



Mrs. Willamena Kelly

May 27, 1935 - February 10, 2022

Willamena Kelly, 86, passed away at her daughter's home in Durham, North Carolina on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

Born Willie Mae in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Willamena is the last surviving child of Joseph and Amelia Williams. In 1953, she graduated from Girls High School in Brooklyn, NY. She and Sgt. James N. Boyd (dec.) married. Willamena loved traveling to bases across the U.S. and Germany as a military wife. She proudly earned her jump wings with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. While stationed at Valley Forge, they settled in Pottstown, Pennsylvania in 1968 where they raised five children.

Willamena loved her family, cooking, and socializing with friends. Through her employment with Pottstown Public Schools, she combined her passion for food and people by working in elementary and junior high school cafeterias. Until her retirement, she enjoyed getting to know the children and grandchildren of her friends and kept her pockets full for students who needed lunch money.

In 1980 Willamena married Winston J. Kelly and together they enjoyed cruises and traveling to casinos up and down the east coast. On weekends they could be found socializing with friends at the American Legion, the F.O.E., the Elks Lodge, or in the Coal Region of Pennsylvania. Willamena's favorite activity

was to host family and friends at her home on May Street where guests were treated to good food, drinks, music, and conversation in the basement, in the kitchen or on the deck.

Willamena was preceded in death by her husband Winston, her son, Nathaniel Boyd and all nine of her cherished siblings: Herman Williams, Fletcher Williams, James Williams, Leon Williams, Harold Williams, John (“Rock”) Williams, Josephine Miller, Eula Mae Jackson, and Eleese Perry. She is loved and survived by her children, Glenn Boyd (Chicago, Illinois), Stephen Boyd (Wadsworth, Illinois), Sharon Yvette (Boyd) Graves (Fayetteville, North Carolina), Stephen and Valarie (Boyd) Valentine (Durham, North Carolina), and John Kelly (Allentown, Pa.). Willamena was ‘Aunt Will’ to her many nieces and nephews and ‘Grammy’ to even more grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

A graveside funeral at Limerick Garden of Memories in Royersford, Pennsylvania will be held on Friday, May 27th, 2022. In lieu of flowers and cards do one or all of the following: call a friend or co-worker, enjoy a homecooked meal with your family, plan a trip, give a donation to your local church, make lunches for residents of your local shelter, or pay off a student’s lunch debt at your local school.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Willamena Kelly*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willamena Kelly.*



March 04, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Steve n families. I am Ssl sorry to hear about mrs Willamena my condolences out to the whole family she will be truly missed. Your mother touched so many lives with her generosity kindness, and acts of love. It was a pleasure to always talk and see her with her warmness and generosity. God bless her and we will see her again on the other side.she is no longer in our lives but for sure she's in god's loving hands.watching over us all she was that kind of lady. And for sure she received her wings. Gone but will always be missed.*

jeana walton - February 23, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *Tonya Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willamena Kelly*



Tonya Cockerham - February 23, 2022 at 06:22 PM

TC

“ I am so sorry for your lost! I'm gone miss seeing her every morning taking her walks or just relaxing on the front porch! My dogs would always let us know when she was outside, they had a special bark for her! She will be truly missed! Family if there is anything we can do we are right across the street!

Tonya Cockerham - February 23, 2022 at 06:20 PM

JF

“ Always will remember her. For we were born on the same date May 27. And we use to laugh about that. You were like another mother to me. Your children and I were like brothers and sisters growing up with each other AMEN!

Julius Flynn - February 18, 2022 at 10:18 PM

EB

“ So very saddened to hear of the passing of Willamena. She was always so jovial and had a beautiful smile for everyone. She was certainly considered to be among the best cooks in Pottstown. Sending our Sincere Prayers and Condolences to her remaining Family. May she Rest in Eternal Peace.



Elaine and Robert Blakey, Harrisonburg, VA (Friends of Willamena)

Elaine & Robert Blakey - February 15, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ My prayers and condolences go out to the family of one of my oldest dearest friends. I will keep all of our memories we hff and together in my heart. You fought a good fight my friend. But now you can rest on peace because the Lord definitely said JOB WELL DONE . R.I.P. MY LING TIME FRIEND

Doris Cole - February 15, 2022 at 08:05 PM

BB

“ My sincere condolences, I worked with Willemena for many years at the Pottstown Middle school. We always had such a good time together. Will would treat us every once in awhile to her fried chicken. Collaerd greens and Mac and cheese. Hands down the Best I have ever tasted. She was a wonderful cook and friend and will be missed by so many, my thoughts and prayers are with everyone who loved Willemena. 🙏❤️
Sincerely,
Beth Bean

Beth Bean - February 15, 2022 at 03:26 PM

RW

“ To the family of Mrs Willamena Kelly, my fine memory of my favorite (Aunt Will). When she visited Orangeburg, SC during the summer time with husband Kelly. They used to bring fun and happiness with them. As a youngster, I would sit around hearing the laughter my Aunts and Uncles brought to the atmosphere. I loved being by her side, it was a feeling of comfort. I am going to miss you dearly. Rest on with the rest of your siblings and friends. Love you dearly 🧡💕

Ralph M Williams - February 15, 2022 at 07:34 AM

RD

“ Sending my love, thoughts and prayers to the family! Mrs. Willamena will forever be remembered and loved.

Love,
Rachael Davis

Rachael Davis - February 14, 2022 at 10:34 AM

CD

“ to My Sincere Condolences go out to all of the family. Hold on to your Faith and know that God will see you through this very difficult time.



Cellestine Day - February 14, 2022 at 07:21 AM

TW

“ To My Dearest Auntie...I will forever miss and love you. I am glad that i got to speak and hear your voice often. Give my parents a Hug from me.. ...you are now there with your buddy..your dearest sis in law..my mommie who you called "Chicken" or "Chick" and Loved soo much...along with your parents and siblings and your dearest Mr. Kelly.❤️

Tonya(Tina) Williams-Heard - February 13, 2022 at 04:23 AM