



April Scott Kelley

August 2, 1941 - April 24, 2016

April Scott Kelley

Summerville, SC—April Scott Kelley is home and is whole. April 24, 2016 marked her

last day on earth, and her first in Heaven. Funeral Services will be held Friday morning at 9 o'clock at Lakeside Baptist Church, Clearwater, SC. Interment will be in Lakewood Memorial Gardens East, Chattanooga, TN at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Kelley was born in Shreveport, LA to the late Lt. Colonel C.L. Scott and the late Mada Sparks Scott. She grew up in Carthage, TX, where she became proficient in singing, as well as playing the trumpet and piano. After graduating from Tennessee Temple University as the valedictorian, she married the late Dr. Bob Kelley in 1963 and the two of them ministered together for 43 years. The Lord blessed them with three girls and with fruitful ministries in evangelism, as well as in local churches in Tennessee, West Virginia, and South Carolina.

April's life was a grand testimony to the greatness and the grace of her wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ. Whether it was facing breast cancer, battling multiple sclerosis (for over 60 years!) or watching her husband taken from her by a sudden illness, nothing could ever rob her of her joy. Her smile lit the room, her kindness warmed your heart and her faithfulness helped strengthen

your resolve.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel Star Kelley Bancroft and John Bancroft of West Columbia, SC; Laura Dawn Phillips and Chris Phillips of Charleston, SC; Sharon Daye Goforth and David Goforth of Riverview, FL; sisters Cherry Hutcheson, of Hampton, GA; and Madell Price of Matthews, NC. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren: John Robert Bancroft (Ashleigh), Nathaniel Scott Bancroft (Amy), Abby Kristine Phillips, April Lauren Phillips, Zachariah Thomas Phillips, Alyson Kate Phillips, Holly Daye Goforth, Kelley Daye Goforth, Bailey Daye Goforth, Chloe Daye Goforth, Amy Daye Goforth, and one great- grandchild, Micah Scott Bancroft.

The family will receive friends at Lakeside Baptist Church (4280 Jefferson Davis HWY, Clearwater, SC 29841) Thursday evening from 7 until 9.

We are going to miss her “hints,” her notes, her sweet spirit...but we look forward to the day when we will be united with Christ, will walk with her in glory, and once again have the privilege of hearing “Pop and Nana” sing one of their classic duets. Our prayer is that if you do not have the joy and peace that comes from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that today will be the day you turn from your sins and place your complete trust in the finished work of Calvary.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry at www.poseycares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Lakeside Baptist Church
4319 Jefferson Davis Highway
Clearwater, SC

Service

APR 29. 9:00 AM (ET)

Lakeside Baptist Church
4319 Jefferson Davis Highway
Clearwater, SC

Interment

APR 29. 4:00 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memorial Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall



“ *April Scott Kelley*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *April Scott Kelley*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *In 2014 I started experiencing lack of muscle control when performing strenuous exercise, within months I had tremors and terrible mood swings. After bouts with many neurologists I was diagnosed of MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, I was placed on medications which relieved some symptoms but my health was fast declining. Finally, I was introduced to Mayaka Natural Clinic and their effective Multiple Sclerosis treatment. I immediately started on the treatment, it relieved symptoms significantly, even better than the medications I was given. Visit ww w. mayakanaturalclinic. c om. First month on treatment, my tremors mysterious stopped, had improvement walking. After I completed the treatment, all symptoms were gone. I live a more productive life.*

Debbie Spence - December 23, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *Starr, Dawn and Daye, I will treasure the memories of your mother. She always had a sweet smile and kind word for everyone. She will be greatly missed.*

*Bonnie Camp
Murfreesboro, Tn.*

Bonnie Camp - April 29, 2016 at 01:00 PM

BO

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Bob - April 28, 2016 at 07:32 AM

PB

We loved Sister April. Pastor Ralph Boyd

Pastor Ralph Boyd - May 22, 2016 at 09:10 AM

JF

“ *It was virtually impossible not to love this lady and her infectious smile. She encouraged me more than once as a Sunday School teacher. Her body may have been bound to a wheel chair but her sweet spirit resonated every where she went. Will miss her.*

julian Farmer - April 27, 2016 at 08:39 PM

 Cheryl
Moore

“ *Mrs. Kelly was such a beautiful lady inside and out! She was so kind, encouraging, and always had the biggest, most beautiful smile I had ever seen. She had such joy that shined through her, you couldn't miss it. She so enjoyed life and her family. I am so glad I had the opportunity to know Bro. and Mrs. Kelly. And to know that they are together again and with all new, perfect bodies. The 2 of them are Praising the Lord face to face.*

Cheryl Moore - April 26, 2016 at 11:32 PM

RJ

“ April and Bro. Bob will be missed but think of were they are. April was such blessing in all that she did. We loved her and her husband. Both of who great Christians and worked for her Lord up to the very end. But we have the opportunity to see her again in heaven. It has been a long time since we have seen her but always knew she was praise the Lord. Our joy and blessings come to the whole family as you take your Mom to lay beside her husband.
Love,
Becky and Bill Jones



Rebekah K Jones - April 26, 2016 at 06:01 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sarah Hudson - April 26, 2016 at 03:41 PM

DK

No doubt in my mind one of the sweetest people on the planet! I can imagine the happy reunion with her husband, but I just cannot imagine this world without her in it. She took me in as another daughter (another PK) right out of college at my first job, and loved me as one of her own. The thing I admired most was how she always gave her 100% attention and sweet love to whoever she was talking to! No physical limitations could block the power of her love and joy she showed to all who came near! We loved Bro. Kelley, but everyone adored Mrs. April! And she deserved it!

Davina King - April 26, 2016 at 05:13 PM

MT

“ As we all grow older we grow apart and live our lives. But I will always remember the great times we all had as children together with Aunt April and my cousins. Memories of her and her family will always be in my heart until I go home to heaven. We are in prayer for all of her family that remain here.

Mitch Tillman - April 26, 2016 at 10:43 AM

SJ

“ April Kelley was the greatest example of a Christian lady that I knew. I was blessed to sit at her feet and be discipled as a young Christian woman. She not only taught me from the word of God, but by the life she lived on a daily basis. She was a true follower of Christ who exemplified all the fruits of the Spirit. She was full of compassion and love for everyone she knew. Her beautiful smile was contagious! She was a great prayer warrior who knew how to get to the heart of God. She will be missed by all who knew her, but Heaven just got sweeter! April I love you!

To Star, Dawn and Daye and family - Mike and I are praying for you during this time of celebration but also a time of grief. Praying God will comfort your hearts and give you the peace that passes all understanding. You all have taken care of your daddy and your mother in such a beautiful way. You are truly full of the love of God and have given so much. God's richest blessings to all of you for your daily labor of love. We love you all!

Shari Jones

Shari Jones - April 26, 2016 at 10:37 AM

NP

“ *Star, Dawn, Daye and all the family. weAre praying for you now we love your family and have many many special memories, Wish we could be there for you all. love DAN*

and Nancy Petty

nancy petty - April 26, 2016 at 09:28 AM

DR

“ *What a Godly example she was! She is now reunited with her husband, with a new healthy body! Love, prayers, and hugs to Star, Dawn, and Day. Jon and Donna Rice*

donna rice - April 26, 2016 at 08:50 AM

PS

“ *April, you were the epitome of the Proverbs 31 Godly woman and set an example for us all. You most definitely influenced my life in so many ways. I saw Jesus shining through your life. You allowed our Saviour to work through your life to show us how to be a better Christian, wife, mother, sister, servant of Christ, a joyful person even in difficult situations, kind, cheerful, always smiling, persevering, loving others unconditionally, and the list could go on and on. Thank you, April, for allowing God to use your life to teach others. I love you.*

Star, Dawn, and Daye -- my love and prayers are with you during this time of celebration that your mom has completed her earthly journey and has been called to her heavenly home for eternity by her loving Saviour! May God bless you all richly! My love and prayers are with you.

Pat Smith - April 25, 2016 at 10:07 PM

SC

Star, Dawn, and Daye, you and your families are so blessed to have had April as your mother...but you already knew that. :-) Wendy, Kristy, and I have been blessed ever since we met April. She always had a kind word, beautiful smile, Godly spirit. We know you will miss her...but could never wish her back. She is at Home with the Lord, never again to suffer or experience weakness--only joy unspeakable and full of Glory--the glory of our Lord Jesus. Thanks for your good testimonies. We appreciate you and are praying for you and your families.

Sue (Steele) Cawthron

Sue Steele Cawthron - April 26, 2016 at 04:29 PM

DD

“*Mrs. Kelley was a sweet, precious lady, full of grace and love. Her daughter's are so much like her and are to be admired for taking such good care of her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, for the days ahead, for God's peace and comfort.*

Love you all!

Debbie Dover

Debbie Dover - April 25, 2016 at 09:01 PM

DL

We are praying for God to comfort all of you and give you peace. Mrs Kelley was always an encouragement.

David Pam Lillibridge - April 26, 2016 at 11:39 AM

CF

“ April Kelley was a woman who radiated the joy of the Lord no matter her circumstances. She was real. Her love and gentleness attracted people to her. I know that moment she met her Savior He said, "Well done, my faithful servant April". I know her sweet daughters and their families as well as all those who knew her will greatly miss her.

Candy Feathers

Candy Feathers - April 25, 2016 at 08:54 PM

DT

April was a very sweet friend from years ago when they lived in Murfreesboro. I always looked up to her. She was a godly woman and was always smiling. You girls have been amazing daughters and caretakers to your precious mom.

Doris Todd - April 25, 2016 at 09:09 PM

RL

I served on the Women's Counsel at Tennessee Temple University with April and knew her as a college friend. I had only seen her once since, that was when her daughters were young. I was a roommate of Cherry's. Loved and admired both of them. Both were sweet godly young ladies. I know April will be missed. Looking forward to a reunion day. Rachel Baker Logan

Rachel Baker Logan - April 25, 2016 at 09:57 PM

JP

I knew April at Tennessee Temple. Later I saw her a few times at Franklin Road. The school in Memphis, where I taught for six years, always went to Bob Kelley's church and school for academic competition. Then I moved to SC, and what a nice surprise it was that my school again was going to Bob Kelley's church for academic competition (this time Grace in Columbia). I have also seen April a few times at Northside Baptist in Charleston. A few years ago, Marilyn Stevens and I visited with April when she was in the hospital at MUSC. What a blessing she has been each time I have seen her! She will be missed greatly, but what sweet memories she has left! Jeanette (Thornton) Pellman

Jeanette Pellman - April 25, 2016 at 10:11 PM

RV

I loved Mrs. April as my Pastor's Wife at Grace Baptist Church in West Columbia, SC. She was always such a joyful, spirit filled lady and a wonderful example to the women of the church. Our hearts grieve with yours at your loss...but heaven is her gain! Please know that you are in our prayers during this time! We truly loved both your Mom and your Dad. In His Service, Paul and Rachel Veach (Little Rock, AR)

Rachel Veach - April 25, 2016 at 11:27 PM

LB

Thank you Dawn, Day, Star & Families for sharing this incredible Lady. Miss April was so very proud of each of you, and loved you all so very much. Our beautiful Miss April was looking forward to meeting her Lord, Bob, Madels husband, her mother but most of all her father. I'm going to miss our Sunday morning parties - you me and Charles. Thank you, girlfriend, You've been a awesome friend.

Lorraine Ball - April 25, 2016 at 11:38 PM

MP

As April's 'baby sister', I cannot even begin to write what is in my heart! She has been such a godly example to me all my life...through all the fun days of growing up together, of going to college together, of singing together, of double dating together, of getting married the same week, of raising our children together, of laughing together, of crying together, of experiencing many chapters of life together! I will miss her laughter..her undaunted determination...her love for others...her passion for the Word of God...her prayers for me...her little notes of encouragement...her love for family...just HER! I cannot imagine the celebration in heaven. I know she has seen her Savior, Bob, Mama, Daddy, and my sweet Bradley, who always called her "Angel" A big piece of my heart is there with her!! My constant love and prayers for my amazing nieces, Star, Dawn, and Daye....I love you !!! Your love and care for your Mama has been unsurpassed!

Madell Price

Madell Price - April 26, 2016 at 12:03 AM

LD

What a sweet precious lady! When the Lord called Carlie and I to TN to work with A Beka Book, I had the wonderful privilege of getting to know your sweet family. Since Carlie traveled and was gone most Wednesday nights I had the joy of sitting with your mom in church. Never once did I hear her complain. She was always smiling and joyful. What a sweet blessing she was to me.

What a joy it has been to know your entire family and to keep up with you along the way through others and my daughter, Janet. I know you rejoice that your mom is with her Lord, and your dad, but I know it leaves a huge hole in your heart. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you continue to travel the journey of life without your sweet mother.

Lois DuBose - April 26, 2016 at 10:24 AM

PM

*Dear Star, Dawn, and Daye,
You have done a wonderful job loving your sweet Momma. Miss April was the kind of Godly woman I wanted to "grow-up" and be like. She was always so kind-hearted and wise, it was blessing to see her faithful testimony. Much Love, Pamela "Jamrozy" Muse*

Pamela Jamrozy Muse - April 26, 2016 at 11:41 AM

TC

I had not seen her since high school, but remember her as such a gentle person who was always happy. We lived as neighbors, and she was so kind to me when I was a young teen and my family first moved to Carthage. She made me feel accepted. Her smile made her glow and her kindness made her exceptional. We corresponded a few times in later years and I quickly learned of her love for the Lord. Wish I could have known her better as an adult. I'm sure her friendship was a treasure to all who had the privilege.

Thomasine Crow - April 26, 2016 at 04:50 PM

PC

You probably do not know me. I am a few years younger than April but we overlapped time at TTC. Just want you to know what great roll models she & Bob were for us younger students. May our Lord give you comfort during these days.

Paul Crosson

Paul Crosson - April 27, 2016 at 12:42 PM

LL

Providence Baptist Church was blessed to be able to know and love Ms. April, even if it was for a short time. Her smile and kind words were always such an encouragement to all. I am grateful to witness the love of her family toward her. Caring for her, seemed not to be an obligation, but some kind of honor or privilege. I know that all had to place their personal desires aside at times, but all joined together to minister to each other. Grateful for being able to see what it means to Rejoice Under Challenging Circumstances. Praying for all as they mourn the earthly loss of Ms. April.

llbenigni@tampabay.rr.com - April 27, 2016 at 04:28 PM

JC

I was privileged to have the opportunity of knowing Mrs. April. She was everything others are saying about her, and more. She was kind, loving, and thoughtful to everyone she met. The joy of the Lord truly radiated through her. Star, Dawn, and Daye, I am praying for each of you and well as your families. Thank you for sharing your mom with the rest of us.

Judi Childress - April 27, 2016 at 11:48 PM



One of the sweetest, Godliest women I ever knew. Starr, Dawn, Daye...I'm so sorry for your loss....Love, Joanna Himes-Murphy

Joanna Himes-Murphy - April 28, 2016 at 01:52 AM

BJ

Our condolences to Star, Dawn , Daye ,husbands and family, your mother was a true prayer warrior an example of Christ, regardless of how she was feeling or what was going on in her life, she always had that infectious smile that you could only respond to with a smile. She was a special lady in every sense of the word, she drew people to her with her genuine love and care for others, she knew the true happiness of joy one of the reasons for her joy is because she spelled joy as Jesus, Others and You, what a wonderful way to spell JOY. There are a lot of memories that we will carry with us throughout our lives and smile when we think of them. I would come into church on Wednesday night and be so tired from working and see her the 3rd row back on the organ side smiling and encouraging me and others ,knowing that there were times when she was also tired from having a hard day and she was there because of her love for the Lord and being there to support and encourage her husband as he proclaimed the gospel. We were privileged to have been able to spend time with your Dad and Mom in their home, to see the love they had for each other, to see the example of how we each should be with our spouses was inspirational. We can not imagine the reunion that took place when April closed her eyes here and opened them in the presence of the Lord , and there was her precious husband waiting there for her, they are now together again. The care you each gave to your mother is an example for all to follow, thank you all for taking care of a wonderful lady who touched the hearts and lives of so many and the countless number she help win to Christ.

In His Care

Bob & Toni Johnson

Bob & Toni Johnson - April 28, 2016 at 07:31 AM

DM

Simply one of the sweetest spirits.

D. Mitchell Mullenax - April 29, 2016 at 12:18 AM