

Obituary

MSG (Retired) Charlie Junior Kea departed this life on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at the age of 77. He was born on July 28, 1944 in Canetuck, NC. He was the oldest child of Lonnie Kea and Louise Gardner Kea.

Charlie was educated at Pender County Training School, and graduated from C. F. Pope High School, in Burgaw, NC, in 1962. He also attended Midlands Technical College, in Columbia, SC, where he earned a degree in Business Administration.

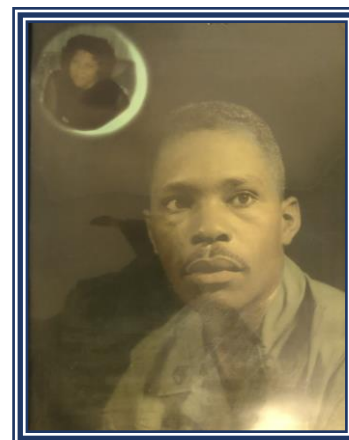
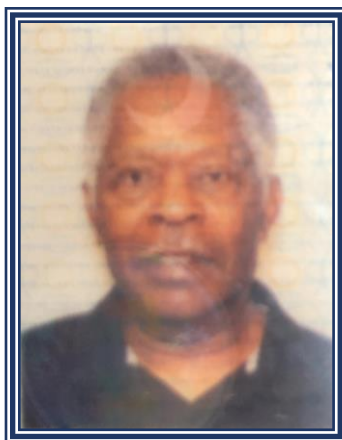
He entered military service in 1962, as a soldier in the United States Army. He completed tours of duty in Vietnam, Panama, as well as, many state side posts. Some of his many awards and decorations include: The Purple Heart, The Army Commendation Medal, The Armed Forces Expeditionary Forces Medal, and The Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Charlie was baptized at an early age at Canetuck Missionary Baptist Church. He took pride in reading and knowing the Bible. He loved Gospel, Soul, and Blues music. Charlie often shared stories of growing up in Canetuck, NC, and illustrious accounts of his military experiences.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; a son, Terrance Kea; and two brothers, Kenneth and Milton Kea.

MSG (Retired) Charlie Junior Kea leaves to mourn his passing: his wife and best friend of 55 years, Betty Kea; a daughter, Sonda Johnson, of Columbia, SC; a son, Charlie (Coretta) Kea, Jr., of Columbia, SC; Charlie was affectionately known as *Gramps* by his six grandchildren, Lynette and Rene Johnson, both of California, Damani Kea, of Columbia, SC, Daleah Kea, of Texas, Cydney and Grayce Kea, both of Columbia, SC; four sisters, Janette Kea Robinson, of Wilmington, NC, Carolyn Kea, of Canetuck, NC, Maxine Kea Carrington, of Kelly, NC, and Johnetta Hall Wilson, of Wilmington, NC; one uncle, William Kea, of Durham, NC; a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

(Retired Pastor) Reverend James D. Lee, Presiding

Prelude

Opening Hymn..... "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

Old Testament – Psalm 23.....Mr. Anthony Montgomery

New Testament – John 14:1-6.....Mr. Anthriest Hill, Jr.

Prayer of Comfort.....Mr. John Willis

Selection..... "I am Free"

Remarks.....Mr. Anthriest Hill, Sr., *Friend*

Solo.....Mrs. Frances D. Hill

Words of Comfort.....Reverend James D. Lee

Recessional..... "I Can't Give Up"

(Recording by: Lee Williams)

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

2:00 p.m.

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Friend

*Death is not the enemy of life, but its friend,
for it is the knowledge that our years are
limited which makes them so precious. It is
the truth that time is but lent to us which
makes us, at our best, look upon our years as
a trust handed into our temporary keeping.*

- Joshua Loth Liebman

A Hero's Welcome

By: Robert Longley

*Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do.
Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need to fear.
You have not failed your brothers
You dearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call.
So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore.*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family MSG (Ret.) Charlie Junior Kea, express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each and every one of you.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799

Leevy's

FUNERAL HOME

I. S. Leevy Johnson
-Owner & Director-

Chris Leevy Johnson
-President & Managing Director-

Lower Richland Chapel
9120 Garners Ferry Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
(803) 776-6922

Leverette A. Williams, II
-General Manager-

*In
Honor
of your
Memory
of
MSG (Ret.) Charlie Junior Kea*



Friday, November 19, 2021

12:00 Noon

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel

*1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina*