



James Hiram Keatley

November 24, 1964 - December 23, 2021

James Hiram Keatley, II, 57, of Taylorville departed this world for his Heavenly home on December 23, 2021 while a patient at Logan Regional Medical Center. He was born on November, 24, 1964 in Williamson, WV. He was the son of the late James Hiram and Hester Kinder Keatley.

James, known as “Jimmy” to friends and family, was a retired educator, football, and basketball coach. Those left behind to cherish his memory include his wife of 24 years, Drema Wilson Keatley; son, James H. “Jameson” Keatley, III and his precious girlfriend Olivia D. Browning; daughter, Makenley R. Keatley, both of the home; blister, Rebecca L. Keatley, of Taylorville and sister, Elizabeth D. Keatley of Taylorville; father-in-law and mother-in-law Frank and Rosemary Wilson of Hell Creek; brother-in-law, Frank (Myosha) Wilson of Belo; sister-in-law Renae (Zachary) Foster of Barboursville, WV; also, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends, former students, and former athletes. Additionally, he was “Pap” to his family’s five beloved dogs.

Jimmy was a graduate of Matewan High School, Fork Union Military Academy, and a proud Son of Marshall University. He was a life long Cleveland Browns fan who thoroughly enjoyed “barking” along with the “Dawg Pound.” Jimmy was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing and hunting. His favorite pastime was picking with or aggravating whoever happen to be present at the time. He never met a stranger, and in his younger days would drive around in snow storms to see if someone needed assistance. He was our “Rescue Ranger,” and we will miss him everyday until we meet again.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Jimmy’s Life will be held Tuesday, December 28, 2021 from 6:00pm till 8:00pm with services at 7:00pm at the Chafin Funeral Home in Delbarton, WV. His friend, Brother Acie Copley will be conducting the services. Online condolences can be made at Chafinfuneralhome.Com.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Hiram Keatley*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM

KF

“ *Good guy until he touched those kids*

Ken Framer - January 20, 2022 at 07:01 PM

MM

“ *Jimmy played Babe Ruth baseball for me years ago. Later on we umpired some high school ball together. There's a story I have shared many times about my first varsity game, to long to post, but proves "honesty is the best policy". Prayers for all loved ones.*

Mickey McKnight

Mickey McKnight - December 28, 2021 at 08:53 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Johnson lit a candle in memory of James Hiram Keatley*



Brenda Johnson - December 28, 2021 at 07:38 AM

BJ

Prayers for his family & friends. 🙏

Brenda Johnson - December 28, 2021 at 07:44 AM



“ 44 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Chafin Funeral Home - December 27, 2021 at 06:14 PM

LF

I loved ol Jimmy until he touched those girls. Wish he wouldn't have done that.

Lenny Frammer - December 30, 2021 at 10:52 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of James Hiram Keatley.*



December 27, 2021 at 05:37 PM



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Chafin Funeral Home - December 27, 2021 at 01:17 PM

SC

“ I wa so sad to hear of his passing. I went to school with Jimmy from Kindergarten through graduation from high school and then met up with him again at Marshall. He was always a great friend and though we lost touch I have many memories of school days gone by. My heart breaks for his family. Please be comforted with happy memories and know God can help heal the broken hearted. Rest In Peace my dear friend.

Susie Huffman Chamberlain - December 25, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James Hiram Keatley.



December 25, 2021 at 08:28 PM

MC

“ I'm sorry to hear about Mr. Keatley's passing. He was a teacher of mine at Matewan High School. Love and prayers to family and friends.

Marlena Cline - December 25, 2021 at 07:55 PM

JA

“ He was one of a kind. I played football for his dad at Matewan and can remember him when he was just a little boy. I later refereed a lot of games for him in football and basketball he never complain about nothing. He was truly a people person. You will truly be missed my friend.

jjohnny anderson - December 25, 2021 at 04:43 PM

KD

“ I have so many memories of the Keatley family it is hard to condense my feelings into a paragraph. As a little girl I thought Hester was the prettiest girl in the world. As a student at Matewan not only was Jim my teacher but he was my mentor. Anytime I had a problem or needed advice I went to him. Watching Jimmy, Becky and Beth grow up from cute little kids into outstanding adults has been a pleasure for me. Jimmy has always been the funniest sweetest boy. As a little boy he was full of mischief to make others laugh. As an adult he had the mischievous gleam in his eyes but he was the first to reach out if someone needed help. Jimmy was a friend to everyone. He influenced many students with his ability to know what each student needed. He is loved and will be missed by so many. Rest in Peace, my friend. Until we meet again...

Kathy Mollette Ditty - December 25, 2021 at 12:58 PM

JP

An awesome man who will truly be missed .

Judy Butcher Potter - December 25, 2021 at 08:54 PM

DF

“ We’re so very sorry to hear of Jimmy’s passing. I first met him when I worked at Wirt Marcum’s store at Taylorville. He went to Matewan and I went to Burch, but everyone on the creek came in there, and soon I considered the whole family to be friends. We rode back and forth to Huntington together many times when we attended Marshall. Jimmy had that Datsun pickup that seemed like it ran forever! Speaking of, I remember once in Sept., 1990 a friend at the gym in Huntington offered me two front row Reds tickets right behind their dugout at Riverfront Stadium. I immediately called Jimmy- another huge Reds fan- and said “Guess what I have?” He offered to drive so we jumped in that truck and drove to Cincinnati. We got to see the 1990 World Series Reds team from field level! We saw all the Reds stars, Barry Larkin, Eric Davis, Paul O’Neil, Chris Sabo; I hope he never forgot that game because I sure didn’t. Prayer and the comfort of Christ’s Holy Spirit to the family. We have a promise that one day soon the enemy of the human race, death, will suffer its final defeat won for us by Jesus upon the cross of Calvary. Until then we wait, but it is only going to be a very short wait now. Look up, our salvation draws very near!

Dave & Kim Farley - December 25, 2021 at 11:12 AM

GR

“ Grace Ritchie lit a candle in memory of James Hiram Keatley



grace ritchie - December 25, 2021 at 08:18 AM

LC

“ So profoundly sad to see my friend of over 40 years have to leave this world way before his time. He had so much life and so much yet to accomplish. Although I haven't crossed paths with him in several years (I think I may have run into them shopping for baby furniture when Drema was expecting or had maybe just had Jameson), I deeply respected him and appreciated the man he'd grown up to be.

I'll always remember, simply, how kind he was. He was so popular in school, such a talented athlete, and so liked by everyone; yet with all he had going for him, he never acted entitled or condescending to other kids. In the years that followed, I came to appreciate him yet again in the way, as a teacher and coach, that he treated my nephew and young cousins. It was totally the way I would have anticipated him to be. He hadn't outgrown the kindness. I was grateful these boys had him in their lives. They thought so highly of him.

My prayers and deepest compassion go out to his precious family who adored him. May God fill up every sense of void left in their home and their hearts. May Jimmy be remembered for the "look forward to" that he left with everyone who knew him, because he was the kind of person anyone would look forward to running into. He never forgot that he was meant to leave an impression on the next generations, and he did just that. He will be forever missed.

Lisa Crum - December 25, 2021 at 04:36 AM



“ Kim Mitchell lit a candle in memory of James Hiram Keatley



Kim Mitchell - December 25, 2021 at 01:17 AM



BECKY AND BETH, I SORRY, REAL SORRY.

Kim Mitchell - December 25, 2021 at 01:21 AM

MJ

“ Our family extends condolences and sympathy to Jimmy's family. I taught and coached Jimmy at Red Jacket Jr. High. He was an excellent student and an outstanding athlete and young man. He was always polite and mannerly and ready to help in any situation. He was truly a competitor in sports. He worked hard to be the best that he could be and he definitely did not like to lose. It was a pleasure being around students like Jimmy and teachers like his Mother, Mrs. Hester Keatley. They both certainly played a big part in making the school a pleasant experience. I always thought very highly of all of that family. Melbourne Jude

Melbourne Jude - December 25, 2021 at 01:15 AM

LC

“ Jimmy was a great guy and friend he loved life and he made it more enjoyable to all who knew him. My prayers are with His family. God bless you all

Leslie Chapman - December 25, 2021 at 12:04 AM

PB

“ Sending my condolences to his family and both sisters. May God comfort you and give you strength.
Deepest sympathy
PamBishop

pam bishop - December 24, 2021 at 10:03 PM

GH

“ So sad to hear the news. Sorry for your loss. Sending Love and Prayers for the family. 🙏



Gina Hicks - December 24, 2021 at 09:03 PM