss that I had met her previously while covering a press conference for Luther, she remembered that meeting as well. I have no doubt that that connection with her helped me to land my job at DPSCD. Finally, Luther graciously agreed to be a professional reference for me, long after I had worked for him. My story is one of many examples of Luther's personal and professional generosity. I am sending my deepest condolences to Luther's family as well as his ARISE Detroit family. May you find comfort during this sad time and cherish the memories of Luther, a family man, Detroit man and blues "Badman"

Sincerely,

Kevin Byrnes, APR

Retired Public Relations and Producer/Writer and Editor





Kevin Byrnes - March 16, 2025 at 09:34 PM

LP

“ I remembered when I went to pick up my banner from Samaritan Center on Conner Avenue last year. I wasn't able to pick up my materials at the time Mr.Keith had gave us. I called to see what was another time I can could come. He gave me a time and when I got there. Luther and his assistant was the only persons there. I believe everything happens for a reason. Mr. Keith had time to tell me and show me how he had created Arise Detroit Neighborhood Day Event. I can still see his big smile while I am writing this story. He was so proud what he had accomplished for us, the Detroiters. I am glad I couldn't make my schedule time, because that gave Mr.Keith time to share his dream with me and I will cherish that moment for the rest of my life. I had the chance and tell him why I choose my organization name. My mother's first name is Little so I decided to name my organization Little Detroit Community Garden we are on. Facebook and I created a garden club on nextdoor app. Little Detroit Garden Club. I am the owner of LITTLE Detroit Community Garden nonprofit organization, Little Detroit Gazebo Garden and Little Detroit Youth Exercisie Park Thank you for letting us share our story

Loretta Powell - March 15, 2025 at 05:41 AM



“ Thank you Luther for the Legacy you have left us. Impact Detroit, Michigan Chronicle “Neighborhoods” and ARISE Detroit. I am honored to have shared and served with you. You are now an ancestor, your wisdom will live on and on and on...



Emma Ribbron - March 14, 2025 at 06:58 AM

BB

“ Heartfelt condolences to the family and many friends. Mr Keith was truly a blessing to our community. He knew how to make Detroit ARISE and shine. Much appreciated. Prayers for strength and comfort. Brenda Braceful

Brenda Braceful - March 13, 2025 at 07:44 AM

BA

“ Brooke Lauren Archie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Luther Keith.



Brooke Lauren Archie - March 13, 2025 at 05:36 AM

BA

“ Brooke Lauren Archie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther Keith.

Brooke Lauren Archie - March 13, 2025 at 05:36 AM

TM

“ *Glory Day... Big Lou k. {Arise Detroit} #1\_ of the best events in the city, county's and State, of Detroit Michigan WOW... I'm soOO glad I made it celebrate one of my Greatest mentors Life in ...Jesus. love you thank you ...Pray Praying...*



**The real Coach Mims** - March 12, 2025 at 11:07 PM

TM

*Hallelujah*

**The real Coach Mims** - March 12, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Luther Keith.*



March 12, 2025 at 05:54 PM

TC

“ *The Damon J. Keith Center purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Luther Keith.*



**The Damon J. Keith Center** - March 12, 2025 at 12:43 PM

TC

“ The Damon J. Keith Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther Keith.

The Damon J. Keith Center - March 12, 2025 at 12:43 PM

GW

“ Mr. Keith was such a wonderful human being. He was so helpful to us in the community. Always striving to make things better. The Spirit of Detroit is grieving for it has lost a true warrior for the people. Rest in peace, Mr. Luther Keith. Gwendolyn Walker, Optimist Block Club

Gwendolyn Walker - March 12, 2025 at 10:46 AM

MM

“ Motor City Chapter Associate Members purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Luther Keith.



Motor City Chapter Associate Members - March 11, 2025 at 10:45 PM

MM

“ Motor City Chapter Associate Members planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther Keith.

Motor City Chapter Associate Members - March 11, 2025 at 10:45 PM

DT

“ David Cross and Tammy Terry purchased the Str  
ength & Solace Spray for the family of Luther  
Keith.



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David Cross and Tammy Terry - March 11, 2025 at 01:31 PM

DT

“ David Cross and Tammy Terry planted a <a  
[href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)>Memorial Tree</a> in  
honor of Luther Keith.

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David Cross and Tammy Terry - March 11, 2025 at 01:31 PM

CA

“ Cousin Mwanaisha (Sims) & Blair Adams  
purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for  
the family of Luther Keith.



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Cousin Mwanaisha (Sims) & Blair Adams - March 11, 2025 at  
12:06 PM

CA

“ Cousin Mwanaisha (Sims) & Blair Adams planted a <a  
[href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)>Memorial Tree</a> in  
honor of Luther Keith.

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Cousin Mwanaisha (Sims) & Blair Adams - March 11, 2025 at 12:06 PM

TL

“ *The Detroit Public Library purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Luther Keith.*



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**The Detroit Public Library** - March 11, 2025 at 12:01 PM

WA

“ *Whitley, Nicole, Sophie & Angel purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Luther Keith.*



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**Whitley, Nicole, Sophie & Angel** - March 11, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luther Keith.*



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March 11, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luther Keith.*

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March 11, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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“ 22 Number Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Luther Keith.



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**22 Number Family** - March 11, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Luther Keith.



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March 10, 2025 at 12:50 PM

JN

“ Thanks so much for being a positive role model for all of us inner city kids Job well done RIH☐

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**james newman** - March 10, 2025 at 12:13 PM

LJ

“ My condolences to Jackie and Erin Keith in the loss of your husband and your father. I am please to say I will remember Alton kind personality and how he love to served the community he could make you laugh he was a bright light , I have my cd of his blues songs. Í am the Late Carolyn Marie Johnson-keith sister Carla. I know everybody has to go when their journey here up, you will be miss by me and many. Thanks for the beautiful blues songs and your involvement with the young man of Detroit. Rest in peace sent with love also to Terrance, Joyce, and Gwen

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**Laverne Carla Johnson** - March 09, 2025 at 05:27 PM

WL

“ Rest in peace. My husband and I met you several times. You were very kind.  
We send our sympathies to your friends and family. You will be sorely missed.  
Our memories of you bring us solace. Go with God.

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**Will and Ann Liggins** - March 09, 2025 at 10:00 AM

VL

“ I have very fond memories of Mr. Keith, both as a professor at Wayne State and a sterling human being. Rest in peace, and condolences to his family.

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**Vlad** - March 08, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Luther Keith.



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March 08, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luther Keith.

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March 08, 2025 at 04:54 PM

MS

“ *May Allah reward Kieth for all of the good that he has done for our community. Pease and Blessing be upon his family.*

*Bro. Mitchell*

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**Mitchell M Shamsud-Din** - March 08, 2025 at 04:44 PM