



## Dimitra "Jimmie" Keyes

May 4, 2020

Guest Book for Dimitra Keyes Service (<https://www.guestregistry.com/direct.php?k=ZGpxdEorVnBCTytrR1VWcTRUUE1OZz09Ojo3MjVIOGVmNzk4ZWlyODA0MWNhMjBIY2Y1OWIzMDQwMg>)

Dimitra Evangelo "Jimmie" Keyes, 91, passed into eternal life with her Savior Jesus Christ on May 4, 2020. Jimmie has gone on to be reunited with her beloved husband of 55 years, the late Glen Corwin Keyes, Sr. Jimmie and Glen shared a lifetime of precious moments and funny stories. They were members of Pinecrest Baptist Church.

In 1942 at the age of 13, Dimitra began serving the community working at the Seaboard Pharmacy in downtown Portsmouth. In the mid 1950's because of her dedication, hard work and witty nature Sidney Karp moved Dimitra to Karp's Pharmacy at "Alexander's Corner" This is where the Portsmouth Legend of "Jimmie" from Karp's began. If this rings a bell it is because either you or your family member have been served a "Limeaid" or "Cherry Coke" by Jimmie during her 30 plus years working the Soda Counter. Though she loved all of us from Portsmouth, when you visited Jimmie at Karp's it did not take you long to realize that Jimmie was dedicated to Woodrow Wilson High School with loads of Wilson Memorabilia on display at the soda fountain. If for some reason you remember when these drinks were a nickel, you probably started visiting Jimmie many years ago and will know that she did not take any mess from anyone. Jimmie was a very caring and giving person. Many times, helping kids with paying for their meals. There are a few of you that may have benefited from Jimmie's donations to Wilson Football and Cheerleading. She even paid for a few "Letterman" Jackets. Jimmie also reserved multiple tables at "Mario's" where she provided pizza dinners for many of her extended Wilson family following Friday Night Football Games.

In the early 1960s while working the Soda Fountain, one customer made such an impression on Jimmie that she told herself that "He will be my Husband". This is when Glen Keyes from the Portsmouth Police Dept. won her heart. Jimmie and Glen began their 55-year love story in 1963. Starting a family and remaining proud supporters of

Portsmouth for years to come.

In the more recent years Jimmie's family remember her for always being supportive loving and giving to them. Jimmie has been known to drop a few dollars on the toy aisle floor for her grandkids to find at Walmart, as well as losing some paint off of Glen's car in the Taco Bell parking lot after picking her grandkids up from school. At Glen's request Jimmie's driving license is actually still valid "Just In Case".

She is survived by her children, Dianne Ewell & her forever Les Doggett, Susan Sumner (Buddy), Peggy Kalmbach (Cliff), Corey Keyes; grandchildren, David Ewell, Jr., Kelsey Ewell, Kimberly Bubar, Lisa Sumner, Meredith Callaway, Ashley Spelts; 8 great-grandchildren; countless nieces and nephews; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Louise Evangelo, Joan Evangelo, Juanita Bryant, David Keyes (Kitty) and Bonnie Keyes. Jimmie outlived all five of her siblings, Angelo Evangelo, Sr., Kaliopy Byrd, Paulene McCloud, William Evangelo and George Evangelo.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the nurses and doctors for the excellent care given to Jimmie during her time at Maryview Hospital. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jimmie's name may be made to the Maryview Foundation, 3636 High Street Portsmouth, VA 23707

To celebrate her life and to stay socially distance compliant a drive-up service only will be held at 3pm Thursday in the parking lot of Pinecrest Baptist Church. She will be laid to rest with her husband at the Albert G. Horton Jr Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. This service will be private.

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pinecrest Baptist Church  
Felton and Mimosa Roads  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Deepest sympathy to the family of Dimitra Keys. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Even though we had not been in touch in recent years, her brother (George) shared many memories of growing up together and how special the family was.

*Louise Evangelo Steinbruck(sister in-law) and Nephew Allen Evangelo*

Louise Steinbruck - May 08, 2020 at 04:42 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. While we didn't know your mom, it sounds like you have many wonderful memories of her and all the care and kindness she gave to so many people. I'm sure that we drank a few of her limeades. May she rest in peace.

*Minnie and Don Mathias*

Minnie Mathias - May 08, 2020 at 12:25 PM

LS

“ Beautiful service Dianne. So glad I could attend. 🙏🙏😊

Lorie Shepherd - May 07, 2020 at 03:26 PM

BB

*Beautiful tribute Diane  
Prayers and comforting thoughts*

beverly Bobi - May 09, 2020 at 06:51 AM

RD

“ I was here for your service , just like you were also here for us policemen. Rip jimmy, time to take over the soda fountain in heaven

Ronnie Davis - May 07, 2020 at 02:47 PM

CB

“ Chuck Boyd lit a candle in memory of Dimitra "Jimmie" Keyes



Chuck Boyd - May 07, 2020 at 12:52 PM

BS

“ Mrs Keyes you were like a Grandmother to us growing up. I remember coming over to watch the baseball games as I was growing up. You would always have a special treat for my daughter everytime I came to visit my parents. You will be dearly missed.😞

Bobby Shea - May 06, 2020 at 06:35 PM

BL

My thoughts are with you all at this sad time. Your mother was a wonderful lady with a kind & loving heart. I pray that God will give you strength & comfort to get through the coming days & weeks. Bonnie Lester, Suffolk, VA

Bonnie Lester - May 07, 2020 at 09:49 AM

TR

“ Teresa Boyd Rutter lit a candle in memory of Dimitra "Jimmie" Keyes



Teresa Boyd Rutter - May 06, 2020 at 04:40 PM

PM

“ She was THE ICON of Karp's Pharmacy...she'll be greatly missed...she left many of us with great memories...prayers and love for the family....Patty Manning

Patty Manning - May 06, 2020 at 04:26 PM