



## Annie P. Kelley

July 9, 1942 - March 14, 2025

Annie Lee Palmer Kelley wife of James Kelley Jr. departed this earthly life on Friday, March 14, 2025 in Columbia, SC. Born in Columbia, SC on July 9, 1942. She was the fourth of eight children. Born to the late William Palmer and Carrie Bell Odom Palmer. Mrs. Kelley was a graduate of Booker T Washington High School in the class of 1960, where she was valedictorian. She entered Columbia Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1963. She met the love of her life in high school, and after courting for five years, they married on December 28, 1963. Their reception was at WA Perry. They joined St. Luke Episcopal Church under Father O'Neal's leadership. She was first employed at Columbia Hospital then the Good Samaritan-Waverly Hospital and finally, she returned and retired at Columbia Hospital. She went on to Ft. Jackson where she was employed for over thirty-five years and retired in 1999. During segregation she was one of the first African American nurse managers, she broke barriers during this time. She is included in the time capsule wall of fame at the entrance of Moncrief Army Hospital. She was also the former Vice-President of the Lincolnshire Community. In her spare time after retirement she enjoyed gardening and traveling. Her favorite location was the islands, Rome where she went to the Vatican, Alaska and Hawaii. She celebrated her 60th anniversary in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by three sisters; Mattie Bell Clark, Willie Mane Hawkins, Janette Myers, and a brother Tommy Palmer. In addition to her husband, she leaves to cherish her precious

memories, two sons; James Mahammad of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Anthony B. (Arva) Kelly of Columbia, South Carolina. Fourteen grandchildren, Seven great-grandchildren, a sister; Maggie (Auther) Davis of Columbia, two brothers; Willie Lee (Marcel) Palmer and James Palmer and a host of relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## DELIVER ALL FLOWERS BEFORE 12PM

MAR **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Public Viewing

MAR **24.** 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223

## Visitation

MAR **24.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223

*The family will be receiving friends from 7pm - 9pm.*

## A Celebration of Life

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church  
1300 Pine Street  
Columbia, SC 29205

## Live Streaming

MAR 25. 11:00 AM.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19dHwZaQkm/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

## Burial

MAR 25 (ET)

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens  
2603 Two Notch Road  
Columbia, SC 29204

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Charkes and Linda Myers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Annie P. Kelley.*



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**Charkes and Linda Myers** - March 24, 2025 at 11:04 AM

GT

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.*



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**Grover Tyler** - March 24, 2025 at 08:43 AM

AW

“ *My deepest condolence goes out to the family of Annie P. Kelly*



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**Aretha Lee Williams** - March 23, 2025 at 08:52 AM

AW

“ *My condolence to the family of Annie p Kelly*



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**Aretha Lee Williams** - March 23, 2025 at 08:44 AM

AW

“ *Aretha Lee Williams lit a candle in memory of Annie P. Kelley*



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**Aretha Lee Williams** - March 23, 2025 at 08:27 AM

DK

“ *I am so very saddened to hear about the passing of my dear friend and neighbor, Ann Kelly. I will always cherish our friendship, our long talks throughout so many years, and enjoyed and shared her love and expertise in decorating! Ms. Kelly was a beautiful, loving, comical, intelligent, dedicated RN, phenomenal friend! I was sooo happy when Mr. & Mrs. Kelly attended my surprise Birthday Party! We had an amazing time! God grant the family healing and peace during this difficult time. Dorothy Kirby and Family*



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**Dorothy Kirby** - March 22, 2025 at 02:41 PM

CR

“ *God bless! Praying for the family and everyone. Aunt and Uncle Kelley are two of my favorite people. So grateful to have had her as my God-mother. -Crystal*

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**crystal** - March 19, 2025 at 04:29 PM

TF

“ Tom And Jeanne Felder lit a candle in memory of Annie P. Kelley



Tom and Jeanne Felder - March 19, 2025 at 12:01 AM

EM

“ My heart goes out to Anne’s husband James, her sons Jim and Tony, as well as her daughter-in-law, beautiful grands and a host of so many close family members and friends. My friendship spans more than 60 years as her next door neighbor. We’ve laughed and talked about everything possible. I will miss Anne more than mere words can convey. God blessed my family with such an amazing neighbor! Love you always Anne!!

Elizabeth Denise Hoefer Matt - March 18, 2025 at 10:55 PM

CR

God bless! Praying for the family and everyone. Aunt and Uncle Kelley are two of my favorite people. So grateful to have had her as my God-mother. -Crystal

crystal - March 19, 2025 at 04:28 PM

SR

Annie was a dear friend of my sister Lillie. I remember her beautiful smile and her kind heart.  
May her goodness and caring and her wisdom live on like a legacy of love that will always be with you and surround you now and bring you all peace.

Stay encouraged in the Lord.

Sallie (Adams) Richardson

Lillie (Adams) Bell

Frank Adams

Sallie Richardson - March 20, 2025 at 06:39 PM

AT

*My deepest sympathy and condolences to family sfc ret tucker moncrief army*

**Alfonzie Tucker** - March 20, 2025 at 10:37 PM

AW

*My deepest condolence goes out to the family . I never even knew my auntie until my daddy said something about it Mr. Willie Palmer last week. I'm shocked and hurt to not even know my auntie. But my condolence goes way deep out to the family and her husband and kid . I'm hurt deep inside because I don't know you but I wish I did. But I love you with all my heart God makes no mistakes. My love to the Auntie that I never met. My deepest sympathy goes out*

**Aretha Lee Williaoms** - March 23, 2025 at 08:14 AM

CP

“ *From Carlos & Meredeith J. Primus:  
Mrs. Kelley will be greatly missed. She was such a wonderful neighbor that always kept the most beautiful yard that I always admired. Both of my daughters took their prom pictures at their home. Your memory will continue to live on. I pray for God's peace for the family during this time.*



**Carlos & Meredeith J. Primus** - March 18, 2025 at 09:38 PM

IE

*Sending my deepest condolences to the family 🙏. Our Almighty God had her in His Devine plans. Your precious memories will forever live within your hearts.*

**Irma Edwards** - October 18, 2025 at 11:16 PM

SR

“ Shirley Riley lit a candle in memory of Annie P. Kelley



Shirley Riley - March 18, 2025 at 06:22 PM

JN

“ Jackie Blanding Niece lit a candle in memory of Annie P. Kelley



Jackie Blanding niece - March 17, 2025 at 03:25 PM

JD

“ Long live great aunt. God has been good to you But you will be truly missed. I'm grateful to know that God got a place for you in heaven. Give my grandma Mattie bell and my great grandma a kiss for me Carrie bell and my mom a kiss and hug for me . I love you auntie

Jessica Adriene daughter - March 17, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annie P. Kelley.



March 17, 2025 at 09:19 AM

AT

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to family sfc ret tucker moncrief army hospital*

Alfonzie Tucker - March 16, 2025 at 11:30 PM

LM

“ *A neighbor, friend and coworker. First met the Kelley's in 1971 as neighbors and then became friends. Had a lot in common as we were both RNs. In 1986 we became coworkers. My sincere condolences to the family.*



Lila McHenry - March 16, 2025 at 10:31 AM

TF

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



Tammy Harrison Edwards and Family - March 15, 2025 at 03:35 AM

CN

*I met Ann in 1961 when we were students at the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing. We have kept in contact with each other throughout the years. I especially enjoyed traveling with her after our retirement from nursing. She will be greatly missed by the nurses who have known her throughout the years. Deep sympathy to her family*

Carrie Norton - March 22, 2025 at 01:58 AM