



Mrs. Sarah Taylor Kelly

February 22, 1927 - January 11, 2024

The Life Legacy of Sarah Lucille Taylor Kelly

“In my Father's house there 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 ye may be also.” John 14: 2-3 KJV

Sarah Lucille Taylor Kelly was born in Sumter County, South Carolina on Tuesday, February 22, 1927, to the parentage of Mr. Edwin Taylor and Mrs. Rhodia Maple Taylor, who preceded her in death. She was the fourth of fourteen siblings born to this union ten who preceded her in death.

Sarah Lucille Taylor Kelly leaves behind a devoted husband of seventy-three years, Clifton Kelly; four children, Rudine Janiece K Wynn, (Herbert, dec) Macon, GA, Philamenia La-Dena Kelly Rivers (Clyde), Atlanta, GA, Taft Ronald Kelly and Clayton Blouvier Kelly both of Columbia, SC; an adopted daughter, Barbara Ann Kelly, who preceded her in death; grandchildren, Taft Ronald Kelly II, Haymarket, VA, Tiffany Leigh Rivers, Atlanta, GA, Daryan Broderick Kelly, West Columbia, SC and Herbert Joe Wynn III “Herbie”, Macon, GA; an adopted granddaughter, Towangia Carswell, Macon, GA; three living siblings, Mr. Ernest Taylor, Berkley, CA, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Hogan, Atlanta, GA, and Mrs. Florence Taylor Young, Oakland, CA; one son-in-law; four sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; and a host of loving and faithful nieces and nephews.

Sarah started her early working career as a 'master seamstress'. After

becoming a mother, she devoted her time to raising her children while also working on the family's farm. "Sarah Lucille", affectionally referred to by her children, elected to go to work after the children were older. She was employed as a civil service worker at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, SC and Campbell Soup Company, as a quality-control employee. After moving to Columbia, SC, she was employed by Anchor Continental and worked part-time for the State of South Carolina.

Mrs. Kelly's mother taught all of her eleven girls at an early age how to sew. Sarah's background and work experience allowed her not only to sew for others, but for herself and her two daughters, Rudine and Philamenia. She would occasionally make a boy's vest and newsboy cap for her oldest son, Taft Kelly. She designed and made her own clothes often deviating from the pattern and adding her own unique designs or modification. She showcased 'elegance and style' in each dress or suit she designed and sewed. Sarah "Lucille" made a Singer Sewing machine with the foot pedal "holla" - she created designs to sew on bath and hand towels to give as Christmas gifts to family members.

Other past favorites of Sarah included shopping at thrift stores, purchasing antique furniture and having it refurbished or reupholstered. Landscaping the front, back, and sides of the house was enjoyable for her. She had a 'green thumb' for plants. Her favorite outdoor plants were Verbenas, and indoor plant the Christmas Cactus. She would put it under the bed at a certain time of the year and pull it out maybe around late September and by Christmas, they had beautiful hot-pink hues.

Mrs. Kelly had many talents and cooking was at the top of the list. She made the best potato and coconut pies in the state of South Carolina. Her homemade biscuits were to "die for" and you could not eat just one or two. Visiting relatives from the East-West-North-South, would always make it a point to stop by and get some of Sarah's homemade biscuits, potato pies and coconut pies.

Mrs. Kelly was a very generous and compassionate person. She would give

you her all and always identified who needed her generosity. Her love for children was also at the top of the list and she made sure she took time to speak to them lovingly, gently, smiling and holding their hands.

Mrs. Kelly attended Central Baptist Church in Columbia, SC. She sang in the Jubilee choir and served as their treasurer. She would sing out loudly around the house and joked sometimes that she always wanted to be a singer. That wish and dream came true when she was asked to sing and lead a solo one Sunday. OH BOY!! She rocked and rolled with it.

Mrs. Kelly had a lot of 'Old Sayings'. When asked "How are you doing?" she would say with MUCH emphasis: Sometimes UP! Sometimes DOWN! Sometimes almost to the GROUND!

Rest in Peace "our" Princess (Hebrew meaning for Sarah) You are now.....
FOREVER UP

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JAN 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com

Lie in State

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
3625 Clement Road
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 252-3742

Homegoing Celebration

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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3625 Clement Road
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 252-3742

Repast

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

ML Smith Community Development Center
5213 Farrow Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Tribute Wall

BE

“ Brinson E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Sarah Taylor Kelly.

Brinson E. - January 26, 2024 at 11:30 AM

BK

“ My condolences. I never meet Mrs. Kelly but I had the pleasure of knowing and working with her son Clayton for 5 years at Palmetto Health Richland. He was a great asset to Receiving.

Barry Kemp - January 25, 2024 at 12:39 PM

MD

“ To Mr Kelly, Taft, Clayton and the entire family, you have my deepest sympathy in the passing of Mrs. Kelly.
Love to all
Mary Diane James- Davenport



Mary, Diane James- Davenport - January 24, 2024 at 06:33 PM

CT

“ Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers for the Family! Deacon Cecil and Deaconess Minnie Thomas, Irmo, SC

Cecil Thomas - January 23, 2024 at 06:13 PM

RJ

My sincerest condolences to Rudine Wynn and family on the loss of their precious mother. My entire family was deeply saddened by hearing the news of her demise. May the family find peace, joy and comfort by the beautiful memories of their beloved mother. We are here for you Rudine. Sending much love and an abundance of prayers. Tim, RobertTa, Joi and Amber

Roberta Jones - January 27, 2024 at 02:59 PM

BW

“ *As a member of Central Baptist Church, I loved listening to Deaconess Kelly pray, she had a way of talking to our Lord and Savior, my deepest condolences to the Kelly family.*



Belinda W.Edwards - January 23, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sarah Taylor Kelly.*



January 23, 2024 at 08:13 AM

VP

“ *My sincere condolences to Mrs. Rudine Wynn and family during this difficult time. Vashti G. Pullen, President of Bibb Retired Educators Association. Macon, GA*

Vashti Pullen - January 22, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sarah Taylor Kelly.*



January 21, 2024 at 06:08 PM



“ *Rest in Peace. You will surely be missed.*

Candi M - January 19, 2024 at 05:55 PM



Sweet Heavenly Rest. We will miss you, Pray the family and friends find sweet peace and comfort in the beautiful memories and joy of their precious love one and lean on our God for understanding.

Dea Joe & Janice Clark, Central Bapt Church

Janice B Clark - January 25, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sarah Taylor Kelly.*



January 19, 2024 at 08:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sarah Taylor Kelly.*



January 18, 2024 at 09:09 PM



“ *Sara Burden purchased the A Full Life for the family of Mrs. Sarah Taylor Kelly.*



Sara Burden - January 18, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ *Sara Burden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Sarah Taylor Kelly.*

Sara Burden - January 18, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the peace and love of Christ be with you always.*
Richard and Sandra Love



Sandra Love - January 17, 2024 at 01:34 PM



May the peace of God be with the family. We love you! Calvin and Lesha Thomas and family.

Lesha Thomas - January 18, 2024 at 10:41 PM