



John Edd Key Jr

December 21, 1944 - June 5, 2026

John Edd Key Jr, 81, of Cromwell, CT passed away on Friday, June 5, 2026.

He was

born December 21, 1944 in Houlika, Mississippi to John Edd Key Sr. from Buena Vista,

Mississippi and Wilma Louise Title of Houlika, Mississippi.

John will be long remembered for his exceptional proficiency in aerospace engineering but his

family and closest friends also knew he was an accomplished gardener who also loved tampering with mechanical gadgets.

As a teenager, John grew up in South Bend, Indiana. He lived with his Father, John Edd Key Sr,

his Mother, Wilma Louise (Title) Key, and his Brother, Lawrence (Tulum), who was one year older than John.

Both Boys attended South Bend Central High and were interested in athletics, especially cross

country, track, and field. John particularly made a huge impact in those areas. He earned a

scholarship to Indiana State University in his Senior year.

After two years of College, John decided to go back to South Bend and pursue work for the

Bendix Corporation as a Security Guard. Not long after John was hired to work in security, he got married and began raising a family.

In 1967, his first Son, Marcus was born and his second Son, Michael was born the following year. John continued taking classes at Notre Dame University to prepare himself for a prospective job in Engineering.

John also worked as a Credit Union Manager for the Model Cities Program in South Bend. The program looked at Urban Renewal and assessment planning for the city. John found himself

working 2 jobs to make ends meet and before he knew it, his Children were school age and the

Family needed more income

John's Wife worked for the Social Security Administration and he continued working for the

Credit Union. After 7 years of marriage, John found himself and his two Sons living back at his

Parent's home with his Mother and Brother, Lawrence. 5 years went by, John met the love of his life!

They were everything to each other, the Quintessential Couple which God had joined together.

He met Brenda Kay Coleman, a Teacher whom he married on June 11, 1977.

The couple was

blessed that John's Bosses at Bendix Aerospace realized that he was trained and interested in

Aerospace Engineering so much that John was offered a job on the East

Coast. John and his
Bride of only 9 months came to Cromwell, Connecticut. 5 years later, Matthew
Colman Key, his
third Son, was born, and 33 months later, his Daughter, Wilma Louise Key
was born.

John Edd Key Jr. had many great treasures! His greatest treasure has always
been owning the
title, DAD! With that title, he has committed to the word patience. John took so
much pride and
responsibility in supporting and showing the Children how to be great
Athletes, but first,
outstanding individuals.

He wanted them to be good people in the World, Workplace, and Community.

He supported

Matthew and his travels to different places learning about the World's
Peoples, Music, and

Culture. He never stopped talking about the day his Baby Girl, Wilma Louise,
graduated from

Medical School. His dream was to watch his little Heart Surgeon perform!

John was a quiet, kind, and caring soul in his community of Cromwell. If he
knew that an issue

was being discussed or needed public input he and Brenda wouldn't hesitate
to join up with a

Committee to work with the team to discuss necessary changes for the good
of all the

community's people.

John is survived by his Wife, Brenda Key, and his Son, Matthew Coleman Key
of Cromwell,

Connecticut; Daughter, Wilma Louise Key (Towery) and Son in Law, Adrian
Towery of Bronx,

New York, Marcus John Key of Guatemala, Brother in Law, Quincy Coleman of Hartford,

Connecticut; Granddaughter; Alize Key of Las Vegas, Nevada, and a host of Grandchildren and

Great Grandchildren located in Cumberland, Rhode Island, South Bend, Indiana, San Bernadino,

California; his very special Cousins, Rae Mildred Hobson, Carolyn Hobson, Curtis Hobson,

Theresa Hobson, of Houlka, Mississippi; Joyce Turner of Schenectady, New York; a host of

cousins in Racine, South Bend, Indiana; Michigan and Chicago; a host of Nieces and Nephews.

John was preceded in death by his Son, Michael Dwayne Key, Grandmother Mabelle Key,

Mother Wilma Louise Key, Father John Edd Key Sr. Brother Lawrence, Special Cousin, Mable

Gunn, and Uncle Charlie Title.

We would like to thank you for your support during this time. Your Cards and letters are much

appreciated. We love you all!

Sincerely,

Brenda, Matthew, Wilma, and Adrian

I am in lieu of flowers, the Family would appreciate it if you could send donations to cancer.org