



Earlene Godwin Kelley

October 2, 2008

Walhalla, SC—Earlene Godwin Kelley, 82, ended her earthly sojourn Thursday, October 2, 2008 at Atria Forest Lake Assisted Living in Columbia, SC.

Mrs. Kelley retired from the Kendall Company and was a member of College Street Baptist Church in Walhalla, SC. At College Street Baptist Church, she was a member of the Lydia Sunday School class. She was a graduate of the School District of Oconee County's Adult Education program.

Born to Lewis N. and Virginia Belle Williford Godwin on April 20, 1926, she grew up in Dunn, NC. She had four sisters and five brothers. She discontinued her high school studies in 1942 to help at a Virginia Naval Base during World War II. Raised on a farm, she learned early in life a strong work ethic and the value of an abiding faith in God. She always lived simply, loved generously, laughed frequently, forgave unconditionally and spoke kindly.

Surviving Mrs. Kelley are a daughter, Linda Kelley O'Quinn (James) of Augusta, GA; a son, John Kelley of Columbia, SC; a granddaughter, Michelle Juback (Bob) of Murrells Inlet, SC; two precious great-grandchildren, Smith and Kenley Belle Juback of Murrells Inlet, SC; a brother, Leamon Godwin of Dunn, NC; a sister, Myrtle Edwards of Havelock, NC; and a sister-in-law,

Grace Kelley, of Walhalla, SC.

She is also survived by her extended O'Quinn family: James, Jennifer, Will, Collin, James IV, Morton, Thomas and Sarah Catherine O'Quinn (Augusta, GA); Bart, Toni, Forest, Sage and Dez O'Quinn (Augusta, GA); Kelley, Mac, Lawton and William Brendon McSweeney (Charleston, SC); Summer O'Quinn (Athens, GA); and Eli O'Quinn (Athens, GA).

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Kelley was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Kelley; a son-in-law, Dr. Kenneth W. Smith; and three sisters and four brothers, Wilburn Godwin, Osborn Godwin, Lona Strickland, Lenora West, William Godwin, Lillian Bracey and Ed Godwin, all from North Carolina.

A celebration of the life of Earlene G. Kelley will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at College Street Baptist Church in Walhalla. The family will receive friends after the service at Oconee Memorial Park in Seneca, SC.

The family requests that memorials be made to College Street Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 340, Walhalla, SC 29691 or to Regency Hospice in Columbia, SC, 1611 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Dunbar Funeral Home is assisting the family in Columbia and Davenport
Funeral Home is assisting the family in Walhalla.

Tribute Wall



“ *Earlene Godwin Kelley*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *John,*

We were sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was a dear, sweet lady and it was a priviledge to have known her.

Bill and Gayle Alexander##imported-begin##Gayle Alexander##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 11:14 AM



“ *The way your mother lived her life is testimony to her faith and trust in Christ. We will keep you in our prayers.*

Doug and Kay Deal##imported-begin##Doug and Kay Deal##imported-end##

October 05, 2008 at 10:27 PM



“ *John and Linda, I was vey sorry to hear about your mother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Brett Murphree##imported-end##*

October 04, 2008 at 06:15 PM



“ *Linda and John,
We are very sad to hear of your mother's passing.
You have our most heart felt sympathy.
Debbie and Bob###imported-begin##Debbie & Bob
Zetwick###imported-end##*

October 04, 2008 at 12:57 PM



“ *Dear Mr. Kelley, I am so sorry to here about your family's loss but
after reading your mothers obituary describing her, a woman I never
met (or can't remember), I felt she must have passed down all of
her great qualities to a man I have admired and loved over the
years. You are in my thoughts and prayers. With loving thoughts,
Susie###imported-begin##Susan Finkenstadt###imported-end##*

October 03, 2008 at 09:19 PM



“ *Dear Linda,

Peggy joins me in sending our deepest sympathy to you in the loss
of your mother.*

*Doug McDougald, Jr.###imported-begin##Doug
McDougald###imported-end##*

October 03, 2008 at 10:12 AM



“ John & Family,

Your Mom was my treasured friend! I loved her so!!! I'm glad she knew that as well. May God's presence and grace be with you now and in the upcoming days. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ruth C Smith##imported-end##

October 02, 2008 at 04:21 PM



“ Linda,

Your mother lived a lovely long life. She & Ken are now rejoicing together today.

I still have such fond memories of Ken and love you both dearly.

Please let me know if Patricia or I can be of assistance to you all.

With Love,

Eddie & Patricia Kerr

Psalm 23##imported-begin##Eddie & Patricia T. Kerr##imported-end##

October 02, 2008 at 04:07 PM



“ *My heart goes out to the entire family. Aunt Earlene was a gracious and wonderful woman. We have all been blessed just for knowing her. I will miss her greatly. May God be with each of you.##imported-begin##Sherry Kelley##imported-end##*

October 02, 2008 at 03:19 PM