



## Halley Catherine Elaine Polley

May 6, 1939 - April 12, 2025

Halley Catherine Elaine Basham, the eldest of four siblings, was born on May 6, 1939, in Grove City, Pennsylvania to Fillmore and Carrie Basham. She peacefully passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2025, in Stone Mountain, GA surrounded by her loving family. She carried a quiet presence and a radiant spirit, leaving a lasting impression on all who crossed her path – a testament to the grace and faith that guided her life.

In 1956, Halley Catherine Elaine Basham married Larry Kenneth Polley in a quiet ceremony. She proudly devoted herself to her husband and to rearing their eight children: Karla, Esther, Jeanette, Amy, Larry, Lisa, and twins Darnell and Ardell Polley. Although she worked only a short period over the years, Halley considered her most sacred and enduring role to be that of a devoted mother and homemaker—pouring love into the heart of her family every single day.

In 1980, against many odds and with unwavering determination, Halley earned her Maryland high school diploma. Balancing the demands of motherhood and life's many responsibilities, she pressed forward with quiet strength and perseverance. It was a proud and hard-won achievement, a testament to her belief in lifelong growth and the power of persistence.

In 1985, she began her lifelong journey as a devout Christian woman, giving herself to Christ. She and her late husband, Larry, studied the Word of God at the Church of Christ in Aberdeen, Maryland. Together, they faithfully attended Bible studies and served the Lord in every way the church required. Each

morning, they made it a priority to read the Bible and pray—lifting up their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all those in need of God’s grace and guidance.

Halley and her husband found joy in traveling with their grandchildren, sharing life experiences and creating lasting memories. They often visited family members around the nation, and left love and hope to those they encountered. Wherever their journeys took them, they always sought out a local Church of Christ to worship and fellowship with members, spreading love and encouragement along the way.

In 2014, Halley sold the family home in Farrell, Pennsylvania, and moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia, where she lived with her daughter Lisa, granddaughter Elesia, and the beloved family dog, Casanova. After relocating to Georgia, Halley remained steadfast in her faith and made it a priority to establish a new church home. September 2014, Halley became a devoted member of the Hillcrest Church of Christ, continuing her spiritual journey with a joyful and open heart. She found deep fulfillment in lifting her voice with the Hillcrest Singers, traveling alongside her church family, and actively engaging in Ladies Day activities – each moment enriching her faith and strengthening her bond with fellow believers. She continued to engage in enriching activities at the Lou Walker Senior Center of Lithonia, GA with purpose—nurturing her roots through Black History studies, exploring healthy cooking to combat her cancer diagnosis, and staying active through exercise and water aerobics. Halley was also a competitive bowler and proudly challenged her grandchildren, many of whom could never top her score.

She is survived by her eight children: Karla Polley (Baltimore, MD), Esther Renee Polley (Houston, TX), Jeanette (David) Wright (Houston, TX), Amy Polley (Baltimore, MD), Larry K. (Rosa) Polley Jr. (Riverdale, GA), Lisa Robinson (Stone Mountain, GA), and twins Darnell Polley (Baltimore, MD) and Ardell Polley (Snellville, GA); her siblings Gretchen Ann Mosby and Marvin Bryant Basham; eleven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and a host of extended family and dear friends.

Halley was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 55 years, Larry K. Polley; her parents, Fillmore and Carrie Basham; her brother, Fillmore “Sonny” Basham Jr.; her son-in-law, Jefferey Robinson, who was married to her daughter Lisa; and grandsons Ardell Polley Jr., Orlando Ardell Polley, Antoine Whittington, and Tyrell Polley.

Halley’s legacy is that of a woman who taught others how to forgive, how to endure, and how to live a life grounded in faith and love. Her gentle strength, unwavering belief in the Lord, and selfless spirit will forever echo in the hearts of those she touched with open arms. During her final days, she shared a simple yet profound reminder: “Treat others how you want to be treated.” This was not just advice—it was a reflection of how she lived her life every single day.

Though she has departed from this earthly life, her light will never dim. Rest in the Lord, Halley. Your essence remains, intertwined in the lives you touched. Your spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew you and loved you.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025, 11:00 AM at John Flynn Funeral

Home and Crematory, Inc. 2630 East State Street Hermitage, PA 16148.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday April 22, from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Avondale-Scottdale Chapel. 351 N. Clarendon Ave. Scottdale, GA 30079. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home. (404)294-5500.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Avondale-Scottdale Chapel  
351 North Clarendon Ave.  
Scottdale, GA 30079  
(404) 294-5500  
info@levettfuneralhome.com

## Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

John Flynn Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
2630 East State Street  
Hermitage, PA 16148

## Internment

APR **25** (ET)

Morefield Cemetery  
2619 E State St,  
Hermitage, PA 16148

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Rest in Peace, Sister Halley Polley. You were so sweet, and you will be missed💔 Marion and James McCurry



Marion McCurry - April 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM

GB

“ Gladys Butler purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Halley Catherine Elaine Polley.



Gladys Butler - April 21, 2025 at 06:36 PM

GB

“ Gladys Butler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Halley Catherine Elaine Polley.

Gladys Butler - April 21, 2025 at 06:36 PM

CC

“ C. Gillespie & F. Carter purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Halley Catherine Elaine Polley.



C. Gillespie & F. Carter - April 21, 2025 at 05:30 PM

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C. Gillespie & F. Carter - April 21, 2025 at 05:30 PM

GW

“ Gigi, Hazel, & Willow purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Halley Catherine Elaine Polley.



Gigi, Hazel, & Willow - April 21, 2025 at 04:25 PM

EF

“ Elesia and family, we send our sincere condolences and prayers that you'll be comforted with precious memories and God's presence to care for you during this difficult time. Be blessed ❤️ 🙏

~ Jimmie Fields & Family 🙏 ❤️

Evelyn Fields - April 19, 2025 at 09:07 AM

DJ

“ Darin and Daria Johnson's purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Halley Catherine Elaine Polley.



Darin and Daria Johnson's - April 18, 2025 at 02:52 PM

LF

“ Love The Watson and Pardue family purchased the Heartfelt Tribute Lavender & White Floor Basket Arrangement for the family of Halley Catherine Elaine Polley.



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Love The Watson and Pardue family - April 18, 2025 at 06:24 AM

PC

“ I am so saddened to know of your emptiness. Your mom, this beautiful and loving lady has no more pain, and no more suffering. Well done to this good and faithful servant.

*The most difficult seat to sit in is the front pew for Mom. Just know that she will be there just over your shoulder lifting you up and guiding you through this difficult situation just as she did in life.*

*Godspeed to Heavens newest Angel as she travels the next leg of her journey.*

*Oh what a beautiful and joyous celebration must be happening now as she joins her family and old friends!*

*Can't you just see the smiles, hear the laughter and feel the embraces as they show her off in her first days in heaven...(and I'm sure she's taking about you too! ) 😊*

*Continue to make her proud and never let her down.*

*I am lifting you up and sending a hug.*

*Peace be with you and E- in this very difficult time. 🌹*

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Patricia Coleman-Cobb - April 16, 2025 at 10:40 PM

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Patricia Coleman-Cobb and the Cobb Family



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Patricia Coleman-Cobb - April 16, 2025 at 10:38 PM

LC

“ My cousin taught me kindness, unconditional love for her family and the strength of true Queen! There are not enough words to describe how grateful I am to have been blessed to have her in my life.

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Lynnette Taylor Criego - April 16, 2025 at 07:56 PM

AA

“ *Mrs. Polley was a beautiful soul. Inside and out. As soft spoken as she was, her presence spoke volume. I referred to her as momma Polley because she was warm and sweet. I will miss you very much Mrs. Polley (momma Polley) May your beautiful soul rest in eternal peace.*



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**Ann Marie Allen** - April 16, 2025 at 06:53 PM