



Gwendolyn Kelly

June 1, 1976 - January 4, 2025

Mrs. Gwendolyn Jones Kelly, beloved daughter, wife, mother, sister, and friend was born on June 1, 1976, in Talladega, Alabama, to Sam and Shirley McKinney Jones.

Gwendolyn began her journey of faith at an early age, accepting Christ and becoming a devoted member of Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Throughout her life, she served her church community selflessly, progressing from a sunbeam to a dedicated Sunday School teacher, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of many.

Gwendolyn received her formal education while residing in Kissimmee, Florida where she was a graduate of Osceola High School. She continued her pursuit of knowledge, earning an associate's degree in business from Ayers Technical College. Gwendolyn utilized her skills as she embarked on a fulfilling career in education, nurturing young minds until her health began to decline.

Those who had the pleasure of knowing Gwendolyn experienced her steadfast willingness to help others. She was a fierce advocate for her family, ensuring that every member remained connected and grounded. Gwendolyn had a passion for cooking, reading, and music, but her true joy came from shopping and keeping her hair and nails with a classy look, always adorned

with elegance and grace. She cherished quality time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren, who were the lights of her life, along with her fur babies. Gwendolyn's sweet and humble spirit touched the hearts of all who met her. Her caring and giving nature will be fondly remembered, creating a lasting legacy of love and compassion.

On Saturday, January 4, 2025, Gwendolyn Jones Kelly 48-year earthly journey ended when she peacefully transitioned to her eternal home joining her beloved father, Samuel Jones, grandparents, Frank (Katy) McKinney, Viola Williams, and John T. Garrett, mother-in-law, Ada V. Hunter, and her fur babies, Princess, Tink, and Kendyl.

Gwendolyn leaves behind a treasure trove of memories to forever be cherished by her loving and devoted husband, Stevie Kelly; adorable daughter, Kenydi Caliyle Kelly; four sons, Martez (Keyanna) Kelly, Tevin (Olivia) Williams, Samuel Williams, and Jason (Anhia) Williams; her sweet and caring mother; Mrs. Shirley Jones; sisters, Gloria Elaine (Michael) Hancock and Ericka (Dewayne) Albert; brother-in-law, Timothy Keith; four sisters-in-law, Dorothy Kelly, Diane (Tommy) Kelly, JoAnne Keith, and Virginia Hughley; special friends, Kiesha King, LaKasha Bolden, and Rose Bracy. She will also be profoundly missed by her sixteen grandchildren, a multitude of nieces, nephews, and countless other relatives and friends.

As we gather to celebrate Gwendolyn's rich and vibrant life, we invite all who knew and loved her to join us in remembering a truly remarkable woman whose legacy of kindness will live on in the hearts of many.

Cemetery Details

Pine Hill Cemetery

35036 AL - 21
Talladega, AL 35160

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **11**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

JAN **12**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church
601 Scott Street
Talladega, AL 35160

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Kelly.*



January 12, 2025 at 06:22 PM



“ *Elandra Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly*



Elandra Calhoun - January 12, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ *I will remember our special time in the mountains! We will miss you. Every time we get together we will keep your memories alive!
Praying for the entire family and your friends!*



Andrea Nolen Morris - January 12, 2025 at 01:58 AM



“ *May God continue to comfort the Kelly, Jones & McKinney Family during this difficult time. We love you all! ❤️👉❤️🙏🏻*



Jannie Keith - January 10, 2025 at 05:11 PM

GG

“ *Geralene Garrett lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly*



Geralene Garrett - January 10, 2025 at 05:04 PM

LP

“ *Lori Pope lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly*



lori pope - January 10, 2025 at 01:27 PM

LF

“ *Love Your Precision Strip Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gwendolyn Kelly.*



Love Your Precision Strip Family - January 09, 2025 at 01:12 PM

CH

“ *Gwen, I am so honored that I was able to meet you and spend some time with you the last few years. Steve, you and your family are in our prayers. Live, Cassey, Tyson and Melinda*



Cassey Horner - January 09, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Kelly.

January 09, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Kelly.



January 09, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Jackie Williams Hall lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly



Jackie Williams Hall - January 08, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ Andrea Parker lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly



Andrea Parker - January 08, 2025 at 10:24 AM

HM

“ *Helen Millender lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly*



Helen Millender - January 07, 2025 at 07:49 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Harmon lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly*



Barbara Harmon - January 07, 2025 at 07:44 PM

TS

“ *Tesha Swain lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly*



Tesha Swain - January 07, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Kelly.*

January 07, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Kelly.*



January 07, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Kimico lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly*



Kimico - January 07, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *To your family in a time of bereavement*



M Briskey - January 07, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *Gwen was always there for me .She was more than my niece she was a good friend. I'm praying for y'all Steve, Sammy, kenydi and the rest of the family.*
Regina

Regina McKinney - January 06, 2025 at 11:03 PM

TD

“ *Tina Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kelly*



Tina Dickerson - January 06, 2025 at 08:03 PM

AS

“ *Gwen was a good friend of mine and went to school with me until 4th Grade , then her family moved away. Her mom and mom are great friends. Lost track of Gwen after she graduated*



She will be greatly missed by everyone . Gwen was a beautiful and smart woman. I will always keep the memories we had together in my heart.

Just wish the Jones family could catch a break, they been through so much.

*R.I.P. GWEN !!!! YOU ARE FREE NOW AND WITH YOUR DAD!!!
FLY HIGH BEAUTIFUL ANGEL GWEN.*

AMY STRAHMANN , LARRABEE IOWA

Amy Strahmann - January 05, 2025 at 05:26 PM

PB

“ My deepest condolences to the Jelly and Jones families. May God give you all strength you'll need as you travel this journey. I know this loss has a hole within your heart that can never be refilled. I realize that you miss Gwen and your eyes are flowing which seems to be a never ending river.... Gwen's mission and propose here on earth has come to an end, she's now at peace no more pains and no more suffering she fought a good fight. God sent his angels to bring her home because her propose with us has come to a close. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". Gwen loved you all and she knew she was loved.... I love you all my families.



Pamela Bradford - January 04, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to All the Families 💕💕
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Gwennette Duncan - January 04, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JR

May God bless you and your family we are praying for you sending our love to the Kelly family 💕💕 keeping you in our prayers 🙏🙏 Elaine Reynolds and family

Joy Reynolds - January 04, 2025 at 08:16 PM