



W Mae Braxton Keyes

March 20, 1948 - November 24, 2025

W. Mae Braxton Keyes transitioned peacefully on November 24, 2025, at Norwalk Hospital. She was born in New Kent, Virginia on March 20, 1948, to Walter and Audrey Jones Braxton. After graduating high school, she continued her education at Winston-Salem University and completed her bachelor's degree at Kean University, followed by obtaining a Master's of Social Work degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She completed both degrees with honors, a reflection of her determination, discipline, and commitment to excellence. Mae was married to James Allen Keyes, who preceded her in death. Their union was blessed with one son, Jeremy, whom they loved dearly. After moving to Basking Ridge, NJ and then settling in Weston, CT., they cheered Jeremy on in academics and athletics, through high school and at Dartmouth College. Allen's passing in 2001 was deeply saddening, as Jeremy and his mother's bond became stronger. Mae attended every one of Jeremy's college games, home and away (even if he was riding the bench). She continued to cheer on Jeremy throughout his life, through his career in New York, his marriage to his wife, Jillian, and the joys of fatherhood. During her 20-year career with the Social Security Administration, she helped people from all walks of life plan for their future during difficult times. The drive to help others naturally aligned with her faith, was evident in her servitude at Union Baptist Church where she served as a trustee and director of the senior ministry, Autumn Gold. After retirement, she enjoyed spending as much time as possible with her adored grandchildren Billie and

Zachary and traveling the world with the dapper Mr. Dan Williams. Mae also served as a family historian, parsing through historical records to help ensure the family's genealogical roots. Her legacy of love and commitment will be treasured by her son, Jeremy and his wife Jillian, adored grandchildren Billie and Zachary, her sister; Joyce Williams, her devoted friend; Dan Williams, nephew, Jason Williams and wife Holly, niece, Holly McMahon and husband Corey, great niece; Arden Williams, great nephew; Braxton Williams and a host of extended family and friends. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am, followed by a service of celebration at 11:00 am at Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Ave., Stamford, CT. Rev. Dr. Andre L. Bradley, officiant. Interment will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at Third Union Baptist Church Cemetery, King William, Virginia.

Cemetery Details

Third Union Baptist Church Cemetery

King William, VA

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Listen, Mae was a rare and beautiful light. She carried herself with such elegance and had a way of making every gathering feel special & making you feel like family. A true hostess whose home, stories, and incredible cooking created unforgettable moments. We will always remember her grace, her joy, and the love she shared so generously. Our hearts are with your family as you celebrate her remarkable life.

With love, ^[SEP]

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MARK & SHARON - December 02, 2025 at 12:01 PM

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“ Mae was such a kind soft-spoken soul. When I was in town I would attend my home church Union Baptist and run into Mae and we would chat about autumn gold. My Mom, Eddie Mae Latta, was a member and kept things lively (as I am told) My Mom recently passed also (Nov. 13) so I guess they will have to start another Senior Autumn Gold in Heaven!



Jeremy & family, Keep the Memories alive!

Gale Houser (DuBois)

Chesterfield, VA (formerly Norwalk CT)

Gale Houser (DuBois) - December 01, 2025 at 08:54 PM

RF

“ Robert, Dawn, R.J. & Kayla Foy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of W Mae Braxton Keyes.



Robert, Dawn, R.J. & Kayla Foy - December 01, 2025 at 07:35 AM

JJ

“ Jim, Jeannine & Kelly Ahern of New Jersey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of W Mae Braxton Keyes.



Jim, Jeannine & Kelly Ahern of New Jersey - November 30, 2025 at 04:21 PM

JJ

“ Jim, Jeannine & Kelly Ahern of New Jersey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of W Mae Braxton Keyes.

Jim, Jeannine & Kelly Ahern of New Jersey - November 30, 2025 at 04:21 PM

TR

“ Theresa and Ruthie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of W Mae Braxton Keyes.



Theresa and Ruthie - November 30, 2025 at 12:38 PM

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Theresa and Ruthie - November 30, 2025 at 12:38 PM

DA

“ Extending my condolences and prayers

Dawn AtkinsMcDonald - November 29, 2025 at 07:13 PM

LE

“ Lauren and Mitch Eisenman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of W Mae Braxton Keyes.



Lauren and Mitch Eisenman - November 28, 2025 at 01:12 PM

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“ Lauren and Mitch Eisenman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of W Mae Braxton Keyes.

Lauren and Mitch Eisenman - November 28, 2025 at 01:12 PM

JP

“ To Jeremy and Joyce and the entire family I give my sincere condolences. Mae was a true and genuine friend and my dearest sister in Christ. Mae and I share many luncheons together we had a strong bond of sharing the word of God with each other. It is so many things I can say about her but I know she was a phenomenal woman it's nothing she will not do for you. She always care and want the best for you. I am going to missed her so much. She made sure she pick me up to go to church. My sister you are in the heavenly Gates with God and I pray my loving kindness that you share for me and others. spread on the love that you touch in our lives. Rest my sister in God l heavenly Gates. Forever through eternity love you. 🙏👼💕💕💕 Love your Sister/ Cousin / Friend Joy Poteau

Joy Poteau - November 26, 2025 at 01:45 PM

DS

Family of Mae, I was saddened to learn of the passing of your loved one. Please accept my deepest condolences. Cherish the memories you shared and know that she is at resting and at peace.
Sincerely,

Dawn Solomon - November 26, 2025 at 02:44 PM

CC

To The Family of W. Mae Braxton Keyes my heartfelt sympathy. I praise God for your beautiful benevolent spirit and love for God and The Church. I truly will miss you on Sunday sitting in our section. I am grateful for all of your kind deeds helping others. May God comfort your Family and Friends. Carolyn

C. Cropper - November 27, 2025 at 08:18 PM

MS

To The Family of Walda Mae Braxton Keyes, we express our heartfelt love, condolences and prayers. For many years we were blessed with the angelic presence of our beloved friend and Sister in Christ, Walda Mae Keyes. A quiet spirit, She possessed a compassionate sweet demeanor which she generously shared with all who knew her. She was a strong Woman of God who replicated a Christ like life in her devotion to the Master and her incredible service to others. She labored diligently for the Lord at Union Baptist Church. During Sunday morning Services she cordially greeted new attendees and embraced longtime members with a beneficent word. An individual of multiple and diverse talents and abilities, Mae served as a Trustee for many years. She was also instrumental in organizing the Women's Ministry; and served as chairperson of The Fortieth Pastoral Anniversary among numerous other committees. More recently, she was the Director of the Autumn Gold Senior Ministry. The implementation of her impeccable skills resulted in the presentation of beautiful celebratory dinners, programs and excursions which enriched our lives. Much time was also devoted to the Union Social Services and Union Enterprise Incorporated Ministries. Yet, she always had time to telephone or email us. She brought joy to ones life through the sharing of her delicious homemade pound cakes, brownies, and dinner rolls, and meals. We praise and thank God for her.-Margaret. Smith

Margaret J. Smith - November 29, 2025 at 02:45 PM

AC

To Family of W. Mae Keyes, we extend our heartfelt prayers and sympathy. Allen, was a graduate of the Class of 1963. We were always happy to see the two of them celebrating with us. She always brought joy to our class. We thank God for Mae. The Carters- Alvin and Wylena of King William, VA.

Alvin and Wylena Carter - November 30, 2025 at 11:37 PM