



Dorothy "Dot" Davis Keyes

September 20, 2025

Dorothy "Dot" Davis Keyes, 97, of Bessemer, AL, passed away on September 20, 2025, surrounded by family. She is preceded in death by her parents, James Thomas Davis and Helen O'Brien Davis; sister, Helen Frances Davis; sister, Bette Jean Kilpatrick; husband, John James "Jack" Keyes, Jr.; infant daughter; nephew, James Thomas Kilpatrick; granddaughters Kimberly Diane Keyes and Dorothy Elizabeth Keyes; daughter-in-law, Toni Holman Keyes. She is survived by sons, John James Keyes III (Berneice), Thomas Davis Keyes (Rita); grandchildren, Kelley Nicole Keyes Van Arsdale, Mary Heather Keyes O'Neal (Eric), Amanda Helen Keyes Jones (Evan), John Thomas Keyes (Colleen), Katie Jacqueline Keyes Fondren (Trent); great grandchildren, Elizabeth Avery Beard, Lucas Charles O'Neal, Gavin Davis O'Neal, Lucy Mae Keyes, Annie Davis Keyes, Jack Harrison Jones; nieces Dorothy Jean Anderson, Suzy Kilpatrick Hall, Mary Ann Patterson (Brad); nephew, Michael Charles Kilpatrick; numerous grand nephews and nieces, cousins and friends.

Dot was born in Bessemer, Alabama on August 17, 1928. She lived in the Hueytown and Bessemer area her entire life. She was a lifelong member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church where she was Baptized, received her First Communion, was Confirmed, and married. Both of her sons were baptized there as well. She attended St. Aloysius school and graduated from Bessemer High School in 1947. In 1949, she married Jack Keyes after his time in the

Marine Corps during WWII. She worked at Dillard Realty Co in Bessemer before moving with Jack as part of his National Guard deployments to Columbia, SC and Seymour, IN. Upon returning to Hueytown, she joined Jack in his Law and CPA practice, working side-by-side for over 50 years.

Dot was known and loved by many friends and neighbors for her kindness, loving attitude, and laughter. Her devotion to the Catholic Church was evident to all who knew her. She organized the Sunday morning Communion service at Morningside Senior Living, always searching for more people to join them. Most of all, she was known for her love and support for her large family, who loved their Meme so dearly.

The family wishes to thank Morningside Senior Living staff, her many friends there, and the other care partners for their friendship, love, and care during her 5 years there. Also, we wish to thank Compassus Hospice for their compassionate care during Dot's final days.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, September 24, from 12:00-2:00 pm, followed by a funeral Mass at St Aloysius Catholic Church in Bessemer. Burial will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Aloysius Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

650 Circle Heights Cir
Bessemer, AL 35020

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 24. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
751 Academy Dr A
Bessemer, AL 35022

Service

SEP 24. 2:00 PM.

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Davis Keyes.*



September 23, 2025 at 07:45 PM