



Reverend Edward Kelley

October 18, 1939 - March 27, 2018

Reverend Edward Kelley
Pickens, South Carolina

Reverend Edward Kelley, 78, husband of Geneva Jenkins Kelley, passed from this life Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at his home.

Born in Anderson County, South Carolina, he is a son of the late Luther Kelley and Ella Mae Brooks Kelley. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate from Furman University. He was active in ministry as a minister in the Church of God, a member of Pickens Church of God, and served for 35 years as Senior Chaplain with the Pickens County Correction Center.

Survivors include his wife Geneva of 58 years of the home, a son Robert Kelley (Iroth) of Pickens, a grandson Justin Kelley (Kelly) of Pickens, sisters Louise Jenkins, Janie Hayes and Frances Allen.

Reverend Kelley was predeceased by his parents, a granddaughter Asdin Brook Kelley, sisters Nancy Norris, Dorothy Powell, Barbara Ann Kelley, brothers Raymond Kelley and David Kelley.

Visitation will be 1 pm until 2 pm Thursday, March 29, 2018 in the chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home with the funeral service to follow at 2 pm

officiated by Justin Kelley, Reverend Evelyn Galloway and Reverend Chris Swett. Entombment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park and Gardens Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Pickens Church of God Youth Fund, 127 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, South Carolina 29671.

The family is at the home.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Kelley family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park and Gardens

2410 Gentry Memorial Highway
Pickens, SC 29671

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - Pickens Chapel
105 Florence St
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Service

MAR 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AN

“ April Niemela lit a candle in memory of Reverend Edward Kelley



April Niemela - April 13, 2018 at 06:31 PM

SH

“ Geneva,
"We are so sorry about Edward passing. He was a great Friend! We shared so many great times through the years with you two. Praying for the Family. Love and Prayers,
Shelby and Alton Howard
Isaiah 41:13

Shelby Howard - April 10, 2018 at 12:04 PM

MS

“ Geneva,
Sorry about the loss of your dear husband. May the Lord be your strength in the days ahead.
Martha Seaborn

Martha Seaborn - March 29, 2018 at 01:58 PM

TC

“ Edward Kelley was a dear, precious friend of mine. He served in the Prison Ministry of Pickens County for many years. He was humble, inclusive, empathetic, and affectionate.

This earned the respect of Pickens County inmates, Edward engendered trust and saw genuine potential in each inmate. When Edward first came to the prison ministry, the little chapel was soon too small for those interested in Edward's presentations. Inmates sat outside the chapel on the ground. A new chapel was soon completed with no expense to the county. Edward Kelley reached out to inclusively ask other religious leaders to help. I had the honor of sitting and listening, and was deeply moved.

Luther Edward Kelley will always be in my memory as an example of the Christ.

Tom Cloer

Tom Cloer - March 29, 2018 at 11:59 AM

JP

“ Jan Price lit a candle in memory of Reverend Edward Kelley



Jan Price - March 29, 2018 at 10:17 AM

BH

“ Brad Hendrix sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Edward Kelley

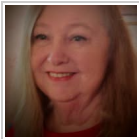


Brad Hendrix - March 29, 2018 at 07:22 AM

SF

“ I have many fond memories from my childhood of attending church with Edward and Geneva. When I was 10 years old we had “Hillbilly Day” at school and Brother Edward made me a real corncob pipe as a prop for my costume. It was probably a very simple thing for him, but I never forgot him doing that for me!! His life was a Godly example here on earth and I can just imagine how he is now enjoying all the joys of Heaven. Love and prayers to all the family!!
Susan Knight Fendley

Susan Knight Fendley - March 28, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ He's home at last.

Sheila Moore - March 28, 2018 at 08:37 AM

RS

“ Renee Shelton lit a candle in memory of Reverend Edward Kelley



Renee Shelton - March 27, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ *Rev.Edward Kelly as one of the most kindest , loving , Godly men I have met .
Vivian and I pray that you all know Bro.Eward is where we all are waiting to go .
Heaven has another great man of God today , He is walking with Oral Roberts , Billy Graham and many more
REV. Edward was a soul winner and a preacher that cared deeply for the souls that were struggling in life in the prison ministry and all walks of life .
Never heard him say a unkind word to anyone ,
Vivian and I will be praying for you Sis. Geniva , and family
May God comfort you hearts
God Bless you
Love ,
Rev.Dave and Vivian Brown*

Dave Brown - March 27, 2018 at 08:25 PM

RP

Earth loss is heavens gain. Edward Kelly will be greatly missed! Sorry I won't be available for his home going service but I have appointments in Columbia V A at that time. I will be praying for the family. GOD's grace is sufficient.

Roger Pelfrey - March 27, 2018 at 11:03 PM

RK

Rev. Edward Kelley was our Sunday School teacher when we were newlyweds. Great teacher and Godly Example of God's Word. Geneva we are PRAYING for you and your family. Pastors Rickey and Theresa Knight Honea Path sc

Rickey Knight - March 28, 2018 at 09:47 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend Edward Kelley.*



March 27, 2018 at 08:20 PM



Christian Jones

“ *I'm grateful for the memories I had of Brother Kelley as a young Christian. As I would pray in the altar Brother Kelley would say "Look up in the face of God." He was serious about prayer and a relationship with God. He gave me my first opportunity to speak at the Stockade Prison as a young man. God Bless the Kelley Family.*

Christian Jones - March 27, 2018 at 08:03 PM