



## Rebecca Kelly

December 8, 1930 - November 28, 2023

Rebecca E. Kelly was born in Linden, Alabama on December 8, 1930. She was the fourth of 6 children born to Richard and Alice Harris. She departed this life, but not from our hearts on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Rebecca graduated and was educated at Linden Academy. She married her first love, Jessie Lee in 1947. From this union, Rebecca and Jessie had two daughters, Yvonne and Joyce. In 1952, Jessie Lee was called home at the age of 24. Rebecca then met Elbert Kelly and they married in 1959. Rebecca and Elbert moved their family from Alabama to Amityville, NY in 1964. There, Rebecca's home, jokingly referred to as the "Underground Railroad", was the gateway for many friends and family members that moved up North. She was always willing to have them come and stay until they could find a home of their own in NY. Rebecca not only raised her family but she was a mother/grandmother to all.

As a hobby, Rebecca LOVED to cook and bake. She was especially known for her cakes. Her Pound cake and German Chocolate cakes were by far the best on Long Island and people came from near and far just to get a slice. Rebecca was an entrepreneur. She cooked and sold plates not only for church fundraisers but for people in the neighborhood. She would feed all the kids on the block whether they were hungry or not. Rebecca was a hairdresser in Alabama and in New York. She was a supervisor at Tri Mold

Plastics for many years. She left there to work for the State of New York at the Long Island Developmental Center for a few years but returned to TriMold, where she worked until her retirement. After retirement, Rebecca became a Mary Kay consultant striving for that Pink Cadillac!

All of her life, Rebecca attended church and had a strong religious conviction. After arriving to New York, she joined St. John Baptist Church in Copiague, NY under the leadership of Reverend Buck Rogers. Continuing to follow where the Lord led her, Rebecca became one of the founding members of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Amityville, NY, under the leadership of Pastor Jackson Drinks. She held many roles which included, the Pastor's Aide President, President of the Women's Day Committee, President of the Hospitality Committee, Member of the Missionary Board, President of the Senior Choir and a Sunday School Teacher. A favorite solo she sang with her daughter Joyce was I am So Grateful. This was always a special request from the congregation. In 1998, after retirement, Rebecca moved to Lawrenceville, GA and joined Pleasant Hill Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Ronald Dunnigan. Continuing with her strong religious conviction, Rebecca found her place of service and ministry at PHBC serving in the Missionary Ministry until her health failed. She also displayed her love for pastors by serving as president of the Pastor's Aide Ministry. Mother Kelly, as she was known at PHBC, was a faithful attendee on Wednesdays Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Rebecca's memory will be forever cherished by her daughter Yvonne Neal, Lawrenceville, GA. Grandchildren, Kimberly Neal, Lawrenceville, GA, Cynthia Neal, Raleigh, NC, Gregory Lee, Amityville, NY, Victor Neal, Lindenhurst, NY, Sean Dennison, Lawrenceville, GA. Great grandchildren Seqouya Allen-Lee, Louisville, KY, Shayna Tucker, Amityville, NY, Kyanna Grooms (Aaron), Loganville, GA, Addyson Neal, Amityville, NY, Graceyn Neal, Amityville, NY, Jaxson Holman, Lindenhurst, NY. Great great granddaughter Aryn Grooms,

Loganville, GA. Nieces, Mary Alice Snell, DeSoto, TX, Rose, Ann Green, Mobile, AL. Nephews Rozman Thomas (Monica), Jonesborough, GA, Booker Harris (Tina), Islip, NY. A host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Last but not least, Laverne Marks, who was more than just a caretaker but considered as family, a friend, a confidant and her partner in food crime. The family truly appreciates you.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her parents Richard and Alice Harris. Husband Elbert Kelly, Daughter Minister Joyce Dennison, brothers, Aaron Harris, Roosevelt Harris, Richard Harris III, Booker T. Harris and sister Annie Mae Thomas.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on SATURDAY, December 9, 2023 at, Senior Pastor Ronald D. Dunnigan. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023 from 3:00PM-8:00PM. Interment will take place at Gwinnett Memorial. Please express your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, 914 Scenic Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30045 (Gwinnett Chapel), 770.338.5558

# Cemetery Details

## Gwinnett Memorial Park

925 Lawrenceville Highway  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046-4705

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Gwinnett  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Celebration of Life

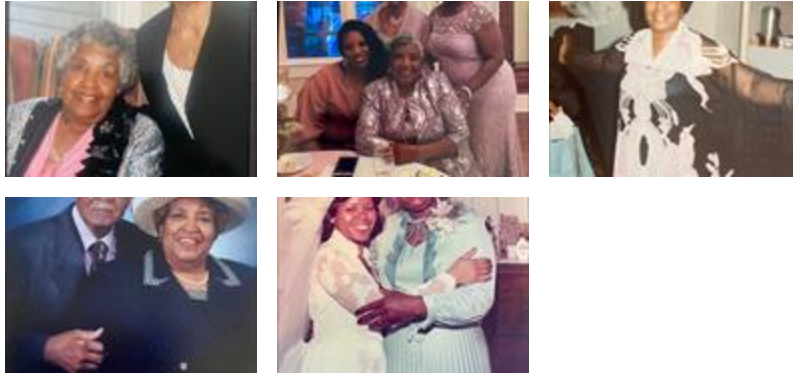
DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
797 Moon Rd  
Lawrenceville, Ga

# Tribute Wall

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“ 7 files added to the album Rebecca Kelly



Cynthia Neal - December 14, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rebecca Kelly.



December 08, 2023 at 07:40 AM

BS

“ To my great great aunt Rebecca Kelly I am going to truly miss you so much I will cherish all the memories I had with you from a little girl to the last time I seen you which was last year at your house before I moved to Texas say hi to aunt Joyce for me and Uncle Elbert I'm glad you were in my life and since church days ❤️❤️❤️  
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breanna snell - December 04, 2023 at 08:36 AM

DT

*Dearest Ms. Kelly,  
What a great pleasure it was to meet you, the first time your daughter  
Yvonne brought me home to the house,  
I fell in love with your sweet spirit, and lovely smile.  
I'm sorry I didn't get my last chance for tea and your hospitality.  
Rest in peace knowing you were loved and will be truly missed .  
Darlene Treadwell*

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**Darlene Treadwell** - December 04, 2023 at 06:34 PM

CH

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Kelly Family. It was always a  
pleasure to see Mama Kelly who would always greet you with the  
warmest smile and a loving embrace. Mama Kelly was also so  
elegant and quite the Fashionista. Those hats she used to wear to  
church was quite a sight to see LOL. She will be surely missed by  
many and I thank God that he granted her a long life and shared her  
with us God bless.*

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**cherie** - December 04, 2023 at 12:12 AM

LA

“ I met “Becky” a couple of years ago when I became her caregiver. I fell in Love with her immediately (Her daughter Yvonne and their entire family were all equally as loving, selfless and simply beautiful human beings!) Becky not only knew the Bible from the first book to the last book.... She lived it daily. I have learned so many wonderful things from Rebecca Kelly and those memories will be forever etched into my heart. Not a day went by that she didn't make me laugh. I felt so much comfort whenever; I was near her. She was the grandmother that I've always wanted and never had....(mine preceded me in death) I know we have to go home when called by our father; but oh how I wished she was still here. What an awesome God we serve because it took Rebecca's genes and her husband's genes to create their children so; I feel like Rebecca is still above ground within Yvonne... they were so close) Rebecca's personality was priceless... I never had to guess how I was going to be greeted on any given day because she was always consistent... so pleasant, so funny and so kind). One day after leaving Becky's house to care for another client I doubled back to Becky's house to pick up my cellphone that I had accidentally left there. I rang the doorbell many times but; they were all sleeping.... so; I thought. Becky came to the front door and asked who is it....I said Laverne then I realized she calls me by my daughter Leslie's name and never by my name. I then said I'm “Leslie” Becky and I left my cellphone on your dresser. Becky then opened the door for me setting of the house alarm and everyone else came running towards the door. Needless to say I was so embarrassed yet again I got my phone and they all went back to bed without a hitch. One day I asked Becky what is my name and Becky replied; “ Laverne” and still called me Leslie everyday after that day. I love ❤️ me some Becky and I thank her family for allowing me to love her and Becky to love me without a hint of jealousy!

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**laverne** - December 02, 2023 at 02:27 PM