



Loretta B Kelly

August 8, 1937 - September 24, 2014

Lyda Loretta Bruce Kelly, 77, of 611 Taylor Road, died September 24, 2014 at her home.

A native of Greer, daughter of the late Herman J. and Margaret Jane Bennett Bruce, she was a retired employee of Greenville County Schools and a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Lewis O. Kelly of the home; two daughters, Sharon Mayo of Rock Hill and Donna K. Reeve of Greer; one son, Brigadier General Scott L. Kelly of Fallston, MD and five grandchildren, Sean Kelly, Ryan Reeve, Morgan Mayo, Grant Kelly and Brett Kelly.

Graveside services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday at Wood Memorial Park conducted by Rev. Robert Cox.

Visitation will be held after the service at the gravesite.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 627 Taylor Road, Greer, S.C. 29651 or Greenville Humane Society, 305 Airport Road, Greenville, S.C. 29607.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 2:30 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

FR

“ Yes, this is Christmas. However, there's another family spending the Holidays without their most important member. In this case it's Loretta Kelly and this eulogy is in honor of Lewis and his 3 kids. You might say that Loretta was just another American Mom ("Momma" as she was called.) Maybe she wasn't exactly perfect, but just "close enough to perfect" as a well-known song says. All I can say now is that I wish I had learned more about her while she was alive.

I once "told" Loretta that her most important gift to me was one of her children, but I'm sure others could cite different such "gifts". My favorite memory of her from my youth was "helping" her with a fresh batch of green beans. A more recent favorite memory is watching her admire a floral arrangement with pink roses. I now know that Autumn-like yellow/orange would've been a better color for her. I really don't even know her favorite ice-cream, but I think I know who I can ask about that.

Thanks for just being YOU Loretta. I know you will always be deeply loved and missed. Merry Christmas wherever you are.

Frank Hooper

Frank - December 23, 2014 at 06:12 PM

JT

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your wonderful partner and wife. The two of you are the nicest neighbors anyone could ever desire. May God bless and keep you during this time of sadness.

Jeff & Ruth Taylor

Jeffrey Taylor - September 27, 2014 at 04:33 PM

JW

“ To The Lewis Family, we are so sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Ron had an appt at Duke University and we could not attend the services.

*Love and Prayers
Ron and Judy Watson*

judy watson - September 27, 2014 at 09:05 AM

RL

“ Scooter sorry to hear about your Mom. Our condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult period. Ron & Donna Leard

Ron & Donna Leard - September 25, 2014 at 07:59 PM

TA

“ Mr. Kelly, Sharon, Scott, Donna and families, we are saddened to hear of Loretta's passing. She played an important part and developed so many young children and the ones that got to know her. Growing up in our small home town church with your family and also having her at Greer Middle School, I have many fond memories. The soft spoken gentleness she showed and smile she shared, you could see and feel her love. May you find comfort in God's grace, presence and love and strength from your family and friends. Will keep you in our familys prayers. You've always and will always be a special family to our family, Love, Rudy and JoAnn Ashmore Allison Ashmore Kellum and Angie Ashmore Kruse

The Ashmores - September 25, 2014 at 06:55 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Loretta B Kelly.*



September 25, 2014 at 04:19 PM



“ *Brigadier General Kelly and family - So sorry to hear about your Mom. Mom"s are very special and hold a place in our hearts where their memory will last forever. Please accept my sincere condolences and prayers. CSM (ret) Bob Hooper*

robert hooper - September 25, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ *Lewis and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you all. I have so many wonderful memories of Loretta and I in our younger years and that gives me comfort, just as I know your memories will comfort you aver the years. She was so special to me (like a sister) and she was special to so many . God bless you , Carolyn Bennett Barnette*

Carolyn B.Barnette - September 25, 2014 at 11:13 AM



“ *Scott,
I offer my sincere condolences to you and to your entire family upon the passing of your mother.
Vic Kilkowski, fellow pilot*

Vic Kilkowski - September 25, 2014 at 10:09 AM

JG

“ *Our condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult period.*

Jim & Debra Grove - September 25, 2014 at 10:04 AM

WM

“ *My condolences to you and your family. May your most cherished memories carry you through these difficult times.*

William York, LtCol MDANG - September 25, 2014 at 07:58 AM

CS

“ *Lewis and family I am so sorry to hear about Loretta my prayers are with your family. She was a sweet lady and I enjoyed working with her at Greer Middle.*



Carolyn Styles - September 24, 2014 at 03:55 PM

AB

“ *Lewis and family: I am so sorry to hear the news of Loretta's passing. You have mine and my family's deepest sympathy. May God be with you all in the coming weeks.*



Audrey Bennett - September 24, 2014 at 01:47 PM