

## Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr.

September 5, 1926 - October 25, 2016

Leon Henry Keene, Sr., 90, of Plant City, Florida, and formerly of Lake Placid and Frostproof, passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. He was born in Plant City on September 5, 1926, and moved to Picnic at the age of five. He was a 1944 graduate of Pinecrest School where he played on their first football team. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army where he served in the Philippines during WWII. After the Army he worked with his father on the Picnic Grove and Ranch until 1971, and continued to work in the Citrus and Cattle industry throughout his career. He survived by sons, Leon H. Keene, Jr. (JoAnn) of Picnic and Don Keene of Plant City; daughters Pam Allen of Winter Haven, Vickie Pennington (Rodney) Texas, and Toni Branson (Doug) of Alabama; stepchildren, Ken Williams of Naples, Keith Williams of Frostproof, Kevin Williams of Ft Myers, Kathy Richburg of Alabama, and Debbie Williams of Frostproof; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Leon was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Lue Cotton Keene; parents, L.P. and Lillie Keen; sisters Helen McBride and Hazel Colding; and daughter-in-law, Sharon Keene. The family will receive friends on October 28 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 29 at 11:00 A.M. at First United Methodist Church of Frostproof, 150 Devane Street, Frostproof. Committal to follow at Silver Hill Cemetery, Frostproof. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Silver Hill Cemetery

395 Kelly Rd  
Frostproof, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
[office@hopewellfuneral.com](mailto:office@hopewellfuneral.com)

## Celebration of Life

OCT 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Frostproof  
150 Devane St,  
Frostproof, FL 33843

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr.



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - October 27, 2016 at 12:00 PM

BP

“ My condolences to all ! He had a special place in my hear!

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**brenda pennington** - October 30, 2016 at 05:49 PM

ML

“ Our deepest sympathies to Leon's family. Thinking of you.  
Marcia & Jim Loveman

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**Marcia Loveman** - October 28, 2016 at 07:56 PM

LE

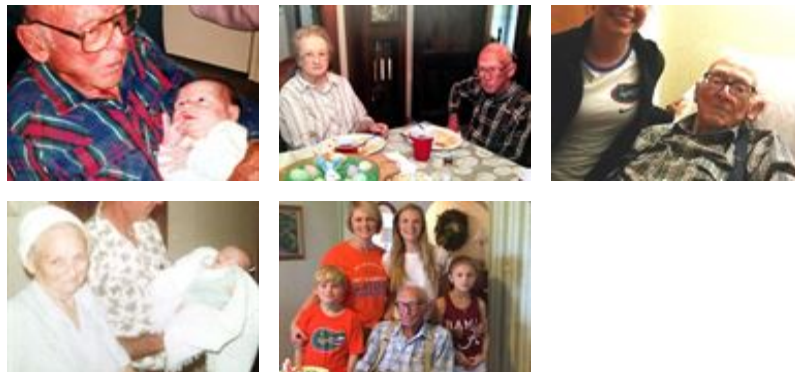
“ You and Granny are together again, whole and healed. Although we are left to grieve your loss, we all know how much better you are in the arms of our heavenly father now. You were a great Papa and I will always remember what a hard worker you were. You instilled your work ethic and wonderful parenting skills in my mama and I thank you. We love you and will miss you.

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**Leslie** - October 28, 2016 at 07:04 PM



“ 15 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - October 28, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr..



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October 28, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ *A Great Man and a true patriotic Army veteran. A salute and a "ho yah" and a "ooh rah" from a thankful and grateful retired Marine. Your service to your country and undeniable faith and allegiance to family was your hallmark.*

*When you meet St Peter at the gates of heaven, your pass is already validated. Semper Fi Leon Keene.*

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**Arthur Milton Cotton** - October 28, 2016 at 12:27 PM

MF

“ *Hank, Pam, Don, Vicki and family, thinking of you all at this difficult time.*

Melanie Flowers - October 28, 2016 at 11:34 AM

US

“ *Uncle Dale, Aunt Peg, Ron and Sheryl purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr..*



Uncle Dale, Aunt Peg, Ron and Sheryl - October 28, 2016 at 10:21 AM

VD

“ *My condolences to your family during your loss. Thank you for inviting me into your home and treating me like part of the family. Mr. Keene was a loved man with such a beautiful family.*

*God Bless and with Love,*

*Vincent, RN*

Vincent Dlugi - October 28, 2016 at 01:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr..*



October 27, 2016 at 03:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr..



October 27, 2016 at 02:39 PM



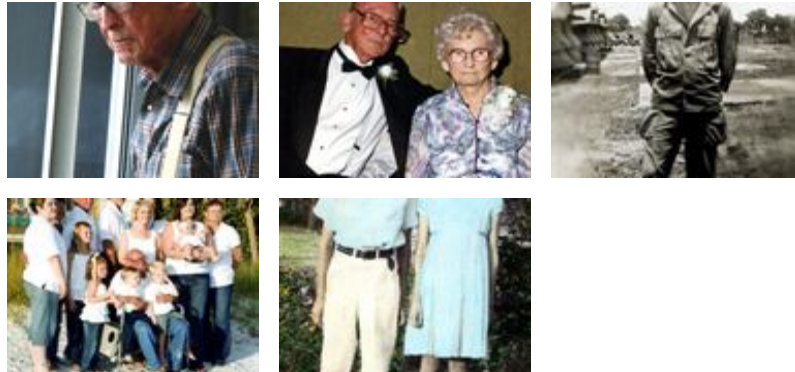
“ YOUR COUSIN SHIRLEY RYALS purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr..



YOUR COUSIN SHIRLEY RYALS - October 27, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - October 27, 2016 at 11:57 AM

WK

“ We will miss your wit and wisdom. You always told us funny stories from the past. It is sad that you won't be with us anymore. The table in the dining room is now complete.

*I know you are at peace. You help rise us all. We will kept all the traditions and stories alive.*

*Love,*

*Wanda McBride Kitchens*

*Bill Kitchens*

*Kelly & Jeff Welling*

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**wanda mcbride kitchens** - October 27, 2016 at 11:40 AM

SJ

“ Prayers to the Family to be lifted during there time of grief.



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**Shirley Jones** - October 27, 2016 at 09:53 AM

GM

“ Gloria Melovich lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr.



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**Gloria Melovich** - October 27, 2016 at 09:07 AM

SW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers of comfort are with your family.*



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**Sandra Shirley Waldron** - October 26, 2016 at 10:23 PM

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*Sandra Shirley Waldron*

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**Sandra Shirley Waldron** - October 26, 2016 at 10:24 PM

JC

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with all of you .*

*Judy Colding*



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**Judy Colding** - October 26, 2016 at 10:09 PM

PF

“ *Pennigton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr.*



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**Pennigton family** - October 26, 2016 at 05:29 PM

LD

“ *LOVE PENNY, MARSHA, NEAL & DALE purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mr. Leon Henry Keene Sr..*



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**LOVE PENNY, MARSHA, NEAL & DALE** - October 26, 2016 at  
04:57 PM