



Margaret Peppers Kellum

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Funeral Service for Mrs. Margaret Peppers Kellum, 67, of Jacksons Gap, Alabama, will be Monday, June 10, 2024, at 3:00 pm at the West End Church. She will lie in state at the church from 2:00 pm until service time. Rev. Donald DeLee will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 9, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Radney Funeral Home.

Margaret Kellum, a beacon of love and the epitome of selflessness, passed away surrounded by the family she cherished above all else. As the rock of her family, Margaret's unwavering support and boundless kindness will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Born into the loving arms of William Lee Peppers and Mary Nell Peppers, Margaret's journey through life was marked by an innate ability to cultivate joy and friendship at every turn. Her laughter was a melody that resonated in the hearts of those around her, and her capacity to love knew no bounds. Margaret was the embodiment of friendliness, touching the lives of many with her warmth and openness.

Margaret's legacy is carried on by her devoted husband, Jerry Kellum of Jacksons Gap, AL, who stood by her side as her partner and confidant through life's many chapters. She is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Daphne Watkins (Guy) Harlow, Barbara Ann Bonner, Crystal (Tamario) Dumas, and Nonnie (Jeff) Ware, each of whom embody aspects of her generous spirit and loving heart. Margaret was a mother not only to her children but to many, always ready to extend her care and affection to those in need.

Her grandchildren, Shelby Smith, Robbie Adair, C.J. Kellum, Brandon Smith, Jason Smith, Kayla Smith, Kaitlyn Smith, and Ryan Bonner, were the apples of her eye. They, along with her great-grandchildren, Bella Smith, Elena Smith, Christian Berry, Felicity Pressley, Oaklynn Lamberth, Emmett Bishop, Rosalie Bishop, Isabella Bishop, Kolton Smith, John T. Smith, Logan Barnett, Chaya Smith, Emily Stewart, Amaya Smith, Jackson Adair, and Isaiah Adair, will hold dear the countless memories and lessons imparted by their beloved matriarch.

Margaret also leaves behind her siblings, Diane (Lamont) Hamilton and Gary Peppers, who shared in the joys and sorrows of life with her, and who will continue to honor her memory in



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their thoughts and actions.

Margaret was reunited in eternal rest with her beloved father, William Lee Peppers; mother, Mary Nell Peppers; daughter, Wendy Diane Peppers Smith; son, John Thomas "J.T." Sims; sister, Teresa Ashworth; brothers, Billy Peppers and Steven Peppers; and great-grandchild, Andrew C. Smith. Their memories remain a testament to the profound connections and love shared within the family.

Throughout her life, Margaret never met a stranger, embracing each new acquaintance with an open heart and an infectious smile. Her presence was a source of comfort and joy to all, and her absence will be felt deeply by the many lives she touched.

Margaret's life was a tapestry woven with threads of compassion, laughter, and unwavering support. As the family and friends she leaves behind reflect on her life, they are reminded of the love she gave freely and the strength she embodied. Margaret Kellum's spirit will continue to inspire and guide those she loved, as they carry forward her legacy of kindness and generosity. Margaret's life will be celebrated in a manner befitting the love and light she brought into this world. Her memory will be cherished, her lessons upheld, and her love will continue to echo through the generations. Though she has departed from this earthly realm, Margaret's influence remains, a testament to a life lived with an open heart and open arms. Rest in peace, dear Margaret, knowing you have left an indelible mark on this world and in the hearts of your beloved family.

Radney Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Margaret Nell Kellum.



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JS

Janet Snyder lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

Prayers for the family. Margaret was a great person and friend. She always had a smile to share.

June 10 at 7:00 PM



RB

Rhonda Brown lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

June 10 at 7:00 PM



BE

Barbara Edmondson lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

June 9 at 7:00 PM



RS

Rita Stewart posted:

She was a special person and friend she would help anyone when she could she was a dear friend to me when I lost my husband. She will be greatly missed Rest in Peace my dear friend.

June 8 at 7:00 PM

SB

Susanne Barbour lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

So hard to believe this bright light no longer shines among us. We have the best memories. You will be missed sunshine 🌟

June 8 at 7:00 PM



JT

Janice Talley lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

June 8 at 7:00 PM





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JT

Janice Talley posted:

Margaret and I met at Jim Pearson school as we where enrolling our daughters in first grade 43 years ago. Our first conversation I felt like I knew her all my life. She was definitely a kind and loving soul.

June 8 at 7:00 PM

JH

Janie Harris lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

June 7 at 7:00 PM



SC

Sherra Shockley Claunch lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

Margaret lost her precious son one week before I lost my husband during the war. We have had that special bond for twenty years. Margaret was a great lady. I am going to miss her wonderful, caring support she always gave me. She was such a Sweetheart! To all of her wonderful loved ones, I want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I care! May God bless all of you.

June 7 at 7:00 PM



DL

Donnie Lumpkin lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

June 7 at 7:00 PM



TJ

Tina Johnson lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

This breaks my heart!! I met Jerry and Margaret through D&J, years ago. Margaret was a great lady. She was my wife n law..lol. it's a long going JOKE. I have too many memories to share. Prayers to Jerry and family. RIP my friend!!

June 7 at 7:00 PM





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YM

Your Massachusetts Family Joe, Pam, Joe Jr, & Nicole Magee posted:

Mama K, May you rest in peace in Gods heaven. Your smile, happiness and love will forever remain in our hearts. You will be greatly missed always xo

June 7 at 7:00 PM

MH

Mike & Sue Hanson posted:

Keep smiling sweet lady. SEMPER FI

June 7 at 7:00 PM

BA

Bruce Albright lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

June 7 at 7:00 PM



NC

Nancy Crew lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

June 6 at 7:00 PM



SS

Shantel Stewart posted:

Margaret was one of the warmest and friendliest human beings I've ever met. She gave the best hugs and had a contagious laugh. I'm grateful to have met her through being best friends with her beloved son J.T. Sims. I'm happy knowing that they are now together embracing in heaven. ❤️ †

June 6 at 7:00 PM

CL

Connie Lashley lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

June 6 at 7:00 PM





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LS

Lorrie Stewart lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

I have known Margaret for over 20 years. She will be greatly missed! I will always be thankful that she shared her son with me. And I can only imagine the welcome home that she got when she got to heaven and got to see him again along with her daughter ❤️ I am sending prayers and thoughts and love for the family and friends.



June 6 at 7:00 PM

GW

George Winslow posted:

We loved Margaret like a sister. Met when she and Jerry came to support us when Ryan was killed. They became part of our close-knit Gold Star Families. We shared so much support, many good times, and much laughter. Margaret went through hard situations that would break a lot of people, but she was always smiling and good-natured, just a good, good person. She loved her family, our country, and our military, especially J.T.'s fellow Marines. She and J.T. are probably sharing some laughs. We love you, Margaret, and will never forget you. George and Marynell Winslow

June 6 at 7:00 PM

NT

Natasha Taylor posted:

When I met her it was during a hard time. My grandson baby Andrew had passed away. She was a great support to my daughter Destinee and I'll always be grateful to her for that. I could tell she loved her family dearly. But she told them all like it was. We got along right from the start. She was a fierce woman and someone I would like to be like someday. Hug my grandson for Mamaw Margaret

June 6 at 7:00 PM

BH

Brenda Hartley posted:

I've known you since I was 5, always laughing and ready to have fun with us kids, be it going swimming or fishing. Your family has been in my family a very long time, I will miss your light and laughter. Rest in the arms of Jesus. Brenda Hartley

June 6 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Margaret by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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