



Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy

February 27, 1940 - August 26, 2022

Iris Usher Kennedy, 82, of Hartsville, South Carolina, wife of Dr. William Philip Kennedy, entered into eternal rest Friday, August 26, 2022. Her funeral service will be held Tuesday, August 30, 2022, in John Wesley United Methodist Church, 626 Savannah Highway, Charleston, South Carolina, at 11:00 a.m. Burial services will be held at a later date. The family will receive friends Monday, August 29, 2022, in the J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. West Ashley Chapel, 3360 Glenn McConnell Parkway, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m and immediately following the funeral service on Tuesday.

Iris was born February 27, 1940, in Bennettsville, South Carolina, the daughter of Peter Clyde Usher and Kathleen Elizabeth Usher. Iris taught elementary school in Charleston and Virginia Beach before marrying Phil Kennedy, the love of her life. They moved to Germany in 1964, where Phil served in the United States Army. In 1968 they settled in Hartsville, South Carolina, where they happily raised three children. She enjoyed playing bridge with her friends, gardening, and spending quality time with her grandchildren. Her most cherished time was spent at the beach, surrounded by her entire family.

Iris will be remembered for her infectious smile and unforgettable laugh.

In addition to her husband of 58 years, she is survived by a daughter, Barbara

Kennedy Lehnhoff (Richard) of Charleston, SC; sons, William Philip Kennedy, Jr. of Switzerland and Peter Usher Kennedy (Haven) of Asheville, NC; and grandchildren, Lizzie and Caitlin Lehnhoff, Philip and Lily Kennedy, and Ava Mae and Clara Kennedy. The family is grateful to those that are traveling great distances in support of them, especially Kelly Kennedy, who is traveling from the west coast.

Memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, 145 E. College Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550 or the Alzheimer's Association of South Carolina, Attn: SC Gift Processing, 4600 Park Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209.

A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting the J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. Funeral Home Website: www.jhenrystuhr.com.

*This obituary was posted at the request of the Kennedy family for their dear friends in Hartsville.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Robert Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Robert Andrews - December 24, 2025 at 05:46 AM

CB

“ Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss. Iris was a lovely lady, funny, and a delight to be around. She will be greatly missed. All of you have our deepest sympathy and we have you in our prayers.
Love, Cecelia

Cecelia D Brown - September 12, 2022 at 12:42 PM

JR

“ Jenny Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Jenny Rogers - September 09, 2022 at 07:20 AM

JA

“ Dr. Kennedy and family, we are sorry to learn of the passing of Iris. Dr. Kennedy was our dentist for forty years or more. Iris worked in the office..., and always greeted us with a warm smile. She was always pleasant and friendly. Our prayers are with the family.

Jesse & Jessie Addison - September 07, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Susie Bloodworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy*



Susie Bloodworth - September 06, 2022 at 01:27 PM



Such a lovely lady that I had the pleasure of knowing from an early age. My deepest sympathies to the family and all her friends hurting from her loss.

Susie Bloodworth - September 06, 2022 at 01:29 PM

MG

“ *I have so many fond memories of Mrs. Iris growing up. Our family was truly blessed that you all were our neighbors. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Mary Helen Geries - September 01, 2022 at 07:00 AM

TL

“ *Tru Lawton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy*



Tru Lawton - September 01, 2022 at 06:06 AM

VB

“ *Phil and family, so sorry to hear of Iris's death. She was a precious lady and she will be missed so much. I have such sweet memories of her which I will always cherish. Prayers for the family as you go through this period of grief. Just focus on all the good memories you have. You have been so blessed.*

vernon G boyd - August 31, 2022 at 09:17 PM

RG

“ *My sincere condolences.*



Richard Galloway - August 31, 2022 at 01:40 PM

CH

“ *Dr Kennedy and family my heart goes out to each and everyone been knowing youll for a long time been my dentist since you started may god wrap his loving arms around each and everyone of you love youll dearly*



Cheryl beasley hartsell - August 31, 2022 at 11:37 AM

JB

“ *Dr. Kennedy and family. Sorry to hear of the passing of your wife and mom. Always had that beautiful smile. May God wrap you in his loving arms.*

Janelle Britt - August 31, 2022 at 09:53 AM

JM

“ Johnny And Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Johnny and Denise McLain - August 31, 2022 at 08:30 AM

MC

“ What a lovely lady. May God bless you Dr. Kennedy. Mrs. Mary Coward

Mary Coward - August 30, 2022 at 09:51 PM

AS

“ Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Al & Melinda Sansbury - August 30, 2022 at 09:16 PM

MN

“ Used to love running into Mrs. Iris out shopping around, she was always full of cheer and always so glad to see you and chat a bit. Truly a very sweet and kind lady!! Prayers and comfort to the family. May God Bless and keep you, Melissa Norton

Melissa Norton - August 30, 2022 at 12:24 PM

AB

“ We are so very sorry to hear about your sweet mom. Such a lovely lady. She was a true blessing every time we saw her. Love and prayers to you all. Bill and Anne Braddock

Anne Braddock - August 29, 2022 at 08:36 PM

LJ

“ Prayers for the family..Love in Christ



Libby Jordan - August 29, 2022 at 07:50 PM

LJ

Don and Libby Jordan

Libby Jordan - August 29, 2022 at 07:51 PM

AG

“ Always loved our talks when she would come to Dr Nickles office. Sweet lady. Thoughts and prayers for family . Angie Gainey



Angie Gainey - August 29, 2022 at 05:59 PM

SC

“ Sherry Cross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Sherry Cross - August 29, 2022 at 04:46 PM

MN

“ *Mike Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy*



Mike Brenda Northcutt - August 29, 2022 at 04:33 PM

JG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family Cathy and Jerry Guy*



Jerry Guy - August 29, 2022 at 03:28 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy*



Kathy Mcfarland - August 29, 2022 at 12:50 PM

JC

“ *Jeri And Jim Cox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy*



Jeri and Jim Cox - August 29, 2022 at 11:49 AM

VP

“ Von & Linda Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Von & Linda Parker - August 29, 2022 at 10:27 AM

GG

“ Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Gene and Teresa Gibson - August 29, 2022 at 10:24 AM

PS

“ Pam Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Pam Sansbury - August 29, 2022 at 10:14 AM

LR

“ Lester And Lori Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Lester and Lori Reynolds - August 29, 2022 at 10:09 AM

BH

“ Always enjoyed seeing Mrs. Kennedy at the office. Condolences for the family.



Bobbie Huggins - August 29, 2022 at 10:08 AM

HK

“ Henry And Donna King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Henry and Donna King - August 29, 2022 at 09:14 AM

LH

“ So sorry to hear about Iris. She was truly an elegant lady and always had that beautiful smile for you. We miss you both here in Hartsville. Prayers to you and the family during this time. Kenny and Linda Hyman

Linda Hyman - August 29, 2022 at 09:05 AM

ST

“ Sarah G. Turbeville lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy



Sarah G. Turbeville - August 29, 2022 at 08:06 AM

ST

*Sending prayers of love, peace, and comfort to the Kennedy family.
Sarah and Wally*

Sarah and Wally Turbeville - August 29, 2022 at 08:10 AM

RW

“ *Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy*



Ron Wall - August 29, 2022 at 07:54 AM

RH

“ *My condolences to the Kennedy family. Prayers for peace and comfort.*

Rebecca Hunter - August 29, 2022 at 07:50 AM

RM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr Kennedy and family. We are so sorry for your loss of this beautiful lady.*



Rodney & Kathy McFarland - August 28, 2022 at 09:39 PM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Usher Kennedy*



Lavonde Smith - August 28, 2022 at 09:08 PM

TT

“ *My condolences to the Kennedy family during this most difficult time. Praying for peace and comfort.*

Traci M Teal - August 28, 2022 at 06:40 PM

KL

“ *Wonderful memories of this special lady, my friend as well as my neighbors. Prayers to the Kennedy family. Love, Kathy Lawhon*

Kathy Lawhon - August 28, 2022 at 06:05 PM

WM

“ *She was a beautiful sweet lady. Always enjoyed seeing her at the bank. My prayers are with Dr. Kennedy and their family.*

Wanda Moore - August 28, 2022 at 04:54 PM