



## William Alvin Keller Jr.

June 7, 1943 - October 21, 2024

William (Bill) Alvin Keller, Jr., loving husband and father, went home to be with the Lord on October 21, 2024. Bill was born in Washington, DC on June 7, 1943 to William A. Keller and Mildred Foster. Bill grew up in St. Petersburg, FL and graduated from Boca Ciega High School. He graduated from Atlanta Christian College (now Point University) in Georgia where he met his wife, Donna. He was a minister, a youth minister and a song leader to churches in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana and Florida. He also attended Lincoln Seminary in Illinois. In 1973, Bill moved back to St. Petersburg. He was an active member of Central Christian Church where he served as Sunday School teacher, Elder, minister to the seniors and sang in the church choir, solos and in various quartets. He portrayed Jesus in the church's Easter production of King All Glorious for over 15 years. He worked at Publix 35 years. He is preceded in death by his sister, Renee Keller. He leaves many loving memories with Donna his wife of 58 years; his sons Bill Keller and David Keller (Sharmane) both of St. Petersburg; his sisters Jody McGee of Spring Hill, FL and Jeanne Johnson (Michael) of Seminole, FL and several nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held at Central Christian Church, 6161 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL on November 3, 2024, at 3:00 pm with a reception following. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you please send memorial gifts to Central Christian Church.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life and Reception

NOV 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

Central Christian Church  
6161 22nd Ave North  
St. Petersburg, FL

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for sharing the service online! Donna, you and Bill have always and will continue to hold a very special place in my heart! I'm so glad I got to see you both this past summer when I was there visiting. Bill's smile was one that could light up a room. His faith was evident in his life to anyone he met. I grew up as part of the Easter Pageants over the years from a young child through my teens. Bill always portrayed Jesus in such a wonderful way. So believable. He had a warm, kind, and loving spirit about him. A true man of God!

*Much love and hugs to you and the family. Teresa (Litten) and David Fittro, England*

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**Teresa Fittro** - November 03, 2024 at 04:40 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the Keller Family. Bill you will be truly missed. The gentle, kind man touched so many of us. It was such a honor to have been part of your life. Love, Natalie McGee Seain & family

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**Natalie Swain** - October 31, 2024 at 09:49 AM

JR

“ When I told John of Bill's passing, his first comments were, “He was such a great man!” “He played Jesus in the church play!” We remember him fondly from Central Christian, and from Publix! He had a sweet spirit and a great smile! Our condolences to Donna and family! Gerri and John Rouse

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**John and Gerri Rouse** - October 30, 2024 at 06:55 PM

RJ

“ Brother Bill, we love you and we will truly missed you, our hearts are broken, but knowing that your free to be the with Lord, bring joy. R.I.P and mayGod bring comfort the Keller family.  
Ralph and Markarida Jordan

Ralph Jordan/ Markarida Jordan - October 30, 2024 at 05:39 PM

SG

“ Bill was such an Awesome man 🤔🙏 I will never forget hm taking my Cocoa to his Grandma 😊 He will be truly missed but happy he is in His forever home 🙏

Suzette Gieschen - October 30, 2024 at 05:30 PM

DR

“ Mr. Keller was a good man and a great example of a Christian. I will always remember the time I spent with him in Central's choir. He was always smiling and ready to give a hug to anyone who needed it.

Deena Rustemeyer - October 30, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ I know the Heavenly choir added a new member with Bill. I 1st met him at church where he was constantly painting a property building/house. He had a full time job but seemed to be at the church every free minute he had. Everyone told me "wait until he sings...." and sure enough, he was as advertised. If there ever was a Saint who walked among us, it was Bill!

Tom Phillips - October 30, 2024 at 04:42 PM