



Mr. Marion Kelly

July 2, 1926 - June 3, 2024

Funeral services for Marion Kelly will be held 1:00pm Thursday, June 6, 2024 at Orangehill

AME Church, 3035 Highway 261, Wedgefield, SC, with Rev. Wallace Preston Pastor officiating and Elder Albert Kelly as the eulogist. The public may view on Wednesday from 1-5PM at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., Sumter, SC,

Bro Marion Kelly, 97, transitioned on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his loving children. Born in Sumter County to the late Robert Kelly and Janie Benjamin Kelly in Wedgefield, SC and he attended the public schools of Wedgefield.

Bro Kelly was married to the late Martha Ann Wright Kelly for 67 years. They were the proud parents of twelve children and raised ten.

Bro Kelly was a lifelong member of Orangehill AME church, Wedgefield, where he served faithfully in many capacities and was named the oldest member.

Bro Kelly attended Refuge Temple Church regular while residing with his daughter in Columbia, SC. At the age of 88, he was baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by his son, Elder Albert Kelly. His favorite hobby was

playing baseball; in addition to watching Matlock, Ironside, and In the Heat of the Night. Bro Kelly served in the U S Army in WWII. As a civilian, he was an avid farmer along with his wife and children. He was also well known and respected in his community and the community at large. Bro Kelly was employed with Sumter Steel Pant, a civilian worker at Shaw Air Force base and finally retired as a landscaper. Bro Kelly was also a member of the Masonic Lodge for many years.

He was preceded in death by two sons, retired First Sergeant Johnnie L. Kelly, and York Kelly; one brother Samuel Kelly; one sister Louise Snow; three grands, Johnnie Kelly Jr., Tyrone Kelly and Martha Kelly affectionately called "MeMe"; sisters-in-law Dr. Earlene Walker Kelly, Glade Kelly, and Sarah Kelly; brothers-in-law Rev. Dixon, Leroy Boston, Snow, Braxton and Whittaker.

Bro Kelly is survived by: His sons, Marion Kelly Jr., Brooklyn NY, Frank(Brenda) Kelly, Albert (Imogene), James (Edith) Kelly all of Wedgefield, SC, Melvin Kelly, Rosa K. Bowie, Sadie Brown and Edna (Anthony) Yarborough all of Columbia SC; brothers, Clifton Kelly and Albertus Kelly both of Columbia, SC, James Kelly of Sumter SC and Will (Betty) Kelly, Freehold, NJ; sisters, Viola Braxton, Jacksonville Fl., Leola Whittaker and Mary Boston both of Sumter, SC, Leila Mae Dixon of Columbia SC; twenty-three grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grands, and seven great-great grands; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and his church family.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 5. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Funeral Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Orangehill AME Church
3035 South Kings Hwy.
Wedgefield, SC 29168

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *My condolences to the Kelly family especially the children. May God continue to comfort you during this time .*



Darrius Mosley - June 25, 2024 at 12:18 AM

TF

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



Tammy Harrison Edwards and Family - June 08, 2024 at 03:30 AM

RW

“ *Uncle Marion was a very strong and courageous man. He was somewhat more of an observer and spoke words of wisdom when he did speak. His strong faith was evident as he lived from day to day. He truly will be missed by family and all who knew him.*
Rudine K. Wynn,
Niece, Macon GA

Rudine Wynn - June 06, 2024 at 07:14 AM

PC

“ Patrick Cofield lit a candle in memory of Marion Kelly



Patrick Cofield - June 06, 2024 at 06:58 AM

BG

“ Pop's was such a WONDERFUL MAN, I already miss him so much and I know he is in Heaven with beloved Wife. He worked hard all of his life. He cherished his kids and grandkids. He was a GREAT AMERICAN who Served His Country! Love you Pop's

Barb Gregory - June 05, 2024 at 01:40 PM

KC

“ Sending our Love Granddaddy Grand daughter, Kishawn & Great grandsons Patrick and Trey



Kishawn Cofield - June 04, 2024 at 11:46 PM

RB

“ *To our Dad we are sadden now and going to miss you so much especially all the stories you told us and the important of good work ethics Thake you rest we Love you but God loves you more Sadie, Edna, and Rosa*



Rosa Bowie - June 04, 2024 at 11:39 PM

RB

“ *1 file added to the album Three daughter*



Rosa Bowie - June 04, 2024 at 11:33 PM

RB

“ *My heart gets heavy and I am sadden from time to time My Lord and savior Jesus Christ have truly been my strength It was truly a honor to take care of my dad and I have already started to miss him and his presence in the home but the Bible declares in John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. Sleep on my dear Father I Love you until I meet you in the sky Your Beloved daughter Retired Nurse Rosa K Bowie*



Rosa Bowie - June 04, 2024 at 11:26 PM

AT

“ *1 file added to the album Marion Kelly twin Albert & Melvin Kelly*



Albert and Melvin Kelly Twins - June 04, 2024 at 10:04 PM