



## Sylvester R. Keeler

July 19, 1943 - January 25, 2026

Sylvester Ray Keeler of Bowling Green, Kentucky, was a native of Chicago, Illinois. Sylvester found his path to glory on January 25, 2026, at the age of 82 years, 6 months, and 6 days. Sylvester was born to the late James Keeler and Glynn Townsend Keeler and was preceded in death by his brother, James Keeler Jr.

Sylvester was of Christian faith and formerly attended St. James Church of God & Christ. He retired after 24 years of service at Cook County Hospital, where he was an EKG Tech and Phlebotomist. Sylvester loved cowboy movies. You would often find him just witnessing to his friends and those he met. Sylvester was a Civil Rights Leader and Activist, and a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC, pronounced "snick") in Winona, Mississippi.

Sylvester and Gwendolyn Fridge married on May 14, 1999, in Lexington, Kentucky, and have been married for 27 years.

Sylvester will be greatly missed. He leaves his wife, Gwendolyn Fridge-Keeler, with many wonderful memories of their lives together. Cousins, Rita Teague, Arnold Townsend, Gayle Boclair, and Barbara Bibbs.

Cremation was Chosen.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son Mortuary.

# Tribute Wall

GK

“ *Gwen Keeler lit a candle in memory of  
Sylvester R. Keeler*



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**Gwen Keeler** - February 16 at 06:39 AM

KD

“ *Kathleen Donan lit a candle in memory of  
Sylvester R. Keeler*



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**Kathleen donan** - February 14 at 11:35 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of  
Sylvester R. Keeler*



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**cheryl Hewitt** - February 13 at 06:58 PM



“ *Dear Keeler Family,*

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

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**Cedric Burnam** - February 13 at 01:06 PM