



Mrs. Catherine Kay Lee Hennessee Fortson

March 10, 1952 - January 1, 2025

Catherine Kay Lee Hennessee Fortson, 72, of Walhalla, passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at her home.

Born in Charleston, SC, Mrs. Fortson was daughter of the late Thomas Bingley and Vera Jean Spell Lee. She was a retired Administrative Assistant and attended Salem United Methodist Church. Mrs. Fortson was also a member of Moncks Corner United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Fortson is survived by her son: Robert Hennessee (Ashley) of Moncks Corner, SC; brothers: John Earl Lee (Hilda) and Donnie Lee; sisters: Mickie Lee Burdette and Susan Lee; and grandchildren: Thomas James Hennessee and Elizabeth Grace Hennessee.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Fortson was preceded in death by her first husband: Bruce Wayne Hennessee; and her second husband: Charlie Fortson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Salem United Methodist Church, 520 Church St., Salem, SC 29676; or Moncks Corner United Methodist Church, 106 Church St., Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

The family is at their respective homes.

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Feel free to send us flowers or cards at any time. It would mean a lot. As we need it. Thank you everyone. This means a lot. Thank you for sharing your memories and times with her. It means a lot to. All this is needed the most right now. As we are going through a lot of hard times right now. We thank Davenport Funeral Home Inc. for helping us out. As there will be a couple life celebrations coming up soon in memory of her. Thank you everyone.



Thomas - January 30, 2025 at 09:57 PM

TH

“ Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson



Thomas - January 28, 2025 at 10:11 PM

TH

“ Thomas Hennessee sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson



Thomas Hennessee - January 27, 2025 at 04:35 PM

LJ

“ When I lived in Las Vegas, Kay was one of my customers. I was her hairdresser for the years that I lived there. Her and I became very good friends and kept in touch even after she moved back to South Carolina and I moved back to Missouri. I am sad to hear that she passed. My prayers are with her family. I was so lucky to have got to know her.

Lisa Jamsek

Lisa Jamsek - January 26, 2025 at 11:28 AM

MW

“ We will miss seeing Kay at church. She always commented on my dragonfly jewelry and after sharing with the dragonfly story about death and new life, it became more special to her. Prayers for peace and comfort to all the family during this difficult time.

*Michael and Teresa Whitmire
Salem Methodist Church*



Michael and Teresa Whitmire - January 25, 2025 at 11:25 AM

MW

“ Michael and Teresa Whitmire lit a candle in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson



Michael and Teresa Whitmire - January 25, 2025 at 11:19 AM

TH

“ Thomas Hennessee lit a candle in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson



Thomas Hennessee - January 21, 2025 at 09:45 PM

TH

“ Thomas Hennessee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Kay Lee Hennessee Fortson



Thomas Hennessee - January 20, 2025 at 11:22 AM

LM

“ How sad to hear news of our precious friend. We pray peace and comfort for you all. Kay always spoke with such happiness in her heart as she shared her family visits. And, she welcomed the times the grandchildren stayed with her a whole week in the summer time. Kay recently beamed with joy as she shared the wonderful Christmas time just spent with family. Kay used to sing in the church choir, but needed to stop. She recently mentioned she was thinking of starting back. She loved the Christmas program that was full of old hymns. She said, " I almost just came on up to the choir to sing with you." I encouraged her to come anytime. Kay will be with us in spirit now and I will miss her dearly. I will always think of her dancing with her grandson in, "Dance With Me."
May God Bless you and surround you in love.
Lynne and Eddie Martin, Salem Methodist Church



Lynne Martin - January 07, 2025 at 09:47 PM

TH

Thank you! That song will always be in my head. As the memory of us dancing together will always be remembered. As we will keep dancing for her. We would dance and sing to that song. She taught me how to dance to the song. And I will teach my future family and my present family how to dance to it as a memory and tradition. When we stayed with her we would dance to that song. We have videos of the precious memories. She would sing that song everyday with her beautiful voice. And we will keep singing the song.

-Thomas Hennessee

Thomas Hennessee - January 20, 2025 at 03:04 PM

JL

“ *Jerrie Bell Lusk lit a candle in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson*



Jerrie Bell Lusk - January 05, 2025 at 02:26 PM

JR

“ *Judy and Roger lit a candle in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson*



Judy and Roger - January 05, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ Kay was a wonderful member of our Survivor's Group from St. John's in Walhalla. Always a smile on her face and kind words for everyone. I wish I could have gotten to know her better, but am glad for the times we shared together. She will be missed. RIP Kay. Tina Barrett



Tina Barrett - January 05, 2025 at 10:12 AM

SC

“ Hennessee Fortson Family,

I got to know Kay at Clemson University Relay for Life Cancer Walk a few years ago. We had our pictures made together and we had a lot of fun. I work at Clemson University in the Management Department. I will never forget Kay. She was so sweet.



You will be in my thoughts and prayers. With Deepest Sympathy!

Sherry Cantrell - Management Department
Clemson University

Sherry Cantrell - January 04, 2025 at 07:30 PM

TR

“ Kay was a wonderful woman! She will be very much missed!

Tricia - January 04, 2025 at 04:44 PM

RL

“ *She was a sweet lady. So sorry for your loss.*



Regina lee - January 04, 2025 at 03:38 PM

TH

Thank you! It means a lot to us.

Thomas Hennessee - January 21, 2025 at 09:46 PM

EH

“ *Kay and I first met in grade school in Summerville and continued to be friends through out the years. We saw each other only a couple times a year but talked on the phone every week. I will miss her so much. To all the family and friends my condolences.*

Eileen Hutto - January 04, 2025 at 09:39 AM

WT

“ *Kay was a sweet, kindhearted and comical person. She will be missed. Prayers for her family and friends..especially her friends at Habitat for Humanity and Walhalla Senior Solutions.*

Wanda Thomas - January 03, 2025 at 09:07 PM

IS

“ *Irene Smith and Rod Smith lit a candle in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson*



Irene Smith and Rod Smith - January 03, 2025 at 08:48 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Jean Ledford lit a candle in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson*



Bobbie Jean Ledford - January 03, 2025 at 08:23 PM

GW

“ *Genelle Fortson White lit a candle in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson*



Genelle Fortson White - January 03, 2025 at 05:58 PM

FC

“ *Frieda Cobb lit a candle in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson*



Frieda Cobb - January 03, 2025 at 03:40 PM

BN

“ *Billy and Ralphie Nix lit a candle in memory of Catherine Kay Hennessee Fortson*



Billy and Ralphie Nix - January 03, 2025 at 02:53 PM