



Edward Michael Keuten

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Edward Michael “Mike” Keuten passed away surrounded by family. He was married to his wife, Poonpol Keuten, for 54 years. Their life together was centered on family, faith, and a shared devotion to the people and community around them.

Mike served in the United States Army after being drafted in March 1971. He was assigned as a Military Police officer in Thailand during the Vietnam War and continued his military career for 30 years, retiring as a Command Sergeant Major. He was highly respected for his leadership, discipline, and dedication throughout his service.

Following his military career, Mike remained actively involved in his church and community, where he volunteered regularly. He was someone others could depend on, always willing to offer his time and help where it was needed. He often spoke with service members and veterans he encountered, relating to them through shared experience and mutual respect. He was known for his kindness and for the way he treated others with respect and consideration.

Mike was always there for his family. He loved them deeply and without hesitation, and he was always ready to help whenever he was needed. His family knew they could rely on him, and he showed that again and again through his actions.

He is survived by his wife, Poonpol Keuten; his son, Edward Michael Keuten Jr.; his daughter in law, Dana Keuten; and his grandchildren, Emilee Keuten and Kayla Keuten. He is also survived by his brothers, Charles Keuten, John Keuten, and Robert Keuten. He was preceded in death by his brother, James Keuten.

Mike will be remembered for his thoughtfulness, generosity, and the way he consistently showed up for the people in his life.



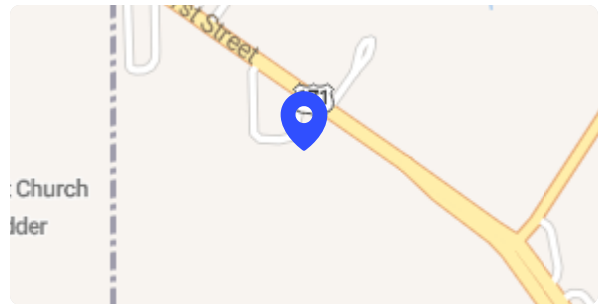
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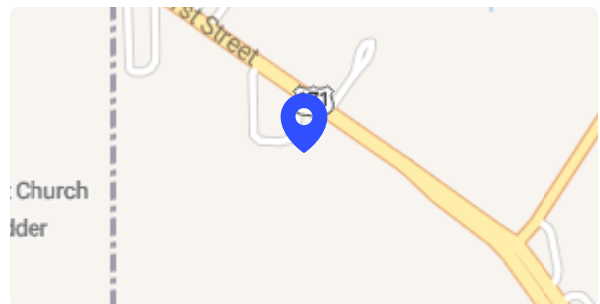
Visitation

- Today**, April 28, 2026
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Labby Memorial Funeral Home - DeRidder**
2110 Highway 171 South, DeRidder LA 70634



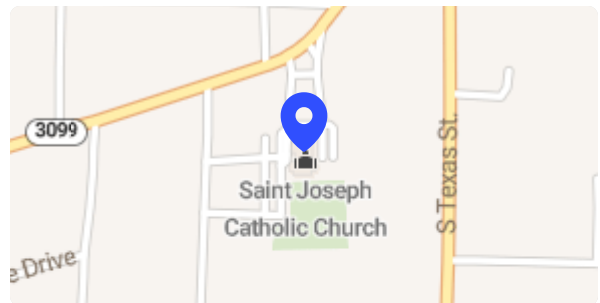
Rosary

- Today**, April 28, 2026
- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM CT
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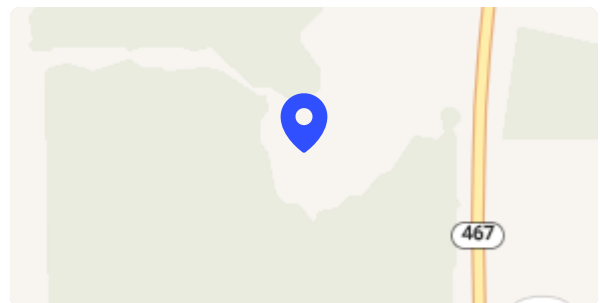
Funeral Mass

- Tomorrow**, April 29, 2026
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CT
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church - DeRidder**
1125 Blankenship Dr. , DeRidder LA 70634



Burial

- Tomorrow**, April 29, 2026
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM CT
- Central VA Cemetery**
3348 University Pkwy, Leesville LA 71446





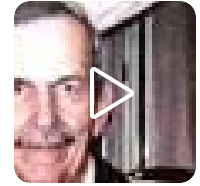
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Labby Memorial Funeral Homes shared a **Video**.



April 23 at 3:20 PM



Judy Thomas sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Keuten family.



April 27 at 5:27 PM



Judy Thomas planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



April 27 at 5:27 PM



The Thomas Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Keuten family.



April 27 at 5:23 PM



The Thomas Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



April 27 at 5:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Keuten family.



April 27 at 3:33 PM



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Carrie Keuten shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



April 27 at 2:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Keuten family.



April 27 at 10:14 AM



Ruth Krzyzowski lit a candle in honor of Edward.
Thinking of all of Mike's family. Cherish the memories.



April 26 at 6:33 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Keuten family.



April 26 at 10:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Liberty to the Keuten family.



April 25 at 3:53 PM



Love, Bob, Carrie, Rob, Christie, Doug sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Keuten family.



April 25 at 9:57 AM



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Debbie Leach posted:

First I want to say how sorry I am for the loss his family is feeling right now. Mike will truly be missed by many people. I met 1SG Keuten at the 5th MP Co at Fort Polk. He was very rough around the edges but I believe he was a true softie under that gruff. He cared so much about his Soldiers and Officers that if they need the shirt off his back he would give it to them. He mentored many Soldiers and helped anyone that needed it. He was a Soldiers Soldier. I kept in touch with him through the years and can honestly say if he was in town wherever we were stationed he would show up and we would do lunch or go to dinner. He was always willing to sit and listen. He showed up when you would least expect it. May perpetual light always shine upon him. Thank you Mike for all your help and wisdom. Deb Leach

April 25 at 9:51 AM



Deborah L. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



April 25 at 8:15 AM



Rob & Mary Telfor sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Keuten family.



April 24 at 8:34 PM



Rob & Mary Telfor planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



April 24 at 8:34 PM



Chet Plummer posted:

I Respected him from day one! Great is often thrown around too easy. Not so here, as I knew him then 1SG Kueten was Soliders Solider! He cared for us greatly. You will be missed!

April 24 at 6:53 PM



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Pamela Schotz posted:

My prayers for strength to the family. I never physically met Mike but thru his journey in the VA system I knew Mike. I am so glad I was able to assist him during that time. I send my sincere condolences to his wife and son Mike with Dana (best babysitter ever) and girls. Love Pam and Paul Schotz (aka Grammy & Pa of Fruncillo kids)

April 24 at 5:51 PM



Jen Rudolph, Grace And George Keuten sent a Glorious Grace Bouquet to the Keuten family.



April 24 at 3:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Keuten family.



April 24 at 12:43 PM



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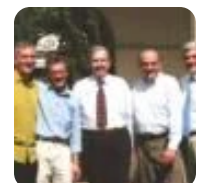
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April 24 at 10:56 AM



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Lee Price posted:

1 March 1988 was assigned to 5ID and Ft Polk. 5th MP Co. After myself and another young Soldier were picked up at reception we went into the company where I meet 1SG Keuten. As we were walking up the hallway I heard him yell "Top?" Am I red and spin on my head? I am 1SG!. We were eventually called into his office he immediately blowup on the other private that came in with me .. he had his hair parted in the middle and a wooly worm on his lip. He was my first 1SG and my 1SG for my SGT board and my Bn CSM for my SSG board and on the board as a CSM when I won NCO of the year. We also deployed together. He got me back to Polk after the ROK. He is solely responsible for my staying in the Army. As I was nearing the end of my first enlistment my wife and I were at a AUSA luncheon. He came over and asked when I was reenlisting, I said never! He looked at Sharyn and asked her if she wanted me to trip, she said yes. He told me to in his office first thing in the morning. I reenlisted 2 days later. Great man will be missed. I wish I had spent more time with him these last couple of years.

April 23 at 9:25 PM



Delia Blanco sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Keuten family.



April 23 at 8:46 PM



Mary Cross posted:

continue serving, always!

April 23 at 6:58 PM



Mary Cross shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mr Edward always had a joke and smile, his humbled presence and honesty will be missed at New Step Outreach. We loved watching him be a "kid" again hunting Easter eggs this year.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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