



Ms. Iris Clara Kelley

October 22, 1929 - March 31, 2024

Iris Clara Anderson Kelley, known affectionately as "Mamaw," was born on October 22, 1929, in Brewton, AL, and went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 31, 2024, in Cumming, GA, at the age of 94. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and even great-great-grandmother. Iris spent the majority of her life caring for her beloved family.

Iris is survived by her daughter Iris Linda Kelly Davis, son Michael Edward Kelly (Terri), grandson Andrew Richard Kelly (Katie), grandson Brandon Michael Kelly (Jillian), great granddaughter Courtney Nicole Kelly Ralston (Teddy), great-great-grandson Kyro Reign Ralston, great-granddaughter Lillian Mae Kelly, granddaughter Kimberly Ann Nottingham, grandson Kevin Ray Kelly (Keri), grandson David Davis, grandson Billy Hill, granddaughter Jessica Davis, and great-granddaughter Melody Noel Cleburn. She is also survived by her brother J. L. Anderson and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her father Alvin S. Anderson, mother Hester Smith Anderson, husband J. F. "Jake" Kelley, sons Jake Larry Kelly, Jerry Allen Kelly, Jimmy Wayne Kelly, Tommy Ray Kelly, sisters Onita Anderson Tutt Null and Betty Anderson, brothers Alvin Anderson, Shellie Anderson, Melvin Anderson, granddaughters Bonnie Ann Cleburn, Krystal Davis, Melissa Hill, and other family members.

Iris worked at Providence Hospital in Mobile, Alabama, and was also a licensed hairdresser/beautician.

She worshipped at First Baptist Church of Theodore, where she recalls that she accepted Jesus as her savior during a revival service and was baptized in a creek around the age of 12.

Her hobbies included cooking delicious southern soul food, with her fried pork chops, tea cakes and fried apple pies being a family favorite. She enjoyed playing card games like Canasta with her husband, Jake, and family members including George and Sherbie Hewes, Aunt Mattie and Aunt Belle, among others.

A graveside service will be held at Magnolia Springs Baptist Church in Theodore, Alabama, on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. The funeral home assisting with the arrangements is Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home in Mobile, AL.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

6058 Theodore Dawes Rd
Theodore , AL 36582

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 5. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Sending love and prayers. Great memories growing up and visiting. Iris would always have me biscuits and tomato gravy when I arrived. Will miss her. Love you. Mattie Sue*

Mattie Sue Ernest - April 04, 2024 at 01:05 PM

JD

miss you and love you maw maw always your Granddaughter Jessica Davis sorry I couldn't be there I remember good memories as a child with you please say hello maw maw to my other sisters Bonnie Melissa and Krystal that I love and miss them very much 🍷🙏🍷

Jessica Davis - April 08, 2024 at 11:59 PM

PR

So sorry for your loss.I have fond memories of Aunt Iris. She and my Mother Emma Kelly were very close when they lived in and around Theodore. Blessings to you and your family

Patricia Kelly Roberts - April 04, 2025 at 07:50 AM