



## Mr. Michael E. "Mike" Keen Sr.

August 20, 1952 - June 1, 2018

Michael E. "Mike" Keen, 65, of Lakeland, Florida, born in Plant City on August 20, 1952, entered into eternal rest on June 1, 2018. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the National Ground Water Association as a Master Groundwater Contractor. He enjoyed helping people, fishing, and tinkering with everything. He was always ready with a smile and a bear hug. He was a giving soul, and no matter what was needed or when, he would be there. He was a "mountain of a man". He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Debra; children, Angela Keen (Johnny Shirley), Brittani Keen (Adam Mixon), David Blenner (Katie), and Michael Keen, Jr. (Jenn); 16 grandchildren; mother, Ruth Keen; and sisters, Gina Deagan Keen, and Belinda "Bendy" Rodriguez (Geno). The family requests no florals. Memorial contributions may be made to Noah's Ark of Central Florida, [noahsarkflorida.org/ways-to-help-us/](http://noahsarkflorida.org/ways-to-help-us/), P.O. Box 92221, Lakeland, FL 33804. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 9 at Noon at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 11:00 A.M. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

\*\*\*Please be aware, due to asthma in the family, do not wear perfume or purchase florals. Thank you for understanding the importance of the precautions for this medical condition.\*\*\*



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Michael E. "Mike" Keen Sr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 08, 2018 at 10:38 AM

SH

*I have known Mike for about 35 years and have fond memories all the way back when he had his business on East Hillsboro Ave. My appreciation of him is very great. I will miss him very much and send my regards to his family.*

Sherwood Hall - June 11, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ Missing you so much, Dad... could use one of your big ol' bear hugs right about now! I love you.



Angela Keen - December 03, 2018 at 10:05 PM

SG

“ Just received this sad news.  
There was ONLY one Mike Keen. He had the best customer service support and will be missed. We can all remember his voice.

Steven Johnson ~ Fountain Design Group - August 20, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ Thank you to all who've had kind words to say about my Father. He meant so much to so many and I know we will all feel his loss for many years to come. Whether you met him in a continuing education setting or on the drill site his knowledge and expertise benefited so many. His work was so very important to him, he carried such pride in what he did & he cared very much about doing what he could to help.

*I will miss him for the rest of my time on this earth, as will we all. Again, thank you.*

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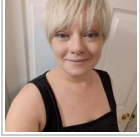
June 24, 2018 at 03:36 AM



“ So very sorry to read of Mikes passing. Mike was a giant of man in more ways than one. I called on Mike many times when I had Pump problems or we needed a continuing ed. course for our Association. Mike was always there for us. The water well industry has lost so much knowledge and expertise that will never be replaced. I will always remember that no matter how busy he was he would take the time to help us thru pump issues and if needed would come go in the field with us. I will miss you my friend as will the entire water well industry. REST IN PEACE my friend for a life of service. Pete Peterson , Breland Well Drilling Guyton Ga.

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**Pete Peterson** - June 21, 2018 at 07:47 AM



“ *#1 father-in-law*



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**Jenn Keen** - June 09, 2018 at 10:52 PM



“ *Mike and his family were like family to us. After living next door to each other for the last 20 years it is hard to imagine not hearing his laugh. Mike was an amazing human being - certainly one of a kind. He will be missed beyond measure. Our deepest condolences are sent to his family and unending prayers for comfort and peace. Godspeed, Big Mike...we love you!*

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**Joe and Lisa** - June 09, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ *Mike was one of the greatest friends a guy could have known I had him for 20 plus years he will be greatly missed in the industry will never be the same without him my condolences to his family will miss you Mike and love you*

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**Ron young young welldrilling** - June 09, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ *Sherrie Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael E. "Mike" Keen Sr.*



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**sherrie mixon** - June 09, 2018 at 07:05 AM

SM

*I didn't personally know Michael but he raised a wonderful beautiful daughter Brittani. You are all in my prayers through this difficult time. May the Lord wrap you all in his loving arms and comfort you.*

sherrie mixon - June 09, 2018 at 07:09 AM

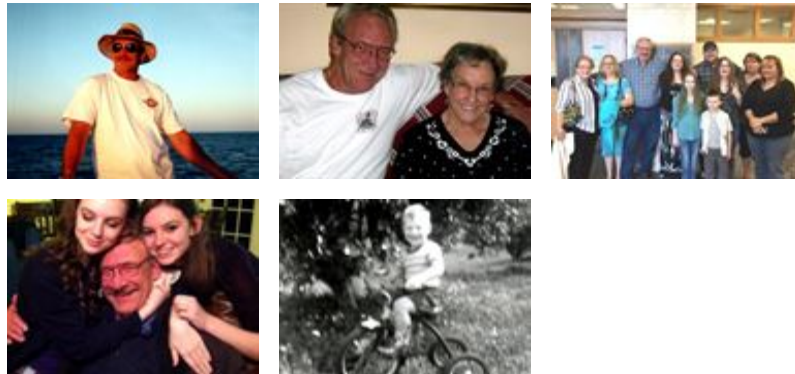
LT

“ *Mike was a friend in water well industry that could always be counted on to be available when needed with a good common sense answer. We were in competition but always showed total respect for each other. He will be missed greatly by the industry but also by all of us that called Mike our friend. May God give the strength needed for the family through this great loss.*  
*Larry Tidwell Cycle Stop Valves*

Larry Tidwell - June 08, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 08, 2018 at 09:33 AM

Eddie  
Smith

“ *He was ready to help any where and anytime he was needed. Always looked forward to the meetings and schools he was at. He will be greatly missed*

Eddie Smith - June 06, 2018 at 07:53 PM

DL

“ We are extremely shocked and saddened to hear of Mike's passing. We will always remember Mike's "booming" voice, firm hand shake and welcoming smile. Mike was always willing to go the extra mile to help everyone.

Mike was an extremely smart man and was very good at what he did and he will be extremely missed by all in the Groundwater Industry, but more importantly as the man and friend he was. Prayers to his Family for comfort and healing. May He Rest in Peace.

Patterson Well Drilling Co.,  
Dan Loucks  
Tammy Riecken



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**Dan Loucks** - June 06, 2018 at 06:00 PM

MH

“ Mike was a good man! Always there when his was needed! Bryant's Pump will surely miss him. Prayers to the family!



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**Mike & Mary Hall** - June 06, 2018 at 02:36 PM

JS

“ Big loss to our industry "The go to guy as we all know. He will be missed dearly. "Dad" may you rest in Peace. Sincerest condolences to the family.



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**James Schmidt** - June 06, 2018 at 09:07 AM

DW

“ Always a blast with this great man whenever we were together. Staying up late playing spades and partying, going crabbing. Sure will miss his smile and wonderful friendship.

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**Denise Williamson** - June 06, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ His voice and presence will be missed.

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**Nacho Pacheco** - June 05, 2018 at 09:47 PM

BM

“ The Ground Water Industry lost a wonderful person in the recent passing of Mike. He was well respected in the industry and always tried to help anyone with a pump issue whether it was a FELE product or some other brand. Not only was Mike an outstanding technical mind in the industry but he was also a great friend to so many.  
Mike, may you Rest in Peace knowing how you meant so much to so many. You will always be remembered. My sincerest condolences to your family.

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**Bobby Miller** - June 05, 2018 at 08:12 PM

JB

“ Mike was a great mentor to me and so many others. He will be missed. I send my condolences to his family.

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**John Bowling** - June 05, 2018 at 06:52 PM



“ Mike Keen was an awesome mentor to me! I will greatly miss him. He definitely made a positive impact in this world. Best wishes!



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**Kyle Ratchford** - June 05, 2018 at 05:45 PM

TH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a world of knowledge that I tapped into so many times. I always looked forward to meeting with Mike whether it was in the office or on the job site. For his family, I pray that God will comfort you as you come together. Lean on Him and let His love fill you with peace.

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**Tom Haberkorn** - June 05, 2018 at 11:42 AM

CW

“ Mike was a mentor to so many, he will be missed. All of the memories of the many years we worked together will be cherished.

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**Carl Wood** - June 05, 2018 at 10:22 AM

TD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He never met a stranger, and he had a heart bigger than his personality. Mike was truly larger than life. I enjoyed working with him for many years at Franklin Electric. Sending my deepest sympathy to the family. Tammy Davis.

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**Tammy Davis** - June 05, 2018 at 08:30 AM

DH

“ *Praying that God's faithfulness will strengthen your heart and fill your every need now and in the days to come. God bless you and may His love surround you.*

*Delois Henderson*



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**Delois Henderson** - June 04, 2018 at 07:25 PM