

James W. Key, Sr.

January 29, 1932 – December 20, 2023

James W. Key, Sr., was born to Willie Rice and Annie Aultman Key of Jasper, Alabama, on January 29, 1932. In his 91 years on this Earth, he accomplished many amazing things, but none that he held in higher esteem than being a humble servant to his Savior, Jesus Christ. James went home to be with the Lord on December 20, 2023. James dedicated his life to the service of others. He was a life-long executive of MetLife Insurance for over forty years (and never seemed to find time to retire). He was also a dedicated Treasurer of the Western Hills Lions Club; and a noble veteran of the U.S. Army with service during the Korean War. James' greatest accomplishment was and is his family. James was married to the love of his life, Nina Theresa Monte Key for 60 years until her passing in 2015. James and Nina had 4 children: James "Jim" (Kathy) W. Key, Jr., Kathryn Marie Smith, Charles Anthony (Gina) Key, and Marian Elizabeth (Richard) Nixon. Jim and Marian preceded their father in death. James is also survived by his grandchildren: Kalista Marie (Frank) Alexander, Maria Elizabeth (Anthony) Cesario, Scott Matthew (Stephanie) Hoven, Melissa Marie (Brad) Edwards, Matthew James (Chassidy) Key, Christina Marie (Lucas Payne) Key, and Zachary Dean Key. He was most proud of his 11 beautiful great grandchildren. James was a faithful member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, and Knights of Columbus. James left all those who were blessed to know him with a legacy of faithfulness and love. A visitation will be held on Friday, January 12, 2024 at 9 AM with Mass following at 10 AM and inurnment after Mass in Our Lady of the Valley Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, James asked that any contributions be dedicated to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.