



Shellie G Rogers Kimpson

April 22, 1933 - May 14, 2020

Shellie Rogers Kimpson transitioned peacefully on May 14, 2020, after an extended illness. Born and reared in Hickory Tavern in Laurens, SC, she was the eldest daughter of Shelly D. and Alberta Barksdale Garrett. A 1955 graduate of Benedict College, she received her Masters in Elementary Education from the University of South Carolina.

Shellie Ruth, as she was fondly called by family and close friends, met and married her husband, Willie R. Rogers, while he was also a student at Benedict College. Their union was blessed with two children: a daughter, Abigail, and son, Wilfred. Following the death of her first husband, she then met and married another Benedict graduate, Joseph E. Kimpson.

Shellie taught in the Columbia public school system for 30 years, retiring from Brennen Elementary when Willie, her husband of 33 years, became terminally ill. She then spent her time volunteering with the Richland County Guardian ad Litem Office. She was an active member of the Richland County Teachers' Association and the St. John Baptist and Second Calvary Baptist Church Missionary Ministries, usher boards and choirs. She tutored elementary students at Anna Boyd School and was a dedicated Silver Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Gamma Nu Omega Chapter, serving faithfully for over 40 years, until her health declined.

Active in the Benedict College Alumni Association, she was a generous donor and former Alumni President, who vigorously recruited other members and urged their support of the BC Cause. She is known for personally assisting Benedict students, by purchasing books and the appropriate clothing for job interviews. She loved her school and believed in giving back.

Working with district employees, Shellie was instrumental in establishing the Willie R. Rogers Adult Education School, located in Richland School District Two. This school's mission is to educate those without high school diplomas.

Elegant and sophisticated on the one hand, she remained a country girl at heart! She famously enjoyed fishing, gardening and pick up trucks! An independent spirit, she loved to travel and would set off on an adventure at the drop of a hat. Shellie enjoyed playing the piano and listening to good instrumental music of almost every genre. She loved to laugh and found pleasure in the simple things in life. She was devoted to her church and her family.

Shellie was predeceased by her parents, her first husband, Willie R. Rogers, and a sister, Lillian Garrett (who died in infancy).

Those left to cherish her memory include: her loving husband, Joseph E. Kimpson; her beloved daughter, Abigail R. Rogers; her devoted son, Wilfred (Pam) Rogers; adopted son, David Rogers; twin joys, her grandsons: Winston and Stanton Rogers; granddaughter and best friend, Garrett Ella Harris; one sister, Lila G. Lloyd; former son-in-law, friend and laughing buddy, Fred Harris; her stepchildren: Crystal Kimpson Roberts, Maxwell Joseph (Letetia) Kimpson, and Pamela Kimpson (Milton) Mack; cherished step-grandchildren: Matthew Charity, Adam Charity, Malachi Roberts, Carmen J. Kimpson, Maxwell Whittington Kimpson and Maya Mack; a large extended family and many friends who will greatly miss the twinkle in her eye, her ready smile and

her loving presence.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to:

Gamma Nu Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
1203 Ashley Street

Columbia, South Carolina 29203 or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of Columbia

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Family Visitation

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Memorial Gardens of Columbia
Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *hey grandma! I miss yu a whole lot :(*

Garrett Harris - March 04, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ *Shellie G Rogers Kimpson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Geraldine McGill And Family lit a candle in memory of Shellie G Rogers Kimpson*



Geraldine McGill and Family - May 18, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ *Carol D. Tyler lit a candle in memory of Shellie G Rogers Kimpson*



Carol D. Tyler - May 18, 2020 at 05:08 PM

JF

“ Judge Pamila Brown & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shellie G Rogers Kimpson.



Judge Pamila Brown & Family - May 18, 2020 at 09:06 AM

MM

“ Mamie McGill lit a candle in memory of Shellie G Rogers Kimpson



Mamie McGill - May 17, 2020 at 10:44 PM

DS

“ Wilford, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.



Doris J Andrews (retiree Columbia High S - May 17, 2020 at 07:43 PM

CF

“ My favorite 2nd grade teacher and the best ever! I loved going to Brennan Elementary because of you, you made it a point to show all of us love! I grew up at Second Calvary Baptist Church.... well after second grade, I saw you there and my heart smiled all of again! You were the reason I pledged AKA, you told me in 2nd grade that I would always be 1st💕. I am so glad we stayed connected, even after me being your 2nd grader 💕 God surely knows who to keep together! At this time, I am sending all of my love and condolences to the Rogers-Kimpson family! My heart goes out to all of you!



Warmest Regards and my Deepest Sympathy,
Soror Crystal Ford

Crystal Ford - May 17, 2020 at 06:11 PM

LC

“ Sorry for your loss. Take care and be safe. Remember your father and mother both.



Linda k Brewer Copper - May 17, 2020 at 05:15 PM

PC

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Photos



Palmer Memorial Chapel - May 17, 2020 at 03:45 PM

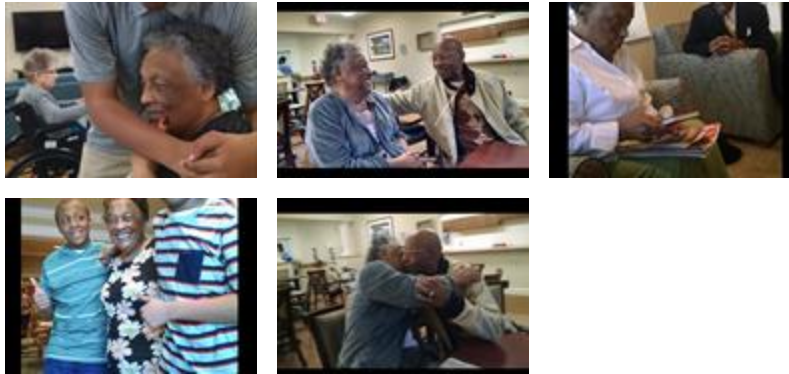
CA

Beautiful.Picture.I have enjoyed working with Her for the past two years.I can remember her smiles that she brought everyday .She will be missed a lot .The last time I saw her she squeezed my hand and smiled.God has called a beautiful lady home to spread her wings into eternal life where you meet again .We loved her here but God called her to her rest.Will be praying for your family.With lot of love Carolyn Miles

Carolynmiles57@gmail.com - May 17, 2020 at 08:54 PM

PC

“ 20 files added to the album Tribute Photos



Palmer Memorial Chapel - May 17, 2020 at 01:51 PM

PH

“ *My deepest sympathy for the family. Mrs. Roger-Kimpson was truly a kind, loving lady and educator. I remember her from Anna Boyd and Bethel. What a great Legacy she leaves behind.*

Patsy Gibbs Hargrove

Anna Boyd El

Bethel HS

patsy Hargrove - May 17, 2020 at 12:06 PM

DM

“ *Condolence from Patrick and Diane Marion*

Diane Marion - May 17, 2020 at 05:01 AM

BT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Abigail and family. Always remember the lovely memories of your mother.*

*The Kennedy Family
Bernice, Latasha, Bonita, Willie and Anthony*

Bernice Tucker - May 16, 2020 at 01:29 PM

JM

To the ROGERS and Kimpson GOD is with you HEBREWS 13:3 SAYS NEVER WILL I LEAVE YOU , NOR NEVER WILL I FORSAKE YOU , HOLD ON TO YOUR FAVORABLE MEMORIES, CHERISH THEM ALWAYS IN YOUR HEART , WE TRULY WILL MISS HER AND KEEP THE LOVE IN YOUR HEART , LOVE AND GOD'S BLESSINGS JIM & JIM MOODY.

JIM & JEAN MOODY - May 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MM

“ *God can and make a perfect place in his garden for her and now she is among the others in his garden . My condolences to the family*

Mamie McGill - May 16, 2020 at 11:09 AM