



## Rev. Earl Dexter Kelley

July 18, 2009

Walhalla, SC—Rev. Earl Dexter Kelley, 72, husband of Yvonne Rainwater Kelley, of 700 South Catherine Street, Walhalla, SC, died Saturday, July 18, 2009 at his residence.

A native of Rutherfordton, NC, Rev. Kelley was the son of the late Ralph Kelley and Ellie Lee Green Kelley Flynn. He was a retired minister and was the founder, builder and pastor of Grace Independent Baptist Church for seventeen years. Rev. Kelley was a member of Charity Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Kelley is survived by sons, John Douglas Kelley of West Union, Norman Frank Kelley of Salem and Aaron Dexter Kelley of Six Mile; daughter, Georgia Earleen Burrell of Tamassee; sisters, Mariam Jeanette Bowen of Alliance NE, Frances Barber of Taylorsville, NC ;and Rebecca Bailey of Mills Springs, NC; ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Kelley was predeceased by brother, Ralph Colen Kelley; sister, Nancy Jean Knox; and great-grandson, Ryan Dexter Robbins.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2009 from the Chapel of Davenport Funeral Home, Walhalla, SC, with burial to follow in Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at the funeral home.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Hospice of The Foothills, attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.

The family is at the residence.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Earl Dexter Kelley*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Just a note to let you know we are praying for you after Brother Earl's homegoing. He was a friend and always a blessing. Glad he was able to be with us for homecoming at Goodes Creek a few years back. Now he'll be part of that "welcoming party" when we all get home.*

*Cecil Lovelace, Pastor*

*Goodes Creek Baptist###imported-begin##Rev. Cecil Lovelace###imported-end##*

July 23, 2009 at 03:52 AM



“ *Jennifer, Matt and Brad,  
We wanted you guys to know we are thinking about you during this time. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.###imported-begin##Dale, Renee, Gabe, Bennett and Harrison###imported-end##*

July 22, 2009 at 04:22 PM



“ *May God be with you during this time and know our prayers and thoughts are always with you.*

*Louise Nicholson*

*Doug and Kristi Nicholson*

*Pat Marcengill###imported-begin##Pat Marcengill###imported-end##*

July 22, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, your in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Buddy&Peanut Dobbins & Family###imported-end##*

July 21, 2009 at 08:46 PM



“ *###imported-begin##Darlene Melton###imported-end##*

July 21, 2009 at 08:37 PM



“ I realize you all may not remember me. I was at Goodes Creek Baptist Church. It was my first church as pastor. You all were members there and Earl led music before you all moved to West Union. I had lost touch with you years ago but always thought of you with fond memories. I was thankful that God sent you to Goodes Creek when he did. You were such an encouragement to me. Know that my prayers are with you in these days and May God Bless you.##imported-begin##Jerry C White##imported-end##

July 21, 2009 at 02:50 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Kelly was a wonderful man and did a great work for our Lord. May God bless you and your families.

You are in my prayers.

Glenda##imported-begin##Glenda Towe##imported-end##

July 21, 2009 at 11:16 AM



“ I will never forget coming to your home on the weekends back around 1969-1971. The teenage youth from Goodes Creek (Shirley, Linda, Johnny, Eugene, Larry, Ricky and Danny) would come to sing and just hang out. My sister Helen White would bring us. You guys will always be remembered in our hearts. My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Ann Simpson Padgett##imported-end##

July 21, 2009 at 08:59 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love,

Miss Dot##imported-begin##Dot Gibson##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 07:34 PM



“ Dear Georgia, so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Love, Margie.##imported-begin##Margie Kelley##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 07:32 PM



“ please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this time. preacher kelly was a fine christain man, and raise a good family with mrs. kelly. may GOD bless each one of you, and comfort each heart as only he can do.##imported-begin##Sanford & Brenda McCurry##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 05:40 PM



“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Scott & Donna Burrell & Boys##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 05:38 PM



“ Deepest Sympathy from Wayne, Wanda, Dalton, and Alexis.##imported-begin##Wayne Barrett##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 04:41 PM



“ Preacher Kelley touched so many people in his ministry and will be dearly missed by not only his family but the host of friends he had. Our prayers are with each member of his family. May God give you the strength and comfort you stand in need of during this time.##imported-begin##Glenn and Janice Price##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 03:52 PM



“ Norm and Chris, my thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family in this time of great loss and sorrow.

Love,

Ouida##imported-begin##Ouida Jackson##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ ##imported-begin##Ouida Jackson##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 03:11 PM



“ Yvonne and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.##imported-  
begin##Audrey Greene##imported-end##

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July 20, 2009 at 12:44 PM