



## Ira M. "Sonny" Keener Jr.

October 13, 1932 - October 3, 2025

Ira M. "Sonny" Keener, Jr., 92, of Taylortown, Dunkard Twp., Pa., died Friday, October 3, 2025, following a brief illness. Born in Dunkard on October 13, 1932, he was a son of the late Nannie (Kiger) and Ira M. Keener, Sr.

A graduate of Mapletown High School, Sonny served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He retired from Duquesne Light's Warwick Mine in Greensboro, and was a member of the U.M.W.A., the American Legion and the V.F.W., and a faithful member for many years of the First Baptist Church of Dunkard. He was a skilled finish carpenter and mason by trade, and was well known in the area for his ability to build or repair just about anything.

On Dec. 15, 1957, he married his wife, Kathryn "Katy" Weaver. After they raised their children, they enjoyed camping and traveling in their camper. She passed away after 57 years of marriage on March 12, 2015. Also deceased are sisters, Mildred Donley and Melva Wilson, and brothers, Emmett and Roy Keener.

Surviving are two children, Valetta Shuppe of Saltsburg, Pa., and Randy Keener and wife Teresa of Norfolk, Va.; one granddaughter, Yvonne Shuppe of Ruffsdale, Pa; a step-sister, Lois Dieson of Star City, W.Va., several nieces and nephews and their families; and his in-laws, Joe and Linda Weaver of Mount Morris, Pa., and Dixie Dahmer of Weston, W.Va.

Honoring his wishes, there will be no public services at this time. A memorial for family and friends is being planned for later date. Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, Pa.

# Tribute Wall

VS

“ Valetta Shuppe lit a candle in memory of Ira M. "Sonny" Keener Jr.



Valetta Shuppe - October 21, 2025 at 09:43 AM

CC

“ Sonny was our neighbor for 11 years, before we moved to Myrtle Beach. My kids loved going to visit him & Katy. Even after we moved, we still received a Christmas card from him. Thoughts & prayers are with his family and friends...Steve & Courtney Cummings Family

Courtney Cummings - October 06, 2025 at 11:16 PM

DH

“ Debra Henry lit a candle in memory of Ira M. "Sonny" Keener Jr.



Debra Henry - October 05, 2025 at 09:34 PM

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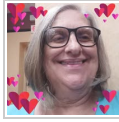
Sonny was a good friend of my dad and mother peanuts and Rose Kendralla. They both thought the world of him. Rip Sonny.

Debra Henry - October 05, 2025 at 09:36 PM

VS

*Thanks Debra. I remember your mom and dad! In fact, I helped my dad pour the sidewalk at your parents house many years ago!*

**Valetta Keener Shuppe** - October 06, 2025 at 12:50 PM



*Valetta and Randy my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

**Karen Shorraw** - October 07, 2025 at 08:39 AM

RF

“ *Rebecca Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Ira M. "Sonny" Keener Jr.*



**Rebecca Ferguson** - October 05, 2025 at 06:08 PM

RF

“ *I am so grateful that Sonny invited me to his church at First Baptist Church of Taylortown, which is now my home church. A true gentleman, who I will remember his stories, gentleness and kindness and above all his love for Christ.*

**Rebecca Ferguson** - October 05, 2025 at 06:07 PM

AM

“ *I worked with Sonny in the 70s when I was just starting out as a carpenter, and he taught me just about everything I know about woodworking. Condolences to his family, I hate to hear that such a great guy is no longer with us.*

**Andrew Michniak** - October 05, 2025 at 11:50 AM

VS

*He lived a good long relatively healthy life Andrew. Thank you for your condolences.*

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**Valetta Keener Shuppe** - October 06, 2025 at 12:53 PM