



William Keith James

November 11, 1960 - March 15, 2025

William Keith James, 64, of Asheville, NC, passed away on March 15, 2025, at CarePartners Hospice Solace Center.

Born in Charlotte, NC, William was a talented musician, publicist, and artist with a lifelong passion for music. He was an accomplished drummer who studied at the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston, and his career spanned many years in the music industry, where he made a lasting impact.

William is survived by his loving wife, Charlotte James; his son, Samuel Keith James; and his brother, Scott James. He was preceded in death by his mother, Miriam James; his father, Clarence James; and his sister, Julie.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm on Monday, April 7, 2025, at Morris Funeral & Cremation Care, 304 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, with The Reverend McNair Ezzard officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:00-3:00 pm at Morris Funeral & Cremation Care.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I'll miss you Billy. I hope to meet you again someday .dear Charlotte and Keith my condolences, I pray you find peace and comfort together

Danny Simon - April 20, 2025 at 03:05 AM

LR

“ I remember when we were kids and my cousin Billy visited. We would wrestle in our living room when my family lived in Levittown, Long Island, New York. I was about 10 years older, a teenager, but I recall was he was pretty rough, tough for a little kid. We then did not see each other for many years.....,I think until my sister married. Billy then came and stayed at my house when he came to attend Debbie's wedding. It was great reconnecting after so many years!
Larry Raphael

Larry Raphael - April 07, 2025 at 01:09 PM

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“ Billy was my PR man and great friend for 40 years. He was a champion for everyone he represented no matter how big or small you were. Thank you Billy for all your hard work on my behalf and for our great friendship. Rest in peace. 🕊️🎵

Bob Beland - April 06, 2025 at 06:37 PM

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“ Thank you, Billy ~ For Lifting Up the Entire World.



Mary Lou Travis - April 01, 2025 at 08:10 AM

RS

“ *Ray Shasho lit a candle in memory of William Keith James*



Ray Shasho - April 01, 2025 at 04:27 AM

RS

“ *I worked with Billy for about 14 years. He was responsible for setting me up with legendary musicians and celebrities for interviews in my column, book, and radio show. We had a fantastic working relationship. He was the most professional colleague I'd ever worked with. I'll miss you Billy, keep working your magic in heaven.*

Ray Shasho - April 01, 2025 at 04:27 AM