



Joye Belle Kelly

October 28, 1931 - February 4, 2022

Joye Belle (Deavenport) Kelly, 90, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Friday, February 4, 2022. She was born October 28, 1931 to Andrew Lee Deavenport and Pattie Celia (Thomas) Deavenport in Silverton, Texas.

Joye spent her childhood in Silverton on her family's farm. As a young girl, she learned to drive a tractor to help her father with the cotton, wheat, and maize during the war. Joye was a cheerleader for the Silverton Owls, and she graduated from high school in Briscoe County. Later, Joye helped ensure the continued operations of her family farm, which still runs today thanks to the son of Larue Garvin, Joye's childhood best friend, who she lovingly called Ukie. The Deavenport family farm has been continuously operated for over 100 years.

Joye attended Abilene Christian College from 1949-1951. At ACC, Joye was named ACC Freshman Favorite and Band Queen in 1949. In 1959, Joye was asked to be Coming Home Queen for the ACC Homecoming Festivities because of her accolades. During her college years, she had a summer job where she collected and reported agricultural statistics that were used by the State and Federal government to formulate policies to support farmers. Joye was also on the yearbook staff, in the women's social club GATA, and enjoyed meeting people for coffee, which is how she met her future husband.

Joye married the love of her life, Charles Moreland Kelly, on December 25, 1950 on her family farm in Silverton, Texas. She wore a tailored white wool suit to the ceremony. Joye and Charles shared 66 years of happy marriage together before his passing in 2017. After Charles' graduation from ACC in 1951, they moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma and began their life together there. Joye worked for Allied Finance and later helped her husband manage his new business, the Kelly Office Supply, which was the biggest office supply company in Oklahoma at the time.

During this time, Joye and Charles expanded their family, and Joye took great pleasure in caring for their four children. She was a member and Bible school teacher at the West Side Church of Christ in Muskogee, Oklahoma for 70 years. Joye was honored to help teach children key life skills such as kindness, patience, and sharing during her time as a Bible School teacher, mother, and "Meme."

Joye enjoyed cooking, going to the beach, and being with her family. Her house almost always smelled like chocolate chip cookies, and many memories were made at her home while sitting around her dining room table, which she inherited from her mother. Joye has passed her love of cooking to her children and grandchildren, many of whom fondly remember baking together when at her home. Her staple cookbook, the Joy of Cooking, was given to her by her sister, Nona, as a wedding present in 1951, and Joye's family members continue to use this book as a guide when they cook.

She and Charles were gardeners for a good portion of their lives, and they loved to share their abundant produce each year with everyone at church. Joye was truly the embodiment of her name; she was kind, patient, and ever-pleasant. Her soft smile and beauty will be remembered by all who loved and knew her.

Joye was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Kelly; parents, Andrew and Pattie Deavenport; sisters, Corrine Jarrett and Nona Barnett; brother, Joe Deavenport; and son-in-law, Leland Smith.

She is survived by her children, Karlease Kelly of Ranson, WV, Kim Smith of Muskogee, OK, Kathy Schaffner and husband Dr. Randall Schaffner of Vernon, TX, and Keith Kelly and wife Michelle of Tulsa, OK; 10 grandchildren, Kelly Duck and husband Jim, Lee Smith and wife Traci, Kyndle Smith and Chelsea, Austin Schaffner and wife Dana, Audrey Buchanan and husband King, Alec Schaffner and wife Courtney, Madison Kelly, Connor Kelly and wife Rustyn, Brooklyn Kelly, and Logan Kelly; 8 great-grandchildren, Kadence Duck, Joshua Duck, Kaylee Smith, Karson Smith, Leannah Smith, Kallen Smith, Emma Schaffner, and Taylor Joye Schaffner; she is also survived by brother Roy Deavenport, brother-in-law Jim Kelly and wife Elaine, brother-in-law Bob Davidson, and numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

A celebration of Joye's life will be 10AM, Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at West Side Church of Christ in Muskogee, OK with Minister Harry Fitzgerald officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery Pavilion. Serving as pallbearers will be Connor Kelly, Austin Schaffner, Alec Schaffner, Lee Smith, Kyndle Smith, and Jim Duck. Honorary pallbearers will be Logan Kelly, Joshua Duck, and King Buchanan.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

West Side Church of Christ
2434 W Okmulgee St
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Joye Belle Kelly*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *As a child back in the 50's, Joye and Charles were a special part of my life and that continued over the years. The joy and friendship they shared with all who knew them will be greatly missed. Joye can now join Charles in the arms of our Heavenly Father. May their family have comfort knowing that they will spend eternity in heaven. What a blessing they both were to so many of us here on earth.*

Glenn White

Glenn White - February 10, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *What an incredible Christian lady. Charles often talked about Joye lovingly as we shared golf and life together. Oh how he adored her! Her beautiful smile and kind and gentle spirit showed Jesus to anyone fortunate enough to know her. As I once told Charlie, I believe if you looked up LADY in the dictionary it should simply say Joye Kelly, that would say it all. Miss them both so much. Comfort and blessings to the Kelly family.*

Stan Hiner

Stan Hiner - February 08, 2022 at 11:42 PM

BG

“ *What fond memories that I have growing up in Muskogee with the Kelly family. Many nights spent with my friend, Kathy and many meals enjoyed that Joye prepared. Joye was so loving and grace-filled. I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone or anything. My most favorite memory was Sunday lunch with the family after church at Westside and drinking out of her pewter goblets and eating off of the pewter plates. My thoughts and prayers are with this very special family! God has indeed received an Angel! Love to you all!*

Beth Holton Giddes

Beth Holton Giddes - February 08, 2022 at 07:56 PM

KH

“ *Charles and Joye were significant and prominent people of faith in my growing up years. They were models of faith for me. I owe them both a great debt. It's tough to see these dear ones in that generation who have meant so much to me--and all of us, I'm sure--pass on, even though we are assured they are in a better place. Thank you, Lord, for the Kellys, and for the imprint they have made on our hearts and lives. Take care of them, Father, until we see them again. And, Lord, please care for Joye's family as they grieve the loss of a dearly-loved member of their family.*

Kerry Holton - February 07, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joye Belle Kelly.*



February 07, 2022 at 08:49 PM

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“ G.R. Holton Family purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Joye Belle Kelly.



G.R. Holton Family - February 07, 2022 at 08:13 PM



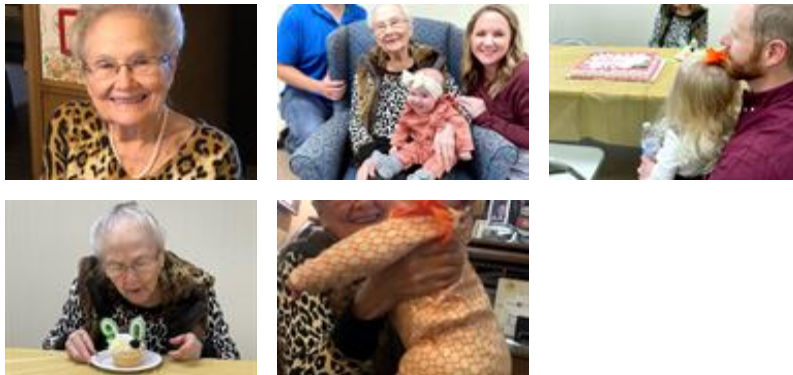
“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joye Belle Kelly.



February 07, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - February 07, 2022 at 04:45 PM

TC

“ We are heartbroken but know she is back at Charles side. We loved Joye and Charles very much and often talk about our wonderful times with them. They were truly the perfect role models to us always showing their tremendous love and respect for each other. We loved them dearly and will forever miss our talks, gardening and them bringing children to see " The Farm ".

Tammy Calhoun - February 07, 2022 at 04:21 PM

JJ

“ Joye was soooo Loving, Giving and Kind but most importantly GODLY! She raised me on Homemade cookies Fresh out of the oven and would frost Pewter Mugs and pour Cold Milk and deliver them to me and Keith and we would be in HEAVEN. Now she is in HEAVEN and we will join her one Glorious DAY!
John and Misha Johnson

John and Misha Johnson - February 07, 2022 at 12:43 PM

JJ

“ John and Misha Johnson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joye Belle Kelly.



John and Misha Johnson - February 07, 2022 at 12:41 PM