



Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley

November 7, 1947 - March 11, 2019

Kathryn (Kitty) Audrey Kelley passed away peacefully on March 11, 2019 after an extended battle with cancer. Born on November 7, 1947, she was 71 years old. Kitty was a native of Concord, New Hampshire but lived in Marietta, Georgia and Newnan, Georgia for the last 30 years. She received a Bachelor's degree from Kennesaw State University, a Master's degree from Georgia State University and a Doctorate degree from Clark Atlanta University. She was an anthropology professor, teaching at Georgia State University and the University of West Georgia. Kitty was also director of the Torture and Trauma Survivors Program at the DeKalb County Board of Health. After her retirement she developed a love for researching her family history and was an active member of numerous genealogical societies, frequently serving in leadership roles. She was a devout and active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newnan, Georgia.

Kitty was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Kelley and Audrey Genstil, her daughter, Jennifer Bailey, and her sisters, Cara Kelly and Candice Evans.

Kitty is survived by her husband, James Higgins, her sons, Jeffrey Bailey and Joel Higgins (wife LuRaye); her daughter, Linda Rodes; her sister, Pamela Rogal. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Emily Beavers (husband Kyle), Sarah, Alex, and Ashlyn Bailey and Jackson, Hannah, Harrison and

Garrison Higgins, and two great grandchildren- Brendan and Noland Bailey. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 2:00 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with the Very Rev. Hazel Smith Glover officiating. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park with a reception following at St. Paul's Episcopal Church fellowship hall. Visitation will be held at Friday, March 15, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
576 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

CR

“ We had a large high school class so I didn't get to know Kitty until our 50th reunion. Had a long visit at a classmate's house and chatted at length. Such a knowledgeable and compassionate woman. I just found out today 4/28 while at a monthly get together of other local Concord NH classmates. Prayers for family and friends near and far. Carol Royce

Carol Royce - April 28, 2019 at 07:52 PM

EM

“ Emily lit a candle in memory of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley



Emily - March 25, 2019 at 03:59 PM

CH

“ Carrlyon J. Hickman lit a candle in memory of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley



Carrlyon J. Hickman - March 16, 2019 at 11:58 AM

GB

“ Kitty's beautiful heart will be remembered by all of the lives she touched. Sending our love and support to Jamie and all of her family. Gail and Jason Blanpied and John Kelley

Gail Blanpied - March 16, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.*



March 15, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ *I'm sharing a poem for Kitty and her family.*

Come Walk Among the Stars by Winston Abbot

*For years I never knew whether twilight
was the ending of the day
or the beginning of the night.
Then, suddenly one day,
I understood that this did not matter at all.
For time is but a circle, and so
there can be no beginning and no ending.
And this is how I came to know
that birth and death are one,
and it is neither the coming
nor the going that is of consequence.
What is of consequence is the beauty that one gathers
in this interlude, called Life.*

*Much Love, Prayers and Blessings,
Garen Livingston and family*

Garen Livingston - March 15, 2019 at 09:24 AM

AW

“ Bob and Audrey Wylie loved and admired Kitty. As a former Regent, I will always remember Kitty's first visit to General Daniel Newnan Chap. NSDAR. Such enthusiasm from Kitty that day, and members saw a young woman sold out to God Home Country from that point. We are praying for God's comfort for Jamie and family.

Audrey Wylie - March 14, 2019 at 05:41 PM

RF

“ Ricky Lamb and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.



Ricky Lamb and Family - March 14, 2019 at 12:02 PM

SS

“ Scott, Traci, Scottie, Sami, Savannah and Sophia purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.



Scott, Traci, Scottie, Sami, Savannah and Sophia - March 14, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.



March 14, 2019 at 09:05 AM

CA

“ *Kitty was a volunteer at the Newnan VA clinic, she was always helpful and was very kind to the Veterans and staff. I am sure she is on her way to a great new adventure with lots of stories to tell!* ”

Cathy Adams - March 14, 2019 at 07:02 AM

SB

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Just wanted to share a short story about Kitty. My first visit at St. Paul's, she made it a point to come introduce herself to me and also introduced me to several other members. Her kindness and thoughtfulness meant so much to me. She continued to come speak to me every time I visited. My thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

Shannon Baker - March 13, 2019 at 09:49 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.* ”



March 13, 2019 at 08:36 PM

LF

“ *Love, Art & Greg and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.* ”



Love, Art & Greg and Family - March 13, 2019 at 10:41 AM

TA

“ *Kitty was the most kind hearted woman I've ever met. She truly had a one in a million soul. She always brought such positivity to the salon and she will never be forgotten. She will live on in our hearts forever.* ”

taylor - March 13, 2019 at 10:37 AM

SW

“ *I have done Kitty's hair for many years. She was in often so we became close. I knew her family and watched her grandchildren grow. She was an amazing woman who always did for others. She was always involved in the community. Everyone loved her. I loved her very much. She will be missed greatly!* ”



Stephanie Walker - March 13, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.* ”



March 13, 2019 at 10:03 AM

ND

“ *Kitty was raised by my grandfather, who married Kitty's grandmother, after his first wife passed away. I always considered her and her older sister my "cousins" and in our later years we were able to have some wonderful "family times" together as Kitty and I were both DAR members and took a trip together to search out Kitty's ancestors in Vermont. It's a great memory, among others. She will be sorely missed. I am glad for her Faith in the Lord which we share.*



Nancee Donovan - March 12, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.*



March 12, 2019 at 01:57 PM

FT

“ *From Gina Taff purchased the Basket Full of Wis
hes for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.*



From Gina Taff - March 12, 2019 at 08:53 AM

CS

“ Charlie Sheets purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.



Charlie Sheets - March 11, 2019 at 10:52 PM

KH

“ I met Kitty through the DAR when she joined the General Daniel Newnan Chapter. Kitty could sometimes be "larger than life", and fun to be around, but she would be quick to tell you she was Dr. Kitty Kelley, and that was with an "ey". For those of us who were lucky enough to know her more intimately, we found that she was generous to a fault, kind and loving. I had the privilege of selecting Kitty as my Vice Regent at General Daniel Newnan, which enabled us to travel to functions and visit the Washington, DC area, learning more about our wonderful heritage. Kitty will be greatly missed.
Kayla Hudson
Ellijay, GA

Kayla K Hudson - March 11, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.



March 11, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kitty" A. Kelley.*



March 11, 2019 at 05:32 PM