



Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery

December 7, 1951 - April 6, 2021

The passing of Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery, age 69, is being announced by her son, Randolph R. Lawson, Jr. and step-daughter, Tanya Bryant.

Kay was born on December 7, 1951, in Gates County, North Carolina to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alonza S. Kee, Sr. She peacefully answered the call of her Heavenly Father on Tuesday morning, April 6, 2021, at her residence.

Kay grew up and attended schools in Gates County, North Carolina. Upon graduation from high school, she began her postsecondary studies at North Carolina Central University obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. She was a devout supporter of her alma mater and Eagles Family. She continued her studies by earning a Master of Arts degree in History from Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT.

Kay was an exemplary educator who brought a unique pedagogical style to the classroom by preparing students for both lifelong learning and invaluable life skills. She began her employment with Chapel-Hill Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) as a Social Studies teacher at Chapel Hill High School. While at Chapel Hill High, she served as Social Studies Department Chair for many years. For the 2008-2009 school year, Kay was selected as the CHHS Teacher of the Year. Later, as runner up for the CHCCS Teacher of the Year,

Kay received recognition as one of two honor teachers for the District. She also chaired the Minority Faculty Support Group, a school-based organization which was instrumental in assisting and mentoring teachers and staff of color. After leaving the classroom, Kay became a District Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) teacher, a program designed to improve teacher quality by having expert teachers mentor and evaluate their novice peers.

Kay was adored and revered by many of her former students and remained in contact with several of them. She announced her retirement from CHCCS in February, 2014 after 25 years of dedicated service.

She was a member of First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina.

Along with her children, Kay leaves to cherish her memory her brothers, Robert Kee, Sr. and Alonza S. Kee, Jr.; sister, Dora Kee; four grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Public viewing for Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery will take place at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701, on Saturday, April 10, 2021, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

A celebration of Kay's life will be held at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave., Durham, North Carolina 27707 on Monday, April 12th; Viewing at 11:30 a.m. and Life Celebration Service at 12:00 noon, with Pastor Fredrick Davis delivering the eulogy.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Kay Lawson-Demery through Zoom Live Stream:

Please click the link below to join the webinar,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85063710631?>

Webinar ID: 850 6371 0631

Passcode: 552913

Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery will be laid to rest in New Pine Grove Cemetery, Waterbury, Connecticut.

In every effort to protect our families and their guests, face coverings are required.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **10**. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettfc.com/>

Viewing

APR **12**. 11:30 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church
1311 Morehead Ave
Durham, NC 27707
info@firstcalvary.org
<http://firstcalvary.org>

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Durham, NC 27707
info@firstcalvary.org
<http://firstcalvary.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *MAHESH PURANDARE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery*



MAHESH PURANDARE - April 22, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Tanya Bryant - April 22, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Dora Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery*



Dora Bailey - April 12, 2021 at 11:17 AM

HL

“ Hortense Logan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery



Hortense Logan - April 11, 2021 at 12:33 PM

RB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kay’s passing. She was a great teacher, a strong woman, and a loving friend and mentor. She will be missed. My sympathy and prayers for all of her family and many friends.
Roberta Barrett

Roberta Barrett - April 10, 2021 at 01:28 PM

RA

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Kay was a classmate of mine at NCCU. A devoted friend and Eagle. She will be sorely missed . RIP.
Regina Durante Allen

Regina D Allen - April 09, 2021 at 11:56 PM

RA

“ Kay was a devoted eagle and educator. Many family members in our circle were on her shoulders and under her wings as proud eagles. The circle of friends attended almost every home coming game since graduation and fussed every body out who didn’t cheer for NCCU even when we were on the visiting side, it didn’t matter, eagle pride amplified!!!

Rosa S. Anderson - April 09, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery.*



April 09, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ *Randy and Tanya we love you and are praying for you along with the rest of the family. Blessed to have so many precious memories of our friendship. She will forever remain in my heart always. Class of 1974 NCCU Eagles has taken her wings.*



Jacqueline D. Roseboro - April 09, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kay Francies Lawson-Demery.*



April 09, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Mrs. Lawson will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was dedicated to her family, friends and all of the students she taught. She was also very respected by all of he co-workers. Praying that the happy memories of her and God's Grace will bring some comfort during this difficult time. Lillian W. Lee.*

Lillain W. Lee - April 08, 2021 at 05:40 PM

NS

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Kaye. She was a beautiful person to know. I enjoyed her visits to Wilmington. Prayers to the family. Nadine Shipman

Nadine Shipman - April 08, 2021 at 08:06 AM