



Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton

September 6, 1963 - October 11, 2022

Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton, Jr., 59, of Hanover, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at the Hershey Medical Center. He was the husband of Susan B. Eelsey Keaton. On December 3rd they would have celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary.

Born in Louisa, VA on September 6, 1963, he was the son of Rev. James B. and Carolyn S. Cash Keaton of Hardy, VA. Jimmy was the lead pastor at the Hanover Evangelical Brethren Church. He loved to golf, the Kentucky Wildcats, Civil War history and he loved music. Throughout his ministry, he pastored The Gospel Chapel in Daniels, WV, Westside Wesleyan Church in Shelbyville, IN, Tarrant Bible Methodist Church in Tarrant City, AL, Bedford First Wesleyan Church in Bedford, IN, United Wesleyan Church in Jamestown, TN, Connecting Point Chapel in Beloit, OH, and Oak Hill Gospel Tabernacle in Oak Hill, WV.

In addition to his wife and his parents, he is survived by his sons James B. Keaton, III and his wife Krista of Hobe Sound, FL and Glenn D. husband of Heidi Keaton of Hanover; grandchildren William, Rose and Kolter; brothers Jeff M. husband of Michelle Keaton of Hardy, VA, Troy D. husband of Janel Keaton of Hardy, VA, and Brian L. husband of Kim Keaton of Moneta, VA; sisters Sandy J. wife of Melvin Adams of Bedford, VA, Victoria S. wife of Ray Cragun of Cincinnati, OH, Kimberly D. wife of Phil Collingsworth of Mt. Orab, OH, Becky R. wife of Tim Keep of Cincinnati, OH, and Julia D. wife of David Keep of Moneta, VA and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at the New Life Assembly of God Church, 2136 Baltimore Pike, East Berlin, PA. A viewing will be held Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Hanover Evangelical Brethren Church, 925 Broadway, Hanover, PA, and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Interment will be at the Promise Land Cemetery at EastLake, Smith Mountain Lake, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Renewanation, P.O. Box 12366, Roanoke, VA 24025.

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Jonestown, is honored to serve the family.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hanover Evangelical Brethren Church
925 Broadway
Hanover, PA 17331

Public Viewing

OCT **15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Life Assembly of God Church
2136 Baltimore Pike
East Berlin, PA

Celebration of Life

OCT **15.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Life Assembly of God Church
2136 Baltimore Pike
East Berlin, PA

Tribute Wall

SH

“ My memories of Jimmy go way back before he and Susan were married---when he was praying for a soulmate. He would come to me to share his heart for Susan and I would encourage him to follow his heart if it lined up with God's Word and Will. Susan was extremely shy back then (1977-1980) and Jimmy was the opposite. ;) I am honored to call him my Friend although it has been over 40 years since I have seen him and Susan. I will be praying for you, Susan, and the entire Keaton family! I am very sorry for your enormous loss!! May the memories Jimmy leaves with you be in your hearts forever and may our Abba Father bring you Comfort and Peace always. Hugs, Sharla

Sharla - October 15, 2022 at 08:50 AM

FS

“ FMC & SCCA purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.



FMC & SCCA - October 15, 2022 at 12:20 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.



October 14, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.



October 14, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ I heard Pastor Jimmy's Dad tell of an old car Jimmy had when a teenager. (believe it was a Buick) It had a lot of problems and needed a lot of fixing. His Dad got a trusted friend to check it out to see if it was worth fixing. After a complete evaluation the bottom line was the recommendation to junk it! That just broke Jimmy's heart. When Dad Keaton saw how much he loved it, he said something like this to Jimmy, If you love it so much- we will do Whatever it takes to get that engine going and fix it up and get it running! Then he said something like this- that has changed my heart and my life forever-

Jimmy, it is like what God says about you. The devil says to God, Jimmy is not worth it, Just junk him! But God says, I LOVE HIM TOO MUCH! I'LL FIX HIM ALL UP AND DO WHATEVER I NEED TO DO TO GET HIM RUNNING! What a testimony of how God feels for all of us! It should make us all cry for Joy!

Thank you Jimmy for being used by God even in this simple little object lesson of love for a car that speaks of Salvation for each of us! I can't wait to hug you in Heaven!

Pastor David (& Cathyann)

David (& Cathyann) Berthiaume - October 14, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.



October 14, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ Our love and prayers go out for the whole family.

Howard & Barbara Russell - October 13, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ The best Pastor and friend a family could ever dream of having. He was a divine gift from God. Thank you Pastor Jim for your song and wit.

Lvu,
Rich and Linda

Rich and Linda Ash - October 13, 2022 at 10:01 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.



October 13, 2022 at 08:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.*



October 13, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Gloria Ulery lit a candle in memory of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton*



Gloria Ulery - October 13, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *RenewaNation purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.*



RenewaNation - October 13, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.*



October 13, 2022 at 12:32 PM

CT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Sincerely, Dean and Connie Troyer*

Connie E Troyer - October 13, 2022 at 11:52 AM

DL

“ *My memory of Jimmy are of early childhood. Light blue shirt dark blue pants was the uniform that I remember him wearing. Those were fun days*

Deborah Lloyd - October 13, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.*



October 13, 2022 at 11:29 AM

JP

“ *Pastor Jimmy Keaton leaves an eternal impact on those he ministered to and all who knew him as a friend and brother! We thank God for the Gift of Jimmy Keaton! May the Lord he loved and served so faithfully comfort those who grieve his passing most! We send our Love and lift you in our prayers*

John & Cathy Parker - October 13, 2022 at 11:19 AM

RR

“ I sure loved Jimmy. When he was pastoring in Ohio he and I would meet and play golf together. I will always cherish those moments. His sense of humor was off the charts. My sincere sympathy to Susan and the entire Keaton family. He will be missed greatly. Like I said, I sure loved Jimmy.

Randy Ritchey - October 13, 2022 at 09:18 AM

TT

“ To the Keaton Family, I was saddened to hear of Jimmy's passing. I have loved you all from a distance for many years, and want you to know that you have a special place in my heart. I speak for Marsha and myself when I offer our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences. May God be your comfort in these days.

Tim and Marsha Taylor - October 13, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.



October 13, 2022 at 05:02 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. James B. "Jimmy" Keaton.



October 13, 2022 at 01:47 AM