



James Dickson "Dick" Kelley

March 23, 1931 - September 17, 2010

James Dickson Kelley died September 17, 2010. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, September 19, at the First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville, SC. A reception will be held at the church immediately following the memorial service. Friends may call at the home. Brown-Pennington-Atkins is serving the family.

Dick was born March 23, 1931 in Florence, SC, the son of the late Henrietta Elizabeth Gandy and Orlando Dickson Kelley, Jr. He was educated in Darlington and Hartsville public schools and excelled in tennis as a youth. He was a 1953 graduate of Davidson College where he was named to the national O. D. K. leadership fraternity, co-captained the Wildcats football team, was president of and represented SAE social fraternity on the Panhellenic Council. He was awarded the Best Company Commander medal at Davidson. He served in the U. S. Infantry at Ft. Benning, GA and Ft. Bliss, TX, honorably discharged as 1st. Lt. in 1955.

His love of singing motivated him to participate in his church choirs from the age of 12 years until 2006, as well as several civic choruses. Dick was baptized at Hartsville First Baptist Church, later moving his membership to the Cheraw First Presbyterian Church, then Hartsville First Presbyterian Church. He taught adult and youth Sunday School and Bible School, was ordained as both Deacon and Elder. Dick was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow as an adult. He was an avid fisherman and boater, a former member of Prestwood Country Club, Hartsville Cotillion, Second Thursday,

Outdoor Club, and Hartsville Country Club. He served on Trees for Tomorrow and the Cargill Corridor civic committees, volunteered for Christmas in April and HIM. He fulfilled the dream of becoming an airplane pilot when he soloed on June 11, 1980.

After retiring from Sonoco Products Co. with 25 years service, he enjoyed several pleasant years in real estate, and working for the State of South Carolina.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Barbara Kirkley Kelley (Bobbie); two sons and daughters-in-law, James Randy and Susan R. Kelley and Glen Dickson and Cathy O. Kelley; and one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Kelley Griffeth and Dr. Jack Thurman Griffeth. His beloved grandchildren are Jamie Elizabeth Kelley, Bryan Patrick Kelley (Sarah), Dr. Catherine (Erin) Kelley Carnes (Jason), Adam Dickson Kelley (Amanda), Will Dickson Griffeth, Kirkley Ann Griffeth, and Jackson Kelley Griffeth; three great-grandchildren, John Dickson and Henry Hollen Kelley, and Ella Catherine Carnes; one sister and her husband, LuBeth Kelley and David Scott; two nephews, Kevin and Jonathon Sherwood and their families; his aunts, Mrs. James Gandy and Mrs. Claude Gandy; two sisters-in-law, Sue Kirkley Arledge and Ruth K. Ingram Jackson, and their families; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dick enjoyed and appreciated the friendship, services and care of Agape Hospice; and especially of Lee Edward Jackson, Sr., Rosa Myers, and good friend Leroy Kind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the charity of one's choice, or to the Lewy Body Society.

Tribute Wall



“ Dick played many tennis games with Dick thanasse. May the lord bless and keep you always. ##imported-begin##delores thanasse (Dick) ##imported-end##

October 29, 2010 at 01:29 AM



“ My deepest condolences go out to the entire Kelley family on your loss. I always admired and respected Mr. Kelley greatly while growing up in Hartsville and at First Presbyterian Church. Also, he was a very good friend to both my father, Neil, and my Uncle Harry, as well as the entire McDonald family. Mr. J. Dick Kelley was an outstanding man who will be greatly missed by all.

Sincerely,

John McDonald ##imported-begin##John McDonald ##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 02:01 PM



“ Bobbie and family,
So sorry to hear of your loss. Yall are in our thoughts and prayers. ##imported-begin##Dane Outlaw ##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 04:01 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out for the Kelley family. ##imported-begin##Greg Outlaw ##imported-end##

September 30, 2010 at 04:44 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of the family. H L Williams,HHS Class of 1949##imported-begin##H.L.Williams##imported-end##

September 29, 2010 at 03:19 PM



“ Dear Barbara, Glen, Randy and Family:

I was talking with Boop (Bob Terry's wife) this morning from Pennsylvania. She told me of Dick's death. Barbara, I know you, Dick and my parents shared some fond memories. I only learned this morning that Dick was related to AnnaMae and Miss Libby. It's such a small world sometimes. Miss Libby has the beach house across the street from Boop at Garden City, but you probably already know that.

I do so appreciate that you both were able to attend my dad's funeral. I can hardly believe that's been 6 years ago. I had a nice conversation with Dick at the time, as he was sitting in one the back pews. We shared fond memories.

I'm sure you two also shared a life time of great memories and hope that they will bring some comfort to you now.

Just briefly: Doran is in his 35th yr of teaching and plans to retire in the spring. He is Scoutmaster of a local troop and also was a scoutmaster for our council this past summer taking scouts from 8 different troops to the Nat'l Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill in VA.

Our Michael is 23, plays the piano beautifully and uses his talents at our local theater for many plays. (My g'pa Terry and my mama would be so proud of his accomplishments!) He is subbing in 3 different school districts---jobs in his music major areas are not to be found right now. He was an ass't band director at the Scout Jamboree this past summer and loves to collect scout patches and memorabilia.

David will be 21 next month. He is dating Holly,a Sherriff's Dept. deputy. He is a boilermaker for Voith Hydro and is a volunteer fire fighter---always on the go!

Right now, I'm at home trying to work around everyone else's schedules. Doran's mother died in April, and I had been active with taking her to appointments, etc. I'm the funeral luncheon coordinator at church and direct the Cherub Choir (3 yr olds-thru 1st grade)..That begins again this evening...wish me luck!

Again, my condolences to you and your family. May God continue to bless you all.

Sent With Love,

Carol Ann (Terry) Frock **imported-begin** *Carol Ann (Terry) Frock* **imported-end**

September 22, 2010 at 11:09 AM



“ *Bobbie~Saddened by your great loss. My father (Dick Long)loved & respected him, as well as you. Our prayers of comfort in the days ahead without your best friend.* **imported-begin** *Melanie Long Ballew* **imported-end**

September 22, 2010 at 09:01 AM



“ *Dick will be sorely missed by the entire community. He always had a smile for everyone. Our prayers are with all of you now.* **imported-begin** *Bruce & Sharon Moon* **imported-end**

September 21, 2010 at 10:05 PM



“ *Dear Bobbie and Family,
Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Dick. May Gods great strength and comfort be with you and yours at this time.
We love you,
Dick* **imported-begin** *Richard & Joyce Long* **imported-end**

September 21, 2010 at 09:11 PM



“ *Dick and I were friends in high school and at Davidson. He was one of the very finest men I have ever known, I'm saddend by his loss. The world would be a richer place if there were more Dick Kelleys* **imported-begin** *Bob Wheless* **imported-end**

September 20, 2010 at 11:45 AM



“ My sympathy to all the family - I was very sad to hear of your loss - I worked with Dick at Sonoco for a couple of years and always had a smile to share.##imported-begin##Sherrill Northcutt Niedenthal##imported-end##

September 20, 2010 at 10:56 AM



“ Barbara I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family. God Bless.##imported-begin##Cindy Ellefson Griggs##imported-end##

September 19, 2010 at 09:37 PM



“ My thoughts are with you all!##imported-begin##Denise Jones##imported-end##

September 19, 2010 at 07:52 PM



“ Dear Bobbie, Am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love,, Edie##imported-begin##Edie Hurt Ford##imported-end##

September 19, 2010 at 06:34 PM



“ Rae and I send our love, thoughts and prayers. I have known Dick and the Kelly family all my life.Dick was a Southern gentleman and he will be missed by his many friends in the Hartsville communtiy.##imported-begin##Archie Biggs##imported-end##

September 19, 2010 at 05:34 PM



“ *My sympathy and prayers are with all of you. I know you will miss your Dad and cherish the memories you all have as a family and as individuals!*

*Love you,
Terrie Wilson Moore##imported-begin##Terrie Wilson
Moore##imported-end##*

September 19, 2010 at 04:35 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are for your family in our time of loss.##imported-begin##Eddie and Becky Funderburke##imported-end##*

September 19, 2010 at 03:42 PM



“ *Mrs kelly,*

I am so sorry to hear about dick. It was so great working with him. I know he will be missed. May God Bless you and the family.

JAY TEDDER

AGAPE HOSPICE##imported-begin##JAY TEDDER ##imported-end##

September 19, 2010 at 11:08 AM



“ I am so sorry to read about Mr. Kelley's death. This handsome photo is how I always remember him from my youth in Hartsville. Trust that the Kelley clan will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Brenda Wofford Drewry##imported-end##

September 18, 2010 at 03:42 PM