



## Robert Elmer Keyes

May 3, 1925 - March 20, 2016

Mr. Robert Elmer Keyes, 90, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2016, at Signature Healthcare at Parkwood in Lebanon. He was born on May 3, 1925, in Montgomery County, Indiana, a son of the late Ward Garth Keyes and Lucile Mamie (Marks) Keyes.

He graduated from Dover High School in 1943 and attended Purdue University for a short time.

On October 4, 1947, he was married to Hilda Marie (Denger) Keyes Centenary United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Indiana; she survives.

A lifelong resident of the Dover community, Robert had farmed until 1959 and continued to be semi-active renting out his farmland. He then became owner of Keyes Excavating, digging small lakes and farm ponds. He had dug more than 75 lakes in Boone County before retiring in 2000.

Robert was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed participating in the 4th of July and 4-H County parades, gardening and riding motorcycles.

Memberships:

Shannondale Presbyterian Church

Thorntown Masonic Lodge 113  
Indianapolis Scottish Rite  
Boone County Antique Tractor Club  
Shrine Motorcycle Competition Unit  
Boone County Shrine

Funeral Services will be held at on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.,  
at

Myers and Hunt Mortuary, 116 West Plum Street, Thorntown, Indiana.

Visitation is planned from 1:00 p.m. until time of service at the funeral home in  
Thorntown.

Interment will follow services at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Thorntown, Indiana.

Survivors:

Wife:

Hilda Marie Keyes – Lebanon, Indiana

Children:

William Robert “Bob” Keyes and wife, Cindy – Thorntown, Indiana

Barbara Ohlsen – Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Grandchildren:

Pam Cooper Bennett – Oklahoma

Jenny Cooper Sartin – Florida

Michael Anderson – Delaware

Brad Keyes – Lebanon, Indiana

Mandy Keyes Boggs – Thorntown, Indiana

Joshua Miller – Wisconsin

Thirteen Great Grandchildren

One Great Great Grandchild

Several Nieces and Nephews

Deceased: In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Kathleen Hight; brother, Thomas J. Keyes; and sister-in-law, Louise Keyes.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Roberts's honor to the charity of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Lawn Cemetery

Thorntown, IN 46071

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 23.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Myers & Hunt Mortuary  
116 West Plum Street  
Thorntown, IN 46071  
(765) 482-0620  
[office@myersmortuary.com](mailto:office@myersmortuary.com)  
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## Service

**MAR 23.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Elmer Keyes*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Betty Susong lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Keyes*



**Betty Susong** - March 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hilda, Bob, Cindy and family  
So sorry to hear of your loss  
I will have many memories of Bob on those many Shrine trips and  
parades that we went to  
Always a great man to be around and I know he will be missed by  
many  
We will keep you in our prayers*

**Kenny Kincaid** - March 22, 2016 at 07:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Robert Elmer Keyes.*



March 22, 2016 at 05:28 PM

LF

“ *Lois Keyes, Dennis Keyes and Family, Gerald Keyes and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Elmer Keyes.*



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**Lois Keyes, Dennis Keyes and Family, Gerald Keyes and Family** - March 22, 2016 at 04:58 PM

DK

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Hilda, Bob, Barb, and families. I have lots of memories as a kid, visiting the farm. I loved Robert's motorcycles! Great fun for a kid. Like Gerald, I am in New Albany on Wednesday and will not be able to make it back in time for the funeral. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Dennis Keyes** - March 22, 2016 at 04:16 PM

GK

“ *My thoughts and condolences to Hilda, Bob, Barb and their extended families on the passing of Robert. As a kid I enjoyed the trips to Dover to visit with everyone. I am out of town on business and will not be able to make it on Wednesday, but you are in my thoughts.*

*Gerald Keyes*

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**Gerald Keyes** - March 22, 2016 at 03:49 PM

BD

“ *Bob was always there to help out a neighbor in need. When my Dad broke his leg & couldnt farm, he came to help! God bless your family, Bob.*

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**Barbara Scott Darbutt** - March 22, 2016 at 01:59 PM

RL

“ Robert LaGue purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Robert Elmer Keyes.



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**Robert LaGue** - March 22, 2016 at 12:52 PM

TS

“ I remember him as kind and gentle. My Dad, Paul Marks, had better memories of Robert. I remember the kids better. So sorry for their loss. Prayers and condolences to the family. Terri & Terry Schocke

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**Terri Schocke** - March 22, 2016 at 07:35 AM

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“ The Marks 'Kids' purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Robert Elmer Keyes.



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**The Marks 'Kids'** - March 21, 2016 at 08:48 PM

TG

“ The Weidt Group purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Elmer Keyes.



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**The Weidt Group** - March 21, 2016 at 05:07 PM