



Mr. Wardell J. Kelley

September 20, 1951 - January 27, 2021

Public Viewing for Mr. Wardell J. Kelley will be Tuesday, February 02, 2021 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 P.M. at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home - Sullivan Chapel, 2548 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Graveside Services will be held on Wednesday, February 03, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at The Promised Land Cemetery, 1740 Cushman Drive, Columbia, SC 29204.

Interment will follow in The Promised Land Cemetery.

Please click the link below to view services for Mr. Wardell J. Kelley <https://www.facebook.com/A-A-Dicks-Funeral-Home-Sullivan-Chapel-115729839828313/>

Wardell Kelley, Sr., was born, September 20, 1951, to the late Mamie Lee Kelley and Leroy Kelley, Sr., in Columbia, South Carolina. He peacefully departed this life on January 27, 2021, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Wardell Kelley Sr. was well-known for his great personality and loving character, as a father, brother, uncle, mentor and friend. Wardell was not a complicated man, but he knew just how complicated life could be. As a father

and husband, he reared his two children and also played a monumental part in rearing his nieces and nephews, by the example he set. Wardell knew he was far from being a perfect man, so perfection was not his aim. He was a loving and caring man who accepted everyone for who they were. He never held back how he felt and would always tell you what you needed to know—and never what you wanted to hear.

He cared a lot about his family and made sure his family remembered to care for each other. Although short tempered at times, he was always helpful. He was a firm believer that “you don’t do things because of what you think you can get, you do things for others because you know you can help”. At the end of the day when everything was said and done, No matter who you thought Wardell was or what you may have thought he thought of you—just know that he loved you. Every form of correction, whether nice or harsh, was given in love. Most people would tell you what's right, but Wardell would show you. Every time he made you laugh, He did it because he knew you needed a good laugh. When you think of Wardell— don’t be sad, but smile, because this will show your love and appreciation for him.

Wardell was cherished by his children and family, those left to cherish his fond memories are: the mother of his children, Annisteen Harris-Wicks; his children, Leshanda Kelley and Wardell (Shaahida) Kelley, Jr; his grand children, Syeara Edmonds, Wardell Kelley III, and Arria Kelley; his brothers, Reginald Kelley, Rodney Kelley and Carol Kelley; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Services are incomplete at the moment.

Please leave the Kelly family your condolences and prayers.

The Kelley family, acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind

expressions of love and sympathy.

Thank you for helping us care for our families.

A. A. Dicks, Sr. and Staff.

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Cemetery Details

The Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 2. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WR

“ *Our Condolences, to the Kelley family, from the Adams family.
Wanda A. Redfern*

Wanda Redfern - February 04, 2021 at 07:24 AM

AL

“ *My deepest sympathy & condolences to the entire Kelley family on the lost of Waldell! He will certainly be missed by many who loved & shared precious moments with him. RIP in peace my friend!*



alfonzo lloyd - February 03, 2021 at 10:58 AM

BK

“ *Uncle Waddie I love you until we meet again*
💋❤️



Briandra Kelley - February 03, 2021 at 10:58 AM

RS

“ *You will truly be missed.*

Rodney & Shanice - February 03, 2021 at 10:35 AM

MJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. May God comfort and give you peace during this difficult time. I Pray many happy memories and joyful times fill your hearts*

Marie Johnson - February 03, 2021 at 10:22 AM

AC

“ *Asia Chandler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley*



Asia Chandler - February 03, 2021 at 09:04 AM

MA

“ *Margie Amiker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley*



margie Amiker - February 02, 2021 at 10:29 PM

MA

My sincere condolences to the family on the passing of their loved one my friend/classmate who will be greatly miss by so many who knew him 'but remember when we leave these old bodies our 'Lord and 'Savior give us new bodies in heaven to live in...I will keep you in 'heart and prayers...blessings-from -above!

margie Amiker - February 02, 2021 at 10:40 PM

AC

“ *Asia Chandler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley*



Asia Chandler - February 02, 2021 at 09:23 PM

AC

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Asia Chandler - February 02, 2021 at 09:23 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley*



Wanda Smith - February 02, 2021 at 09:09 PM

L&

“ *Larry & Ella, we send our love out you Family*

Larry, Ella, Larry II, Afungi, Emmaral & - February 02, 2021 at 08:15 PM

L&

“ *Our family sends our love, condolences out to the entire Kelly Family, so sorry to know we lost Wardell, may " GOD" confort at this time, future, always.*



Larry, Ella, Larry II, Afungi, Emmaral & - February 02, 2021 at 08:12 PM

L&

“ Larry, Ella, Larry II, Afungi, Emmaral & lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley



Larry, Ella, Larry II, Afungi, Emmaral & - February 02, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ Precious, Brandon, & Naja



D Precious Sumter - February 02, 2021 at 08:41 AM

TW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kelley family during this most difficult time. May God grant the family comfort and peace. #House Street neighborhood
Theresa Shell Wilson and family



Theresa Shell Wilson(Tee) - February 01, 2021 at 11:44 AM

DB

“ Dorothy Bethea lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley



Dorothy Bethea - February 01, 2021 at 06:29 AM

J(

“ *Jocelyn (Joy)Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley*



Jocelyn (Joy)Goodwin - January 31, 2021 at 12:40 AM

PS

i pray that GOD bless the Kelly's family. He was like a brother to me and he will truly be missed

Palmer Scott - February 02, 2021 at 11:30 AM

JG

RIP Brother, God loves you best

James Garrett - February 02, 2021 at 01:05 PM

WS

*Praying for your family, during this difficult time.
Wanda Kaye Smith*

Wanda Smith - February 02, 2021 at 09:13 PM

DW

“ *My condolences to the Kelly family. Darlene S. Walker .Wardell. R.I.H.*



Darlene walker - January 30, 2021 at 01:03 PM

HL

My condolences to the Kelly family. From my family SIP Wardell.

Hager Lloyd - January 31, 2021 at 07:12 PM

HT

“ *Harry And Anita Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley*



Harry and Anita Taylor - January 30, 2021 at 12:15 PM

CH

“ *Curtis Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley*



Curtis Hopkins - January 30, 2021 at 10:30 AM

WH

“ *Wanda&melvin Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wardell J. Kelley*



wanda&melvin harris - January 29, 2021 at 07:24 PM