



Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.

October 16, 1944 - October 4, 2023

Alfred Hoyt Kelley, Sr., 78, widower of Ann Miller Kelley, died Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

Born October 16, 1944, in Hartsville, he was a son of the late Charles Hoyt Kelley and the late Lena Louise Parrott Kelley. Alfred was a US Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, a Mason, a Shriner, a Rotarian, and a former tobacco, cotton, and grain farmer. He also sold red fezzes to help burned and crippled children, rode motorcycles and drove race cars.

Alfred moved to Clarendon County with his wife, Ann, in 1981 to the house on Taw Caw creek built by his father. He ran trot lines and sold farm equipment grease to make ends meet. In 1984, with mentorship from his father-in-law, Alfred bought Goat Island Restaurant and Lounge. He and Ann enjoyed 18 years of success (and failures) “where the road ends and the fun begins.”

During his time in the restaurant business, Alfred was appointed by SC governor Richard Riley to the Santee Cooper Country Promotions Commission, of which he served as chairman from 1988 to 2023. Alfred was a founding member of the Goat Island Boat Club and was instrumental in the creation of the Lake Marion stump-free boating channel. It was also during his time at Goat Island Restaurant that Alfred was encouraged to become a real estate agent. While at Agent Owned Realty, he was named Realtor of the

Year in 2013, and he was inducted into the Sumter Board of Realtors Hall of Fame in 2021. For 35 years, home owners and home buyers in the Santee Cooper area knew “Alfred Kelley sells the lake.”

He is survived by a son, A. Hoyt Kelley, Jr. (Stephanie) of Daniel Island; a brother, Howard Gainey (Lynn) of Hartsville; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Kelley King and Celeste Kelley; and two brothers, Paul Charles Kelly and Chuck Gainey.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023, in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Patrick G. Goodwin officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 3 to 4 p.m. at Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Santee Cooper Country, in memory of Alfred H. Kelley, Sr., P.O. Box 40, Santee, SC 29142.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church Street, Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

GC

“ *Gail Hunter Crosby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*



Gail Hunter Crosby - February 04, 2024 at 07:10 PM

HS

“ *Thanks to everyone for your kind words and thoughtfulness. Dad (Alfred) touched many lives and will continue to do so through each of us.*

*With gratitude and greatfulness,
Hoyt and Stephanie*

Hoyt and Stephanie - October 24, 2023 at 09:13 AM

KL

“ *Ken Longrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*



Ken Longrie - October 13, 2023 at 05:03 PM

KL

Hoyt, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I'm praying for you and your family.

Ken Longrie - October 13, 2023 at 05:05 PM

JA

“ Hoyt, We are so sorry to hear this sad news about your Dad. We are so thankful that we were able to see and talk with him and you a few weeks ago. God bless you for being such a devoted son and for taking such loving care of your Dad. There is no greater gift to a parent. Prayers for strength, comfort and peace for you, Stephanie and your family.

Love, Joe and Donna Atkinson ❤️

Joe and Donna Atkinson - October 12, 2023 at 06:38 PM

JN

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Kelley's passing. Praying for the Family during this difficult time. Mr. Kelley was a hard worker within our Lodge and also with the Shriners. May you rest in peace my brother. Hartsville Masonic Lodge # 173.



Jon Norton - October 09, 2023 at 01:18 PM

PB

“ Phyllis Driggers Braddock sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



Phyllis Driggers Braddock - October 08, 2023 at 12:45 AM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*



Rebecca Skinner - October 07, 2023 at 09:46 PM

RW

“ *Hoyt,*

Sorry for your loss. May you find peace and comfort in the coming days.

Ronette Martin Weeks

Ronette Weeks - October 06, 2023 at 02:29 PM

RK

“ *Richard And Sue Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*



Richard and Sue Kelley - October 06, 2023 at 12:55 PM

VB

“ *Violet Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*



Violet Bragdon - October 06, 2023 at 12:36 PM

CW

“ Hoyt so sorry to hear of Alfred's passing
Know you were a good son and great
caregiver!! You take care Carl and Susan
Watkins



Carl B. Watkins - October 06, 2023 at 12:01 PM

ED

“ Hoyt, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Alfred was a classmate of
mine and was a member of our Reunion Committee. He came to
help us several years ago but let me know his health was declining.
Please know that he was a true friend and loved his and Ann's life
at Santee. Thank you for being a great son and caregiver. My
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Evelyn and Charles.

Evelyn Dampier - October 06, 2023 at 10:35 AM

A(

Hoyt, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your dad and my husband were great
friends growing up together. My husband, Steve Garland, died almost
10 years ago. I'm praying for you and your family! 🥹🙏

Ann Garland (Steve) - October 06, 2023 at 04:04 PM

RD

Hoyt, So sorry to hear about Alfred. I have so many great memories of
him and his friendship with our family. Love and prayers for you and
your family. 🙏

Renee Cooley Douglas - October 08, 2023 at 07:30 AM

BS

“ *Buzzie Snipes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*



Buzzie Snipes - October 06, 2023 at 10:07 AM

JT

“ *Jonnie Thomas-Estermyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*



Jonnie Thomas-Estermyer - October 06, 2023 at 09:30 AM

LG

“ *Lou Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*



Lou Gardner - October 06, 2023 at 08:33 AM

LG

Hoyt, My sympathy goes out to you in the death of your father. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lou Gardner - October 06, 2023 at 08:38 AM

SC

“ Sending prayers to the family.



Susan Clemmons - October 06, 2023 at 08:16 AM

RW

“ A Good friend from Hartsville to Manning!!!



Ron Wall - October 06, 2023 at 08:10 AM

DN

“ David And Vickie Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



David and Vickie Newsome - October 06, 2023 at 08:07 AM

RW

“ Robert And Debbie Winburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



Robert and Debbie Winburn - October 06, 2023 at 07:47 AM

LS

“ Alfred was a long time friend. So sorry Ann for your loss. Prayers to the family. He will surely be missed by all.



Larry and Brenda Stewart - October 06, 2023 at 07:38 AM

TG

“ Alfred was always sharing good time's and good memories at the restaurant and Goat Island was always on our list to visit while fishing at the lake. He will be missed by all.



Tony Grant - October 06, 2023 at 07:29 AM

LT

“ Linda Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



Linda Thompson - October 05, 2023 at 11:45 PM

JM

“ Alfred was Santee lake best friend , he invited me join the Goat Island Boat Club, lots of great memories

John Mathis - October 05, 2023 at 09:41 PM

RM

“ Rodney & Kathy McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



Rodney & Kathy McFarland - October 05, 2023 at 08:41 PM

RM

So sorry to hear about Alfred. Prayers for Hoyt and his family.

Rodney and Kathy McFarland - October 05, 2023 at 08:44 PM

GG

“ Greg Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



Greg Griggs - October 05, 2023 at 08:21 PM

PJ

“ Pat & Robert James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



Pat & Robert James - October 05, 2023 at 08:20 PM

RM

“ *Ronnie And Tanya McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*



Ronnie and Tanya McDonald - October 05, 2023 at 08:15 PM

JL

“ *Jerry & Angela Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.*

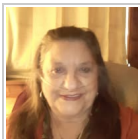


Jerry & Angela Lane - October 05, 2023 at 07:38 PM

DS

“ *Prayers for Alfred's family and friends. I knew him for years, lived in the Santee area, he was always smiling and quick witted. I know he will be missed.*

donna starling - October 05, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Alfred's passing.*



Elaine Carpenter - October 05, 2023 at 06:01 PM

LE

“ Larry And Jen Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



Larry and Jen Easterling - October 05, 2023 at 05:06 PM

PF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Alfred's passing. ❤️

Pam Flowers - October 05, 2023 at 03:25 PM

RD

“ Rick And Cheri Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



Rick and Cheri Dunlap - October 05, 2023 at 03:20 PM

DW

“ I always called him "Big Dog". He called me "Little Dog". Don't remember how we started that..but we were in high school.

Diane Wase Watson - October 05, 2023 at 03:06 PM

LS

“ Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Hoyt Kelley Sr.



Lavonde Smith - October 05, 2023 at 03:06 PM

RS

“ Alfred’s father was my mother’s brother. We grew up together. I would stay overnight at his house, in the Boy Scouts together. A super nice guy with a great smile. So sorry for our loss. Ronnie Snipes

Ronnie Snipes - October 05, 2023 at 03:02 PM