



## Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy

December 18, 1950 - January 27, 2014

After a gallant fight to remain here on her journey, Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy, owner and operator of the Flower Station Florist, succumbed quietly and serenely from this earthly sojourn to be with the Lord on Monday, January 27, 2014 at Palmetto Richland Hospital.

Miriam, the twin daughter of the late Lenzo C. and Vasteen S. Kohn was born on December 18, 1950 in Columbia, SC . As the oldest twin (8 min.), she was the “boss in the womb and the crib” and remained in charge until her departure.

She attended Richland One public schools, but not before she, along with her twin, completed first grade at the age of four in Swansea, SC at the now defunct Monroe Pinckney High School. Afterwards, they attended Waverly Elementary through 4th grade, and became the first graduating class of the newly constructed Lyon Street Elementary School in 1962.

During her one year tenure at W. A. Perry Jr. High School, Miriam’s musical talents were discovered by the renowned James Arthur Williams and Earnest Pressley. Her perfectly pitched soprano voice aided her in securing the position of soloist on the Choraliers at the historic Booker T. Washington High School, and First Nazareth Baptist Church as a youth. She graduated from her beloved alma mater, Booker T. Washington High School with the class of 1968.

Following graduation, she attended Palmer College, obtaining an Associate Degree in business and Midlands Technical College as well as the School of

Floral Design in Alexander, Virginia. Miriam embarked on a short business career, that included positions in, banking, mental health and employment at the General Electric Company of Irmo, SC.

She was united in marriage in 1970 to Abram Josiah Bellamy Kennedy, her loving partner of 25 years, who preceded her in death. This union was blessed with her only son, Anthony Gerard Kennedy who later blessed her with her only granddaughter, Layla Danielle Kennedy, "the darling of her heart."

Miriam has been a member of First Calvary Baptist Church where she joined with her late husband, for over 35 years. She was a charter member of the First Calvary Madrigals, a former Trustee and chairperson of the Women's Day Committee.

Additionally, she also served as President of the American Business Women Association (ABWA), having been selected as ABWA Woman of the Year and has been a member of local and statewide floral associations. In December of 2013, Miriam Kennedy was reconigized by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., receiving the Bigger & Better Business Award.

Miriam along with her late husband Abram, were an entrepreneurial duo who launched their talents with performances at churches and civic affairs and later became wedding coordinators who were able to give their clients the total package-providing music, floral designs, decorations and a full course reception. They were an awesome couple, who were multi-talented and accomplished in their business acumen.

In 1982, Miriam and Abram had a ribbon cutting ceremony that saw the opening of the Flower Station Florist, located in Forest Acres on Two Notch Road. Business has been good over the years and the florist continues to flourish, thanks to Miriam's vision and planning along with her dedicated staff persons.

Miriam Kohn Kennedy leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her life, a son, Anthony G. Kennedy and granddaughter, Layla Danielle Kennedy (and her Mother, Melanie); Theodore Donald Kohn (Gloria), Lenzo Calvin Kohn, Jr. (Sandra), Ronald Edwin Kohn and a loving and devoted sister, Marian LaNelle

Kohn (ML) all of Columbia, SC; three aunts, LaVerne Kohn Neal, Irma Kohn Bellinger, and Luzelia Coleman Smith, her Mother-in-Law, Marie Kennedy Frierson; brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends, God children, family friends Michael Robinson (Rene) and Carol Singletary.

She was loved and supported by her church family.

Services will be held 12 noon Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1401 Pine Street, Columbia, SC, with interment to follow in Memorial Gardens of Columbia. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Monday, February 3, 2014 at Palmer Memorial Chapel.

The family request that Memorials be made in Memory of Abram and Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy, Legacy of a New Generation c/o First Calvary Baptist Church.

The family ask that you add your condolences and memorials on their web page @[www.palmermemorialchapel.com](http://www.palmermemorialchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Memorial Gardens of Columbia**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *My dear sister, Miriam LaVerne transitioned 9 years and 6 months ago and I miss her more & more everyd day. Her only granddaughter, and the love of her life was 9 years old at the time, Layla D. Kennedy was 9 years old*

**Marian L Kohn** - July 04, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *I still think of you today Ms. Kennedy. You have touched my heart in ways that I don't think that ever really expressed. Yes, three years later and my heart flutters when I hear your name or ride pass your shop. Just want to send you a little note to Heaven to let you know how much you are loved and dearly missed! Pam Adams Powell 10/23/17*

**Pam Powell** - October 23, 2017 at 11:13 PM



*As I reviewed this note about my dearly departed twin sister, I was reminded that I in fact attended the eulogistic service for Pam A Powell several months ago. She was tragically struck by a tree while travelling on I-20. I was devastated when I read the news article. She & my nephew were engaged briefly at one point in their history. Now both of them have gone on to glory. May they all rest in peace! To God Be The Glory.*

**M L Kohn** - May 24, 2020 at 11:13 PM

EG

“ Periodically, I would go b the Flower Station and Miriam and I so enjoyed sharing stories about our grand babies. I will miss those times.

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**Eleanor Glover** - February 17, 2014 at 10:57 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences on the passing of Mrs. Miriam Kennedy. She was an example of true grace, compassion and faithfulness. Her voice could comfort and move you and stir your faith deeper. Her willingness to provide flowers for me when I lived in different places out of state was always so much appreciated and I know how much my mother appreciated and used her services also. May God comfort your family as only He can. Please know that she was respected and valued on this side of the veil and is now reaping her rewards in heaven forever.

Sincerely,  
Jan Squire Whitfield

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**Jan Squire Whitfield** - February 08, 2014 at 06:00 AM

BA

“ Bonnie M. Abraham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy



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**Bonnie M. Abraham** - February 05, 2014 at 03:32 PM

KR

“ *Kim Rose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy*



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**Kim Rose** - February 05, 2014 at 10:38 AM

EC

“ *Anthony, Layla, Marion, Bump, Cal, Ronnie, the Kohn and Kennedy Family:*

*Our hearts are saddened by the passing of a beautiful flower who always showed compassion for others. We have had family ties from childhood with such beautiful memories. May the God of peace continue to uphold and comfort you. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers!*

*Love,*

*The Watson Family*

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**Eunice Watson Cornelius** - February 05, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ *Mary & Mary Lue Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy*



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**Mary & Mary Lue Mathis** - February 04, 2014 at 08:01 PM

RA

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Ronald Adams - February 04, 2014 at 01:15 PM

P#

“ Primrose Temple Of Elks #611 lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy



Primrose Temple of Elks #611 - February 04, 2014 at 09:40 AM

WB

“ I will miss our many fun times at the Flower Station...we would laugh so hard.  
I appreciate you for many things, but taking my orders from Michigan, not many small business owners would do (smile). I am greiving, but I have happiness in my heart for just knowing you on this earth. My deepest sympathy to the family.  
Love...Willa Martin Bailey

Willa Martin Bailey - February 04, 2014 at 09:29 AM

ND

“ Nita And Derrin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy



Nita and Derrin - February 04, 2014 at 08:42 AM

SB

“For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands” 2 Corinthians 5:1

*We will miss Mrs. Miriam very much. We loved her and we love the Kohn family very much. Our prayers are with you all! God Bless and keep you! Love Stephanie , Nancy and Bowen family*

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**Stephanie Bowen** - February 04, 2014 at 04:55 AM

MK

*My thanks to the Bowen family/ I know that you cared about my sister tremendously. Thank you for your love of my only sister. ML*

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**M Kohn** - February 10, 2014 at 10:08 AM

MG

“ Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Acquanetta Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy



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**Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Acquanetta Gray** - February 03, 2014 at 09:56 PM

BM

“ Beatrice R. Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy



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**Beatrice R. Miller** - February 03, 2014 at 09:06 PM

MB

“ *Mary Ann Bookertt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy*



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**Mary Ann Bookertt** - February 03, 2014 at 08:31 PM

OW

“ *My wife and I were truly sorry to hear of Miriam's passing, I worked with her at the Federal Reserve Bank a long time ago. May she rest in peace*  
*Otis and Yolanda Woods*

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**Otis and Yolanda Woods** - February 03, 2014 at 02:46 PM

JH

“ *Judy Howard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy*



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**Judy Howard** - February 03, 2014 at 02:02 PM

JH

*To the Kennedy and Kohn families,  
Like so may others who was drawn to Miriam by her charm, courage,  
and warmth, I deeply grieved and sadden. May the love of family and  
friends comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead. Please know  
that you are in my thoughts, heart, and prayer.*

*Judy Howard*

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**Judy Howard** - February 03, 2014 at 02:08 PM

NA

“ *Nanette lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy*



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**Nanette** - February 03, 2014 at 01:05 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Ramey Mikell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy*



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**Brenda Ramey Mikell** - February 03, 2014 at 12:47 PM

QJ

“ *My beautiful God Mother has left us and is up in heaven with Uncle Abram and my dad (Chink...William Jones, Sr.). I will miss you dearly Auntie. You've taught me many things. You always said to live and enjoy life. Hold your head up high. Never care what people say about you. Always remember that a lady is seen and never heard. I will always love you.*

*Love, Qui-Qui*

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**Quiota Jones** - February 03, 2014 at 11:37 AM

QJ

“ *Quiota Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy*



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**Quiota Jones** - February 03, 2014 at 11:34 AM



“ *Wow this is so hard for me to do. But I must say something. Miriam Kohn Kennedy was truly a part of my family. I can't count the days I spent with her family & her class mates. Swimming & Eattng together & some days just relaxing around the house. I will forever hold these memories in my heart. Anthony just know that I'm here for you. Mariam L Kohn you know you can lean on me through the good & the bad. You have been there for me so many times. Thank y'all for allowing me to be apart your family. My heart is so heavy right now. But I know what prayer can do. Miriam I know Heaven will be alright as long as you're there. RIP I will love you for ever.*

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**Albertha Noble Spears** - February 03, 2014 at 10:52 AM

NA

“ *To the Family of Miriam: I also share your loss. I pray that God will give you comfort as only He can in your hour of bereavement. God bless you. Nadine Anderson*

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**Nadine Anderson** - February 03, 2014 at 09:56 AM

BM

“ *My prayers are with the family during this time of sorrow. I was such a big fan of Miriam's and I know her talents will live in our hearts forever.*

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**B. Dianne Marshall** - February 03, 2014 at 09:12 AM

SB

“ *To the Kohn and Kennedy Family  
God will strenghten you, and just knowing that Miriam was a  
"flower" on earth that bloom with a forever remembered beautiful  
sunshine "smile" to all that she encountered.  
Love & Prayers~ sharon Brown & Family (Birdeye)*

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**sharon d. brown** - February 03, 2014 at 09:10 AM

DC

“ *Miriam, you were an angel on loan from our father. I thank him for  
the joy that you brought to me personally. If ever, our paths crossed  
and my head was not in the right place you made the light warm my  
spirit. I will miss you so much but am comforted with the wonderful  
memories you left with me. I will not be able to touch you physically  
but spiritually. I thank God for the blessing of you. Now your soulful  
voice will be apart of Gods' heavenly choir, my angel, rest....Debbie  
Cherry and Family*

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**Debbie Cherry** - February 03, 2014 at 07:42 AM

BB

“ *Miriam and I worked together at the Babcock Center years ago. I  
was elected to purchase flowers for our Homeless Ministry  
Anniversity to place at the alter at Brookland Baptist Church. I was  
instructed to purchase them from the Flower Station. Upon arriving  
there, I was shocked to see Miriam and to know she was the owner!  
I am truly going to miss her and we certainly enjoyed supporting her  
business. Rest in peace.*

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**Beryle Rice Browman** - February 02, 2014 at 10:07 PM

AN

“ *Loved her spirit! Praying for comfort and strength for the family.  
Anita Brewer Dantzler*

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**anita** - February 02, 2014 at 04:17 PM

EC

“ *To the Kohn and Kennedy Family  
Death has a heartache that no one can heal;  
but love has a memory that no one can steal !  
An angelic songstress has joined the  
heavenly choir in the form of a beautiful  
flower! My family has been a part of your family since our childhood.  
I feel as if I have lost a twin. Our prayers and thoughts are with each  
of you. May God comfort you with peace and strength.  
Eunice Watson Cornelius and Family*



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**Eunice Watson Cornelius** - February 02, 2014 at 12:30 AM

GT

“ *The community has lost a great lady. God be with the family in this  
hour of grief.*

*G. Thompson*

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**Gregory Thompson** - February 01, 2014 at 07:09 PM

JO

“ *To the Kohn & Kennedy families,  
I was deeply saddened to hear of Ms. Kennedy's transition. I have  
been a long time client of her floral services for many years and  
appreciated her kind spirit. I've always known her to be a strong  
woman of God and in her faith. To her family, May the Lord grant  
you His peace during this difficult time.  
Joann Cornelius*

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**Joann** - February 01, 2014 at 03:22 PM

SN

“ *Sonya Reiss (Chaperall Nur.) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Miriam LaVerne Kohn Kennedy*



sonya reiss (Chaperall Nur.) - February 01, 2014 at 01:13 PM

SN

*I am so sorry for your loss. I will pray for your family. I loved Miriam so much. She was a special Lady!! She would always make me smile. She was so full of great words of wisdom. I will miss her dearly.*

sonya reiss (Chaperall Nur.) - February 01, 2014 at 01:20 PM

OC

“ *Ms Miriam was a beautiful person with a sweet spirit. she always wore a smile even when she didn't feel well. I will truly miss her smile and smart answers.*

Ophelia "COOKIE" Clark - February 01, 2014 at 09:37 AM



“ *"BLESSINGS OF GOD'S REWARDS TO HAVE ETERNAL SALVATION, BY GOING TO HEAVEN" IN JESUS CHRIST NAME. AMEN!!! THE GODDARD'S II*

Richard Goddard II - January 31, 2014 at 01:48 PM

BW

*My condolences to the Kohn family. We will miss Miriam's beautiful smile and spirit. I know that heaven is rejoicing, another soldier come home. May God's comfort and memories of your loved one sustain you at this time. God Bless you. Bernetha Fanning Wise*

Bernie Wise - February 02, 2014 at 11:24 AM

DF

“ *Miriam was just a beautiful and engaging person. When I would walk into the Flower Station she was quick with the smile and the melodius voice that would just set you right at ease. It was always a pleasure doing business with her. Miriam was truly one of a kind, and I don't think they make them like her anymore. She will certainly be missed.*

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**Don Frierson** - January 31, 2014 at 12:07 PM



Yvonne  
Sutton

“ *My condolences goes out to Ms Marian L Kohn and the Kennedy family in the loss of her twin sister Miriam L Kennedy. Anthony know that your mom was loved by all and her beautiful smile and kindness will never be forgotten. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal.*

*Yvonne Sutton & Family*

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**Yvonne Sutton** - January 31, 2014 at 10:53 AM

VA

“ *Mrs. Kennedy was a beautiful lady and an excellent florist. She will be missed by everyone in the City of Columbia. My prayer are with the family at this time of bereavement.*

*Vanessa Ashford*

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**Vanessa Ashford** - January 31, 2014 at 10:38 AM