



## Keith Joseph Maurice

July 18, 2017

Keith Joseph Maurice quietly passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at Sharp Memorial Hospital. He was 60 years old. Keith was born March 10, 1957 in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Carolyn Williams and Raoul Maurice, and grew up there with his parents Gloria G. Vander and the late Joseph Vander. Keith attended St. Augustine High School and was a graduate of Abramson Senior High. In 1979, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was based in Southern California and other duty stations including Hawaii where he worked in aviation electronics and flight engineering. After a twenty-two year career in the Navy, Keith retired but continued to work there as a civilian for some time. Afterwards, he was employed as a flight engineer with Avenge, Inc. where he worked in Afghanistan.

Keith was married to Merdis Jackson and their union lasted for thirty-three years. In addition to Merdis, Keith is survived by his mother, Gloria, his siblings Karen Tyson and Dr. Robin G. Vander both of New Orleans, LA, Michael Williams (Charmaine) of Dallas, TX, Carol Celestin (Elvincent) of St. James, LA, Monica Johnson (Larry) of Plaquemine, LA, Glyniss Desira (Darrell) of Sorrento, LA, Glynn Williams (Emelda) of Darrow, LA, Bruce Lee (Katarina) of Louisville, KY, Briant Lee of Donaldsonville, LA, Gary Lee of Gonzales, LA, and Donice Plain (Joseph) of Baton Rouge, LA; Elice Johnson (Warren) of Oxnard, CA; his mother-in-law Kay F. Jackson of Long Beach, aunts Emma Lewis of Virginia Beach, VA, Peggy Richardson of Canal Winchester, OH, Betty Lowery (Valery) of Baton Rouge, LA, Selma Harrison

and Melba Vander both of Slidell, LA, Pearl Ducre of Picayune, MS, and his uncle Rev. Shovie Ducre (Geralyn) of Lacombe, LA; sisters-in-law Francine Walker Jackson and RoseMarie Jackson (James) both of Long Beach, brother-in-law Robert A. Jackson (Margo) of Lakewood; godsiblings Eleanor Chapital and Michael Southall both of New Orleans, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, friends and coworkers.

On July 25, 2017, funeral services with full military honors were held in San Diego, California.

For relatives and friends throughout Louisiana, funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 11:00AM at Living the Word International, 2528 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, Louisiana. Visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00AM. Interment scheduled for Monday, July 31, 2017 at 10:00AM at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, 34888 Grantham College Drive, Slidell, Louisiana. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. To sign the guest book please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com)

In lieu of flowers please donate to The New Orleans Golden Eagles Organization – Black Pilots of America. P.O. Box 26184 New Orleans, LA 70186; email [www.nogepilots@gmail.com](mailto:www.nogepilots@gmail.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Southeast LA Veterans Cemetery

Slidell, LA

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Living the Word International Church  
2528 Old Spanish Trail  
Slidell, LA 70433

## Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Living the Word International Church  
2528 Old Spanish Trail  
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# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ You are and will always be the Love of my Life. Rest In Peace as you are home now❤️



Merdis Jackson-Maurice - August 17, 2017 at 12:38 PM

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“ After a 25 year gap in our friendship I was able to reconnect with Keith on Facebook. Sadly in less than a year Keith was gone. So today I will be thankful for that short time of rekindled friendship and sharing memories - being stationed at North Island, playing volleyball, talking about where the Navy took us both on active duty and after, our lives and loves (Peggy and Jan), and plans for retirement. I Loved his laugh, those blue eyes, and his bigger than life approach to everything. Keith you are missed. In the old Navy tradition, Fair Winds and Following Seas, my friend. Miriam Smith US Navy (Retired)

Miriam Smith - July 29, 2017 at 09:34 AM

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“ Des Domio sent a virtual gift in memory of Keith Joseph Maurice



Des Domio - July 27, 2017 at 04:24 PM