



## Kellie Burdette

September 23, 1959 - May 13, 2026

Kellie McElrath Burdette passed away on May 13, 2026.

Born September 23, 1959, to the late Bobby Lee and Judith Walker McElrath in Lyman, South Carolina. Kellie was a retiree of Shriners Children's Hospital and a lifelong member of First Baptist Lyman where she was a member of The Branches Sunday School Class. Kellie was devoted to her job as a nurse in the operating room for over 30 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, and Mimi. Kellie loved to spend time at the beach, by the pool, and reading on her porch.

Kellie is survived by her husband of 44 years, Dennis Burdette of the home; a son, Adam Burdette (Mackenzie) of Duncan; a daughter, Megan Burdette of Moore; three grandchildren, Walker, Eliza, and Vivian; two sisters, Cheri Wofford of Moore and Laurie Ferguson (Chip) of Moore; a sister-in-law, Betty Tolleson of Roebuck; many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

A celebration of life will be held 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 17, 2026, at First Baptist Lyman, conducted by Rev. Bill Morris. Honorary escort will be The Branches Sunday School Class of First Baptist Lyman.

Visitation will be held from 2:00-3:45 p.m. Sunday, May 17, 2026, at the church.

The family is at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Lyman, 80 Groce Rd., Lyman, South Carolina 29365 or Shriners Children's Hospital, 950 West

Faris Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29605.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

First Baptist Lyman  
80 Groce Road  
Lyman, SC 29365

## Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Lyman  
80 Groce Road  
Lyman, SC 29365

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Dennis and family,*

*So sorry for your loss. Barbara and a friend were visiting Frank Hyatt today and bumped into Randy and he told her of Kellie's passing. We were absolutely shocked to hear this news.*

*Praying for your entire family during this trying time.*

*Randy and Barbara Hartsoe*

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**Randy Hartsoe** - May 20 at 10:05 PM

CW

*Thank you Randy and Barbara. We appreciate your prayers as we struggle with our great loss.*

*Cheri, Dennis, Megan Adam and Laurie 🙏*

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**Cheryle M Ms Wofford** - May 22 at 10:39 AM

LC

“ *Dennis I am so saddened to learn of Kellie's home-going (was only notified of it yesterday). As an RN I worked with Kellie in the operating room at Shriners for 13 years and she was most kind, gracious and helpful to me the entire time! A beautiful gracious friend and coworker! My prayers are with each of you as you begin a very unexpected journey! May our precious Lord continue to comfort and guide each of you in the days ahead! Linda Cash*

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**Linda Cash** - May 18 at 07:14 AM

CW

*Linda,  
Thank you for your kind comments. We appreciate your prayers as we navigate the difficult time and great loss.  
Dennis , Adam, Megan and family  
Cheri, Laurie and family 🙏*

**Cheryle M Ms Wofford** - May 22 at 10:47 AM

SS

*“ Dennis, Cherish, Laurie and Family, I am so sorry to just now learn of Kellie's passing. My heart goes out to you. I will be remembering each of you during the days and months to come. 🙏*



**Sondra Smith** - May 17 at 09:46 PM

CW

*Thank you Sondra . We certainly appreciate your prayers during this devastating time 🙏*

**Cheryle M Ms Wofford** - May 22 at 11:21 AM

RS

*“ The Smith Family sends our thoughts and prayers to Kellie's family. I did not know she was even sick. We will not be able to attend but will be thinking of you all not just tomorrow but in the coming days.  
We love you all  
Russell, Diane, Nancy, Vickie, Ken and Anna and all our children.*



**Russell T Smith** - May 16 at 10:24 PM

CW

*Thank you, Russell and family. We are blessed to have such a large(Bullard) family. Many great memories . We appreciate your prayers during this difficult time 🙏*

**Cheryle M Ms Wofford** - May 22 at 06:53 PM

CW

*Thank you so much, Russell and family. I have tried writing this thank you note several times and it won't go through. I hope it will this time. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers. We were certainly not ready to lose Kellie but know that God knows what is best. Hoping your family is doing well.*

*Love and prayers, Cheri*

**cheri wofford** - May 22 at 09:08 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kellie Burdette.*



May 16 at 08:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kellie Burdette.*



May 16 at 01:33 PM



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

May 16 at 01:33 PM

WE

“ Wendy Elder lit a candle in memory of Kellie Burdette



Wendy Elder - May 16 at 12:17 PM

CW

Thank you, Wendy 🙏

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 05:45 PM

CW

Thank you, Wendy 🙏❤️

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:32 PM

CW

Thank you , Wendy

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:39 PM

CW

Thank you, Wendy

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 07:02 PM

RW

“ Ric and Denise Wilson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kellie Burdette.



Ric and Denise Wilson - May 16 at 11:59 AM

SD

“ Scott D. purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Kellie Burdette.



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Scott D. - May 16 at 08:37 AM

SD

“ Scott D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kellie Burdette.

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Scott D. - May 16 at 08:37 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kellie Burdette.



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May 16 at 08:34 AM



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

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May 16 at 08:34 AM

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“ Holly Bontrager (Horton) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kellie Burdette.



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Holly Bontrager (Horton) - May 15 at 06:09 PM

LR

“ Dear Dennis, Adam, Megan and sisters Cheri and Laurie:

*My heart is sad to learn of Kellie's passing. She has always been a most lovely joyous, person, which I am sure made a great nurse for children. I have known her, Cheri, and Laurie since they were little children (cousins) and her smile and beautiful curly hair has not changed. A beautiful earth Angel has moved to heaven! In life changes, we loose touch with those we love, as in our case. Sad I didn't get to see her as she grew up with her family. Praying God's love will surround you all during this sad and most difficult time. May His grace give you strength and peace and may your memories keep Kellie close to your heart with some comfort in the coming days. God bless each of you. 🕊️🙏 with my love and prayers, Linda Coggins Roberts (Graham & Tootsie's daughter)*



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**Linda Coggins Roberts** - May 15 at 05:38 PM

CW

*Linda,  
Thank you so much for your kind words. Like you, I hate that we tend to lose touch. I remember the reunions like they were yesterday and always had fun, especially in the spring .  
We did see Shirley and Jane this past week which was a nice surprise. Loved your mom and dad . So kind and funny. Again, thank you for your kind words. I hope your family is doing well.  
🙏 With love, Cheri McElrath Wofford*

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**Cheryle M Ms Wofford** - May 22 at 05:57 PM

CW

*Thank you, Linda 🙏 I loved those family reunions by the spring. Loved your parents too ❤️ They were so funny and loved to laugh 🙏*

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**Cheryle M Ms Wofford** - May 22 at 06:50 PM

TT

“ The DePalo Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kellie Burdette.



The DePalo Team - May 15 at 10:41 AM

DL

“ It was an honor knowing Kellie and her entire family over the years. Dennis, Adam, Megan - my heart goes out to you for your loss.

Dr. Richard Lucarelli - May 15 at 10:31 AM

CW

Thank you, Dr Lucarelli

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:30 PM

CW

Thank you

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:33 PM

CW

Thank you

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:38 PM

MB

“ Mark Bartkowiak purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kellie Burdette.



Mark Bartkowiak - May 15 at 08:52 AM



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

May 15 at 08:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kellie Burdette.



May 15 at 08:20 AM



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

May 15 at 07:28 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Kellie Burdette.



May 15 at 07:28 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to the Family of Kelli McElrath Burdette .  
Continued prayers 🙏  
Cynthia Bomar Johnson \* Class of 1977, Byrnes High School

Cynthia Bomar Johnson - May 14 at 10:21 PM

CW

Thank you, Cynthia. We covet your prayers 🙏

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:34 PM

CW

Thank you, Cynthia 🙏

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:40 PM

EB

“ Nurse Kellie, We recognize you and pay homage to your dedication to the nursing profession. You gave comfort where there was pain, courage where there was fear, and hope where there was despair. Always with a gentle touch and tenderness, patience and love. We extend our deepest sympathies to your family. The Nurses Honor Guard of SC, Spartanburg-Upstate chapter .

Elizabeth Bright - May 14 at 06:42 PM

CW

Thank you for honoring Kellie 🙏🔔

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:37 PM

CW

Thank you for recognizing Kellie 🙏🔔

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:42 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear of Kellie's passing. You all are in my prayers! ❤️



Shaina Smith - May 14 at 03:56 PM



Thank you , Shaina

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 05:43 PM



Thank you, Shaina 🙏

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:42 PM



“ Nelson, Jackson and Spars families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kellie Burdette.

Nelson, Jackson and Spars families. - May 14 at 03:40 PM



“ Nelson, Jackson and Spars families. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kellie Burdette.



Nelson, Jackson and Spars families. - May 14 at 03:40 PM



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

May 14 at 03:38 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kellie Burdette.*



May 14 at 03:38 PM



“ *A beautiful life well lived. Kellie will truly be missed 💔 Sending love, prayers & comfort.*



**Kathi Brian** - May 14 at 03:31 PM



*Thank you, Kathi 🙏*

**Cheryle M Ms Wofford** - May 22 at 06:43 PM



“ *Your friends at Armstrong Charlotte. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kellie Burdette.*

**Your friends at Armstrong Charlotte.** - May 14 at 03:24 PM



“ *Your friends at Armstrong Charlotte. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kellie Burdette.*



**Your friends at Armstrong Charlotte.** - May 14 at 03:24 PM

TF

“ Tammy Naulls @ DePalo Foods purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kellie Burdette.



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**Tammy Naulls @ DePalo Foods** - May 14 at 02:52 PM

TF

“ Tammy Naulls @ DePalo Foods planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kellie Burdette.

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**Tammy Naulls @ DePalo Foods** - May 14 at 02:52 PM

MA

“ I'm so sorry. My heart is breaking for you. Working with Kellie was probably the most rewarding, enjoyable experiences in my nursing career. She was so compassionate, competent and always did everything to assure that patients received the best care possible.  
Mary Alford

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**Mary Alford** - May 14 at 02:40 PM

BS

My deepest sympathy and prayers for Dennis, Megan, Adam and for all her family that are grieving the loss of sweet Kellie. So sorry.

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**Beckie Stacey** - May 15 at 01:53 PM

LD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Kelly was a beautiful lady. We are praying for comfort and peace.

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**Lisa Dill** - May 14 at 02:30 PM

CW

Thank you, Lisa 🙏

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:44 PM

CR

“ Thinking of ya'll during this difficult time!



Crissy Rawls - May 14 at 01:39 PM

CW

Thank you 🙏

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:45 PM

CW

Thank you, Crissy 🙏

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:47 PM

RR

“ Rebecca Roach lit a candle in memory of Kellie Burdette



Rebecca Roach - May 14 at 01:13 PM

CW

Thank you, Rebecca 🙏

Cheryle M Ms Wofford - May 22 at 06:46 PM



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**The Wood Mortuary** - May 14 at 12:43 PM