



Gerald Paul Keen

February 25, 1939 - May 27, 2024

Gerald Paul Keen, 85, of Terrell, NC, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, May 27, 2024 surrounded by his family.

He was born on February 25, 1939 in Florida, to the late Samuel and Kate Flowers Keen. Mr. Keen was a veteran serving in the US Army. He was a Captain for Piedmont Airlines and then US Airways for 30 years. He was a member of Rehobeth United Methodist Church in Terrell, where he served as the church treasurer for 10 years and sang in the choir. He loved traveling with his wife. Mr. Keen enjoyed exercising, boating, and being on the water.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Bonnie Jo Hobson Keen; sons, Gerald P. Keen, Jr. (Audrie), Scott Keen (Nicole); grandchildren, Christopher Keen, Grace DeBaun, Grace Ann Keen, and Bonson Keen.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 4 from 2:00-3:00 PM with a service following at 3:00 PM at Rehobeth United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Robert Kerr officiating.

Memorials may be made to Rehobeth United Methodist Church, 9297 Sherrills Ford Rd, Terrell, NC 28682 or charity of your choice.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Keen

family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rehobeth United Methodist Church
9297 Sherrills Ford Road
P.O. Box 356
Terrell, NC 28682

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ Mike & Lena Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Paul Keen



Mike & Lena Williams - June 16, 2024 at 06:46 PM

DS

“ WHAT A GREAT SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN. I KNEW HIM FOR MOST OF OUR LIVES AND HE IS GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL OF HIS FAMILY.

DEWEY B. SHEFFIELD - June 04, 2024 at 11:28 AM

LF

“ Love from your Hidden Harbour Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Paul Keen.

Love from your Hidden Harbour Friends - June 04, 2024 at 09:01 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Gerald Paul Keen.



June 04, 2024 at 09:01 AM

BB

“ I flew F/E and F/O for Gerry for 3 years. Always a joy and a great trip every time.
And years later his son flew F/O for me and just like his Dad was a wonderful young man.
I will miss my friend.
Buddy Bowen

Buddy Bowen - June 03, 2024 at 05:32 PM

TF

“ The Lovelace Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Gerald Paul Keen.



The Lovelace Family - June 02, 2024 at 08:15 AM

JS

“ Jane And Billy Simpson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Paul Keen



Jane and Billy Simpson - June 01, 2024 at 08:34 AM

RW

“ Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Gerald Paul Keen



Ron Wall - May 31, 2024 at 09:52 AM

DM

“ I was an engineer on 727 in INT and he was F/O and flew F/O on 737 with Jerry as Capt in GSO . He was always a gentleman and competent pilot. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Darrell Moorefield

Darrell Moorefield - May 30, 2024 at 09:58 PM

TH

“ Bonnie , I'm so sorry to hear about Gerry . He was definitely a stand out in our class . The flight engineer was a tough course and If not for Gerry's tutoring it would have been a lot tougher. Gerry was a first class aviator and friend. Tom

TOM Harris - May 30, 2024 at 08:53 PM

BA

“ I always enjoyed flying with Bonnie and Gerry. Bonnie I am so sorry you have lost your love. May the memories of the fun times help replace the sadness.

Barbara Adams - May 30, 2024 at 05:58 PM

SB

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Gerry was my absolute favorite Captain to fly with. He spoke of his family often and was proud of Scott as a baby. Imagine my surprise when one Scott Keen showed up on the flight deck for a trip!
God speed Captain Gerry Keen.
Warmest regards,
Steven Brittain

Steven Brittain - May 30, 2024 at 04:26 PM

ME

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Captain Keen, but was happy to have followed in his footsteps at Piedmont. I will keep him and all his family in my prayers. May he rest in peace.
Captain Maria Eberle



Maria Eberle - May 30, 2024 at 03:57 PM

RW

“ Captain Keen was a real joy to fly with as one of his First officers . This is a very sad day for those of us who flew with him and had great admiration for his abilities . Just a total gentleman, a pleasure to fly with and I'm very sad about this loss .

Great sadness ,
Robert Lee Whitt
First Officer

Robert Lee Whitt - May 30, 2024 at 03:28 PM

LC

“ With fond memories of all the good times, we send love and prayers to you all. May God's love comfort you and be your strength. We love you.

Louise, Todd and Lesli

Lesli Cowdrey - May 30, 2024 at 03:14 PM

CF

“ Deepest of sympathies from his Piedmont Silver Eagle family

Colleen Fields - May 30, 2024 at 01:57 PM

LK

“ *Lester Keen lit a candle in memory of Gerald Paul Keen*



lester keen - May 29, 2024 at 07:50 PM

GH

“ *Thank you Gerry for all your love and support of me over the years! Helping me during some tough times, all the family fun on the lake and especially for loving my aunt Bonnie Jo. You might not have realized when you married her you got everybody! Thank you for loving Nannie and Pa and taking them places that they would always remember. You inspired us all and you were the best boat driver and patient teacher as ya'll taught us all how to ski. And you loved to have fun! Thank you for all the memories and I love you!*
Ginger Dee

Ginger Hamric - May 29, 2024 at 07:53 AM

IB

Gerry was a great guy to fly with. Excellent, professional, and a pleasure to share the cockpit with.

Ivan Beach - May 30, 2024 at 04:06 PM

CP

Gerry was a joy to be around and fly with. He was a true aviator, and a real professional. May God's love comfort the family in their time of need.

Charles Pflum - May 30, 2024 at 05:43 PM

JM

I was a brand-new YS-11 F/O July of 79. Gerry was one of the very first Capt. I had the pleasure of flying with and he left a lasting impression on me. Gerry was a great guy and a true professional airline pilot who set the bar very high for the rest of us to follow. RIP Captain Keen, gone but never forgotten sir.

Jim Morris

Jim Morris - May 30, 2024 at 09:34 PM

NM

Bonnie, I am so sorry to hear about Gerry. We have many great memories of the early years of our families living on Lake Norman. He was a great pilot at Piedmont and a good friend. Deepest Sympathies, Neal McCann

Neal McCann - May 31, 2024 at 07:13 AM

RF

So sorry for your loss. Will be praying for you and the family as you go on this journey.

Rick & Elizabeth Foster - May 31, 2024 at 07:42 AM

JH

I was so sorry to hear about Gerry. I had the honor and privilege to fly with Gerry quite a few times when I was an f/o on the 727. He was a true southern gentleman and always such a joy to fly with. One trip he even gave his "captains" hotel room to my wife and I because it was such a nice room. Such an incredible man. God speed Gerry.

Joe and Janet Hamernick - June 05, 2024 at 06:03 PM