



Mr. Keith Arnell Ross

January 7, 1964 - January 9, 2025

Keith Arnell Ross passed away peacefully at his home on January 9, 2025 with his wife and family by his side.

Keith was born on January 7, 1964, in Gainesville, Florida, to the late Ladis Wilbur Ross and Lillie Mae Davis Ross. Keith was a devoted husband, father, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and godfather and true Friend. He is preceded in death by his father, Ladis W. Ross; mother, Lillie Mae Ross; and brother, Demetrius Ross.

Keith is survived by his loving and supportive wife, Shivonie Ross, three devoted children, LaTara Ross, Keith LaJarvis Ross, and Graylon Ross; three bonus children, Greg Hall, Ram Hoobraj, and Rohit Hoobraj.

Keith also leaves behind one sister and seven brothers; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Throughout his high school years, Keith demonstrated exceptional athletic prowess, earning letters in four sports: football, basketball, baseball, and track. Keith's academic and athletic achievements presented him with multiple college opportunities.

Initially, he chose to sign a scholarship with the University of Florida to play football. However, he was subsequently drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies to play professional baseball. Following three years in the minor leagues, Keith

revisited his desire to play college football and signed with Florida State University.

Upon completing his tenure at FSU, Keith graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He then embarked on a career as a police officer, driven by a passion to serve his community with dignity, character, love, and a commitment to protect and defend.

Keith served for over 20 years in various counties, including Alachua, Baker, and Seminole, before retiring on January 9, 2019.

The viewing is Friday, January 24, 2025 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Grace at Fort Clarke in Gainesville, FL.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Grace at Fort Clarke in Gainesville, FL.

Professional funeral services are provided by Chestnut Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Plain United Methodist Church Cemetery

1910 NW 166th St.
Newberry, FL 32669

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grace at Ft. Clarke Church
9325 W Newberry Rd.
Gainesville, FL 32606

Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace at Ft. Clarke Church
9325 W Newberry Rd.
Gainesville, FL 32606

Tribute Wall

RW

“ Nice to meet this handsome guy whom went home to be with lord amen

Robyn Wright - January 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM

CF

“ Chandler and family - Sanford FI purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.



Chandler and family - Sanford FI - January 24, 2025 at 08:44 AM

MF

“ MaShira , Shannette and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.



MaShira , Shannette and Family - January 23, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LS

“ Larry Thomas Sr. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.



Larry Thomas Sr. - January 23, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.

January 23, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ Deputy Ross was a very professional individual that always has a smile on his face. He was one of my experienced trainers in PAR in the juvenile division. Even through the difficult moves, Deputy. Ross kept that smile which ensured you that no matter how difficult the move, you had the ability to overcome the challenge. To his family and friends, remember the good times and continue to smile. Deputy Ross will truly be missed!

Cathy Rouse

cathy rouse - January 22, 2025 at 06:33 AM



“ Keith and I served proudly in the Juvenile Enforcement Center during my tenure there 2004 through 2010. Having Keith as my partner was a true blessing. His heart was gold and his spirit always joyful despite the circumstance. Mickel and I regret we aren't able to be there with the family in this difficult time due to prior commitments, but want the family to know we are with them in their pain and express our most sincere condolences. More than a coworker/partner, Keith was an angel we will always remember for his faith and steadfast approach to pouring into our community. In so many ways he also poured into us. Rest in Heaven Keith A. Ross. Gone but never forgotten. Until we meet again. - Mickel & Linmary Green

Lin & Mickel Green - January 21, 2025 at 11:38 AM

SL

“ Keith, Carey and I were so saddened to hear of your passing. You always had a smile on your face and were such a Great person to work with and be around. You will be forever remembered my friend and will be truly missed in this world. We will keep your entire family in our thoughts and prayers.

Shane & Carey Love

Shane & Carey Love - January 21, 2025 at 10:25 AM

JR

“ My name is James Rouse and I worked with Keith in the Juvenile Division of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. Keith was well liked by his peers and I can say that there was not a day that I worked with him that I didn't see a smile on his face. Keith will be missed by all who knew and loved him. God bless his family in this difficult time.

James Anthony Rouse - January 21, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.



January 17, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.

January 17, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.



January 16, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.

January 16, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Pastor Darryl & Lady LaSheltra King purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.



Pastor Darryl & Lady LaSheltra King - January 13, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ Pastor Darryl & Lady LaSheltra King planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Keith Arnell Ross.

Pastor Darryl & Lady LaSheltra King - January 13, 2025 at 10:41 PM