



Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley

June 24, 1929 - January 1, 2015

Funeral services for Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley, 85, will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, January 3, 2015 at Prospect United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Troy Metzner will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm on Friday at the residence, 5898 Lake Robinson Rd.

Mrs. Kelley died with her family at her bedside Thursday, January 1, 2015.

Born in Darlington Co., SC, she was a daughter of the late Calhoun Johnson and Annie Hill Johnson Newsome.

She was a member of Prospect United Methodist Church where she served as Treasurer for many years and was also a member of the United Methodist Women. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, bird watching, and helping others. She especially enjoyed sitting with others to keep them company.

Surviving are her daughters, Deborah K. (Glynn) Huggins of Hartsville, SC, Kris (Mark) Deremo of Florence, SC; son, Gerald Clifton "Cliff" (Guy Ranney) Kelley II of St. Louis, MO; sisters, Betty J. Lundy of Forsythe, GA, Jo J Hanna of Florence, SC, Zora "Zee" (Al) Ritter of Roanoke, VA, Cindy (Bobby) Griggs of Hartsville, SC, Vandetta "VJ" Speckman of Charlotte, NC, Sandra J.

Clodfelter of Lewisville, NC; grandchildren, Kelly (James "Jim") Pridgeon, Thomas (Kassie Johnson) Huggins, Haley Ruth Deremo, McKenzie Deremo; great-grandchild, Kelsey Pridgeon, Trey Pridgeon.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Clifton Kelley, Sr.; daughter, Mary Geraldine Kelley; brothers, C. B. Johnson, William Lee "Buck" Johnson,

James Johnson; sisters, Emma Jane Mixon, Annie Mae Bastek, Jessie Wren Matthews, Janiel Johnson; step-mother, Maysel "Doll" Mixon Johnson.
Memorials may be made to the Prospect United Methodist Church, Box 536, Hartsville, SC 29551 or Embrace Hospice, 202 S. 2nd St., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery

740 Prospect Church Road
Hartsville, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

the residence
5898 Lake Robinson Rd.
Hartsville, SC 29550

Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Prospect Methodist Church
700 Prospect Church Rd
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Heaven has gained another angel in it's ranks. I will miss you Aunt Ruth.* ”

Les Crowley - May 21, 2015 at 10:24 PM

AR

“ *Kris and Deborah I am sorry for the loss of your mother! Sending prayers your way.* ”

angie kelley raines - January 09, 2015 at 09:24 PM

AR

“ *Angie Kelley Raines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley* ”



angie kelley raines - January 09, 2015 at 09:21 PM

CT

“ *Crystal Teal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley* ”



Crystal Teal - January 07, 2015 at 02:12 PM

BW

“ So many wonderful memories with this family. Deborah, Cliff and Kris please accept my condolences. I am disappointed I missed Mrs. Ruth's funeral. I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Beth Watfird - January 06, 2015 at 05:21 AM

DC

“ Dianne Dixon Craft lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



Dianne Dixon Craft - January 04, 2015 at 11:52 PM

DJ

“ David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



David Jordan - January 03, 2015 at 09:52 AM

CD

“ Connie Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



connie dixon - January 03, 2015 at 08:49 AM

ML

“ I have known and loved Mrs. Ruth all of my life. I love all of the Kelly family who have always been so precious to us. My prayers for God's peace today and always.

We love each of you,
Shell (Michelle Byrd Leviner)

Michelle Byrd Leviner - January 03, 2015 at 05:53 AM

GO

“ Debbie, Kris, and Clift, We are saddened to hear of the passing of your mother. I just told someone this evening that your parents and you all were bout like our second family, All the smiles will never be forgotten, neither the friendships they remain a life time in our hearts. She will truly be missed by all those who loved her. Kelly our love goes out to you as well. Glynn for sticking by Debbie though these long days. You will be rewarded for all that you have done. I can honestly say that we have been honored to know such a remarkable lady. We love you all!! Melva sends her love and thoughts as well. Love and prayers to the dearest family we know!!!!!!!!!!!! Grady, Melva O'Neal and Betty Polson.

Grady O'Neal - January 02, 2015 at 09:17 PM

PO

“ Deborah and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. You were a kind and loving caregiver and I am praying for God to comfort you and give you strength in the coming days.

Peggy Odom

Peggy Odom - January 02, 2015 at 03:32 PM

BG

“ *Bill & Betty Gaskins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley*



Bill & Betty Gaskins - January 02, 2015 at 12:48 PM

BI

Deborah & family, you all are so blessed to have had Mrs. Ruth all of these years and to have created wonderful memories. She will be truly missed by us all. Love to you all.

Bill - January 02, 2015 at 12:51 PM

BG

Bill & Betty Gaskins

Bill & Betty Gaskins - January 02, 2015 at 12:52 PM

MH

“ *Cindy I am sorry to hear about your loss. You are in our prayers. And God be with this family*



Martha Hall - January 02, 2015 at 12:33 PM

DD

“ *You will always have a very special place in my heart! I love you dearly! I know you are celebrating with your sweetheart, Uncle Gerald, Geraldine, Grandma and Granddaddy!*



Dana Mixon Denny - January 02, 2015 at 12:14 PM

SL

“ *Deborah and the rest of the family our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. I know that you did all for your Mother while she was here and I know it is still hard because I lost my Mama on Dec. 2nd and it will never be the same. If you need us for anything just call us.*

*Love in Christ,
Shirley, Larry, Dawn and Bryce Lewis*

Shirley Lewis - January 02, 2015 at 11:46 AM

VH

“ *To the entire Kelley family, please accept our condolences for you Mom. It is never an easy thing to experience, but we know God has another Angel. Love and Prayers to all of you.*



Virginia Huggins Howle and Jim Huggins - January 02, 2015 at 10:58 AM

JO

“ *Clift, you are in our thoughts as we send you sympathy in the loss of your dear mother. We are here for you and send blessings to you, Guy and all of your family. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. All our love,
Joe and Bruce*



Joe - January 02, 2015 at 10:27 AM

RM

“ *Clift, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Please know that although the miles separate us we are with you in spirit.*
Love Ron and Dave



Ron D'Aloia and David Mundy - January 02, 2015 at 09:29 AM

BW

“ *Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all ! Barbara and Jack Windham*

Barbara Stanley Windham - January 02, 2015 at 08:13 AM

HN

“ *Our thoughts go out to Clift and his family. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for help and support. We love you.*



Herb Page and Dave Neuschafer - January 02, 2015 at 07:44 AM

DW

“ *Deborah T Wicker*



Deborah T Wicker - January 02, 2015 at 06:42 AM

DM

“ Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



Doug and Scarlett Mason - January 02, 2015 at 04:37 AM

CB

“ Chris And Kim Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



chris and kim blackwell - January 02, 2015 at 03:46 AM

CF

“ Crystal Teal "Teal Family" lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



Crystal Teal "Teal Family" - January 02, 2015 at 12:16 AM

GJ

“ Geraldine Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



Geraldine Jordan - January 01, 2015 at 10:17 PM

JG

“ Jimmy And Judy Gainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



Jimmy and Judy Gainey - January 01, 2015 at 07:03 PM

DK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Kris, Deborah, Cliff and family. Mrs. Kelly was a wonderfully loving woman. My life was blessed by knowing her.

Darlene King - January 01, 2015 at 06:04 PM

BR

“ Betty Ralley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



Betty Ralley - January 01, 2015 at 06:03 PM

LK

“ Ms. Ruth was one of our all-time favorite people. She will be truly missed. Prayers and love to all she left behind. - Lisa and James King



Lisa King - January 01, 2015 at 06:02 PM

JB

“ Debra and family---thoughts and prayers with each of you. May God continue to keep you tight in his arms.

Janelle Britt - January 01, 2015 at 05:34 PM

TB

“ TUB AND CAROL BEASLEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



TUB AND CAROL BEASLEY - January 01, 2015 at 05:33 PM

JR

“ So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with all.



Jan Stephens Ruple - January 01, 2015 at 04:41 PM

ET

“ My prayers and thoughts are with all of you .



Eugene & Linda Tolson - January 01, 2015 at 04:17 PM

JE

“ Jackie And PeeWee Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



Jackie and PeeWee Edwards - January 01, 2015 at 03:49 PM

RD

“ Praying that God will wrap His arms around you and give you comfort.

Rita and Russell Darnell

Rita and Russell Darnell - January 01, 2015 at 02:45 PM

RW

“ Love you all



Rae Woods - January 01, 2015 at 11:51 AM

ED

“ Emmett Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley



Emmett Dixon - January 01, 2015 at 10:39 AM

ED

Kris, Deborah, Cliff and Family, please know that all of you will be in our thoughts and prayers now and for the time to follow. Much Love in Christ Emmett and Levi Dixon.

Emmett Dixon - January 01, 2015 at 11:26 PM

WW

“ *Wes And Kathy Walters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley*



Wes and Kathy Walters - January 01, 2015 at 10:33 AM

KW

Debbie, Wes and I are praying for you and the family. We love you and will be thinking of you always...

Kathy Walters - January 01, 2015 at 09:55 PM

GO

“ *Grady O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley*



Grady O'Neal - January 01, 2015 at 10:29 AM

GD

“ *Gregg And Becky Dicon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley*



Gregg and Becky Dicon - January 01, 2015 at 09:10 AM

LH

“ *LELAND HUGGINS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Johnson Kelley*



LELAND HUGGINS - January 01, 2015 at 07:44 AM

DT

Praying for you all during this time. May God comfort you as only he can.

David and Evelyn Talbert - January 02, 2015 at 05:07 PM