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MH. Keyes was born in Taylorsville, Mississippi to the late Rev. Matthew and Fannie Nobles Keyes on October 10, 1950. He was the seventh of eight children. He departed this life on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at his residence. Guided by his spiritual GPS, he was led down the path of righteousness. He began his Christian journey at an early age, accepting Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and becoming a member of the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Taylorsville, MS. Upon moving to Enterprise, MS, he united with the Old Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church, where he was ordained as a Deacon. When moving to Meridian, MS, he united with the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, where he served faithfully in many ministries. He served as a Deacon and as Chairman of the Deacon Ministry for many years. In addition, he was Laymen Director, Christian Education Ministry President, Sunday School Teacher, weekly Bible Study Teacher and member of the choir. He had a genuine passion for teaching and learning God's Word. Studying to show himself approved, he traveled across the nation to take Christian Educational courses. He received several certificates for completing 4-year seminars in Advanced Leadership Training through the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. He taught in the East Mississippi Baptist State Congress of Christian Education. As an active Layman, he is 1st Vice President of the East Mississippi Baptist State Laymen's Movement and is Director of the Second New Hope District Laymen's Movement. He always stood strong on his Baptist Doctrine beliefs. While in college, M H met and dated Sandra L King. On December 28, 1975, they were united in the holy state of matrimony. To this union, two daughters were born, Sanyika Lokassa and Monyette Helayne. As the spiritual patriarch of his family, he instilled moral values and promoted education in his children. He inspired and encouraged them to pursue high scholastic achievement. He was a hard worker of the Meridian/ Lauderdale County Alumni



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granddaughter Moniyah Helayna Davis; a grandson George Dexter Davis, II; 2 sisters Ruth (Darius) Edmonson of Enterprise, MS, Noble Ruth Gamble of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; 4 brothers Willie J. (Retha) Keyes of Williamsport, PA; Corby L. Keyes of Bethlehem, PA, Robert (Patricia) Keyes of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Jairus (Patricia) Keyes of Shreveport, LA; aunt Juamta Keyes; brothers-in-law, Joe Bennie (Doris) King, Huntsville, AL and Kelvin Daniel Kmg, Jackson, MS; sisters-in-law, Carol Faye Doby, Stonewall, MS and Yolanda (Kenneth) Jones Columbus MS and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Rev. Matthew Keyes, mother Fannie Nobles Keyes, brother Roy Keyes, father-in-law, Bennie King Jr., mother-in-law, Henrietta Blanks King and brother-in-law, Carl Ray King.



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