



## Rev. Gerald Keith Gordon

October 5, 1946 - February 18, 2021

Reverend Gerald Keith Gordon, 74, went to be with his Heavenly Father Thursday morning, February 18, 2021, at his home.

Keith was born on October 5, 1946, in Picayune, MS, to Reverend G.H. and Miriam Gordon. As a young man, he felt the call to the ministry. He was ordained by Creston Hills Baptist Church in Jackson, MS. After graduating from Provine High School in 1965, he moved to Laurel, MS, to attend Southeastern Baptist College (1965-1970). He later earned his B.S. from William Carey University (1978), M. Div. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (1981), and D. Min. also from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (1986).

During his 56 years in the ministry, he served Union Baptist Church, Bay Springs, MS (1965-1972); Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, MS (1972-1976); Centerville Baptist Church, Soso, MS (1976-1981); East Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, MS (1981-1995); Preaching and Worship Consultant at Missouri Baptist Convention (1995-1999); Consultant in the Pastor Leadership Department at Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (1999-2014); First Baptist Church, Raleigh, MS (2015-2019), and Chaplain Mississippi State Hospital (2019-2020).

His heart for spreading the Gospel led to an evangelistic preaching tour in the

West Indies (1984), a stewardship campaign in the Republic of South Africa (1988), a preaching and teaching tour into Belarus (1995), a pastor's conference tour in Ukraine (2001), a church planter's conference in Kazakhstan (2005), and still on-going partnership missions in the United Kingdom (2007- present).

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his eldest sister, Tessa Gordon Darst. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Judy Holifield Gordon; daughter, Dr. Jessica E. Gordon; son, Gerald K. Gordon, II (Lauren); grandson, Nicholas Gordon; sisters, Cathy Johnson (Jay), Asheville, NC, Donna Strickland (Nick), Gulfport, MS, Connie Lowe, Laurel, MS, and a number of nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 5:00- 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 25, 2021, at First Baptist Church Shady Grove, Laurel, MS. A memorial service will be Friday, February 26, 2021, at 2:00 PM, also at First Baptist Church Shady Grove. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery

4514 Hy 15 N  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Shady Grove  
4514 Highway 15 North  
Laurel, MS 39443

## Service

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Shady Grove  
4514 Highway 15 North  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Tribute Wall



“ Keith was/is a dear, lifelong friend. Met him when I was 6 years old. Keith was true to his Lord, his family and his ministerial calling He leaves a legacy ("you are the light of the world, salt of the earth", "hallowed be thy Name"). Amen!

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**Perry Sanderford** - February 26, 2021 at 07:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Gerald Keith Gordon.



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February 25, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ Judy,

*My heart breaks for you and your family, but as Christians we rejoice because we know where they are. Your Keith and my James are rejoicing with the Lord, whole and well. I send my prayers and love to you as you begin the challenging process of navigating life without your beloved husband. God will take every step with you.*

*Much love,*

*Pat Holifield*

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**Pat Holifield** - February 25, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rev. Gerald Keith Gordon.



February 25, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Rev. Gerald Keith Gordon.



February 25, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Rev. Gerald Keith Gordon.



February 25, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Rev. Gerald Keith Gordon.



February 25, 2021 at 10:53 AM

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“ We remember your special visits.

*Oscar and Lexie Montgomery*

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**Debbie Bryant** - February 25, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Gerald Keith Gordon.*



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February 24, 2021 at 12:37 PM

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“ *Catherine O Peeler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Gerald Keith Gordon.*



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**Catherine O Peeler** - February 23, 2021 at 01:09 PM

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“ *Bro Keith was serving as our interim Pastor at New Beginnings Baptist Church at the time of his passing. He richly blessed us with his passion of sharing God's Word. We loved him and Judy, and will be forever grateful for his encouragement. His memory will always be a bright light in this sometime dark world. His family remains in our prayers.*

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**Debbie Bryant** - February 22, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Gerald Keith Gordon.*



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February 22, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ *He was the brother in law to our preacher, Alfred darst at mount nevo Baptist church of smith county. I was probably 9 at the time. Met him and his whole family; I believe he even at Sunday lunch with us. My dad billy Joe Ainsworth even fixed his car one time for him. Loved them all.*

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**barbara ainsworth welborn** - February 18, 2021 at 08:23 PM