



## Mr. Albert Keal

August 18, 1951 - January 2, 2019

Albert Keal was born to the late Clarence Keal Sr. and Luella Stewart Keal. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Cornelius Joseph Jones, Clarence Keal Jr., and William Keal.

Albert received his formal education from Mary Hines Elementary School. He graduated from Park Avenue High School in 1969. As a student, he was involved in

the Honor Society and served on the Student Council. He participated in statewide

math decathlons of which he won first place. Albert set several educational goals for

himself which he achieved. He also set educational standards for his children because

this was important to him. He always said, "Once you learn something it's yours, you

have earned it and no one can take that knowledge away from you".

His higher education was achieved at Southern University and A&M College in

Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. He

furthered his educational pursuits by obtaining his Master of Business Administration

from Western New England College (Western New England University) in

Springfield, Massachusetts.

Albert was baptized under the leadership of Reverend A.D. Tino, III in the St. Moses Baptist church. As a member, he was actively involved in the youth choir, Sunday

School, and other youth activities.

On June 5, 1971 Albert married his college sweetheart, and they shared 47 years.

They were blessed with the birth of a daughter and a son, Shonne Michelle Keal Soliz

Maldonado and Timothy Charles Keal.

In 1973, Albert was recruited by Bendix Corporation to begin his professional career in South Bend, Indiana. In 1977 he was recruited by Digital Corporation in

Springfield, Massachusetts. His professional career spans several states and companies

including: United Technologies in Dearborn, Michigan, Diesel Recon in Memphis,

Tennessee, and Harley Davidson in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Albert had a strong desire to give back to his community. He was involved in various civic organizations throughout his life beginning with Junior Achievement in

South Bend, Indiana. He was a board member of the YMCA in Massachusetts and

a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Albert was a Harley Davison

HBCU representative specifically to Southern University for aspiring engineering

students. He was also an HBCU board member to Clark Atlanta University.

Albert's favorite thing to do was sleep. He also enjoyed working out at the gym as

total health was important to him.

He is survived by his wife Clara Keal, his children, Shonne and Timothy; his sister, Margaret Keal Coleman; honorary sister, Lucy Jackson; sister-in-law, Ora Keal, brother-in-law, Bobbie Cosby; three grandchildren, Alisanna Olivia Grace Soliz, Kealen Elias Soliz, and Zachary Collins Maldonado; and a host of nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

**Ship-Out: Louisiana**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark AME  
1616 W. Atkinson Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

### Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark AME Church  
1616 W. Atkinson Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Albert Keal.*



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January 12, 2019 at 11:16 AM

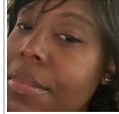


“ *To the Keal Family.*

*I am Tony Pinder, I think I have spoken to you a few times over the yrs.I have know Mr Keal for nearly 25 yrs.He and I had never met until back in the spring of 2017.I was in Milwaukee on Family business. I called and I invited him to downtown for a meet and Chat,He did not drink, So we sat and had a few snacks. We would talk often about HIS FAMILY...Especially his Daughter inAZ. I live in Mpls/St Pail.but today I am in Phoenix, and was to call when I checked into my hotel,,To get the daughter that lives in this part of the country.(Who's kid were big Az Cardinals fans) ,I got a call as I was leaving the Phoenix airport for my Hotel. The call was from one of the Many protoges he had try to help before he retired from Harley Davidson. That was such devistatingNews.My heart felt condolences to You and the entire KEAL FAMILY. I AM SURE THIS NEWS WILL TOUCH A LOT OF THE PROFESSIONALS HE HAD INTRO ME. May he Rest in Peace. My Friend... A Tony Pinder*

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**Tony Pinder** - January 11, 2019 at 07:34 PM



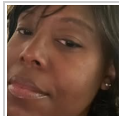
*Thank you so much MR Pinder for being a friend to my father. I'm still here in the desert lol*

**Shonne Keal** - June 30, 2019 at 11:30 PM

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*“ My sincere condolences to Albert's family. Albert was a great business friend at Harley.  
Richard (Dick) Klick*

**Richard Klick** - January 11, 2019 at 10:05 AM



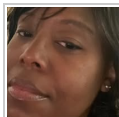
*Thank you for your kind words*

**Shonne Keal** - June 30, 2019 at 11:31 PM

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*“ I worked on and off with Albert for several years at Harley-Davidson. He was a tough manager, but I respected his passion for his work and his voice of reason. I am saddened by his passing, but was blessed to have known him.*

**Tom Collins** - January 08, 2019 at 06:55 PM



*Thank you for your kind words. I'm sure he was a tough manager but wanted you to be successful.*

**Shonne Keal** - June 30, 2019 at 11:33 PM

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“ Hands down, Albert was my most memorable boss ever. I was so young and naïve when I started working for him. I didn't realize at the time that he was trying to teach me some things. I honestly felt he was picking on me. But over the years I've come to realize there was wisdom in his words and that they affected me for the rest of my career.

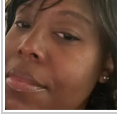


Some of those words were:

- *Power is taken, not given. He complained incessantly on how I gave my power away. From which seat I chose in a meeting (always sit at the head of the table, or close to it) or how I let other people lead efforts that he felt I should have led. I didn't care about position or power. I wanted to do my work to the best of my abilities and let my work speak for itself. I've learned differently now. You can still do great work, but you have to position yourself as well.*
- *You can be dead right, but you're still dead. He and I went back and forth on so many issues. If I didn't like an initiative or direction taken, I'd feel it necessary to let him know. It didn't matter if I was right, I had to do as I was told. That inevitably led to the next words of wisdom.*
- *You've told me all the ways this can't be done, now tell me how it will be done. I use this with my kids even now. He wanted me to stop coming up with how this can't be done and focus on how it could be done. He wanted to make it work, come hell or high water. He used to say "we're heading South, maybe Southwest but it's South"*
- *You're too black and white. You have to learn to dabble in shades of gray. I like things lined up and in order and life rarely is that way. I wanted a step by step plan and a reason for everything. He wanted me to learn to deal with ambiguity.*

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Cassandra Olson - January 08, 2019 at 05:03 PM



*Cassandra I think he may have seen some other f me in you and imparted wisdom on you that he gave to me. Believe me you will be better for the knowledge he imparted on you*

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**Shonne Keal** - June 30, 2019 at 11:35 PM