



Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly

June 13, 1930 - October 26, 2020

Ollie Marion Johnson Dabney Kelly was born on June 13, 1930 in Newtown, King and Queen County Virginia, to Grover Johnson and Fannie Walton Johnson. She was the 7th of 13 children. On October 26, 2020, she received her wings.

Ollie was educated at Lawson Training School in King and Queen County until the eleventh grade. She joined First Mt. Olive Baptist Church at an early age and accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior. She attended Sunday School faithfully, joined the choir, was a member of the Usher Board, a missionary with the Willing Workers Ministry as well as served in the kitchen.

She was united in holy matrimony with Leon Dabney on August 10, 1948 in King and Queen County Virginia. Their union was blessed with four children.

Ollie was employed by Safeway Stores, Inc., as a Manager of the delicatessen and Bakery Departments until her retirement in 1993. She was also a manager with Al Rancho Restaurant for about ten years. Along with family and work, she studied, earned her certification as a Personal Care Assistant (PCA). Caring for the sick and shut-in became her passion after retirement from her first career.

She relocated to Richmond, Virginia, where later in life, she joined in holy matrimony with James E. Kelly, Sr., now deceased. Mt. Tabor Baptist Church became her spiritual home in Richmond. Where, joyfully, she was a faithful servant. Her ministries included the Deaconess Board, Pastor's Aide, Culinary Staff, Senior Choir, The Voices Choir, Ministers' Wives Association and Birthday Ministry. She was ordained as a Deacon on Sunday, June 27, 1999.

In her leisure time, she enjoyed traveling, gardening, canning, ceramics and pottery making, cooking for everyone she could, and having Tupperware and Princess House Crystal parties. Her travels took her to Canada; New York; New Orleans; Las Vegas; Seattle, Washington; New Jersey; Philadelphia; Maryland; Washington, DC and Delaware. Her favorite hymns were "Oh I Want To See Him", "I Cried Holy" and "Precious Lord Take My Hand." She always enjoyed church pageants, God's Rainbow Sign, and Women of the Bible.

As an amazing and dedicated mother, Ollie made provisions that kept her family going. She also extended her generosity to those in need. Being a strong woman of faith, she stood and fought through the trials and tribulations of life. Nothing ever kept her down. A wise steward of her finances, she purchased her first car, a Chevrolet. Also an astute and resourceful business woman, she made wise investments over the years. Her love for fashion and a wardrobe filled with the latest styles kept the stylish lady always looking her best – a trait she passed down to her children.

Ollie had a spark which radiated her love to everyone around her. Her beautiful smile always greeted you. She loved her church family and missed attending service when her health began to decline. The Diaconate Ministry team faithfully visited and served her Holy Communion. Friends dear in her heart were Deacon Morristene Bowman and spiritual sisters, Sylvia Robinson

and Doris Spell. She was beloved “Mama Ollie” to Sandra Alvarado, her loving care provider for many years.

An adoring daughter of Jesus Christ, her eternal glow will always shine in our hearts.

Ollie was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Robert “Billy” Johnson, Charles “Jack” Johnson and Grover Lincoln Johnson; four sisters, Elnora Taylor, Grace Thomas, Lodan Johnson and Vera Gwathney; and one daughter, Lena M. Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memory children, Melvin Lee Dabney Sr., Katherine Scott (William), and Wayne Dabney; grandchildren, Melvin Dabney Jr. (Cheryl), Shannon D. Deese (Carlos), Katina D. Scott, Candice N. Scott, Kimberly Williams, Christopher Williams (Angela); one great grand, Daria J’Nicholson; one godchild, Monica Hinton; one brother, Galveston Johnson (Carolyn); four sisters, Bessie Jeter, Francis Davis, Annie L. Johnson, and Caroline Robinson (Robert); one brother-in-law, Timothy Thomas; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Hanover Memorial Park

4447 Mechanicsville Turnpike
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

OCT **31**. 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

NOV **2**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - October 29, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ *Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Nicole Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



Nicole Lancaster - November 03, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ *You will be in our hearts always. So many great memories growing up. Sending our love to the family.*

-Pam & Monica Hinton

-Perry Gwathney



Monica Hinton - November 02, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ *David Broaddus lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



David Broaddus - November 02, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ *This Lady was the Mother of My Best Friend Lena. Love to The Family from David Broaddus*

David Broaddus - November 02, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ *Candice Scott lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



Candice Scott - November 01, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ *Walter And Jeanette Taylor lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



Walter and Jeanette Taylor - November 01, 2020 at 11:36 AM

WJ

“ *William And Loler Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



William and Loler Johnson - November 01, 2020 at 10:55 AM

ER

“ *Aunt Ollie you will truly be missed but I know you are at peace and in a much better place. Please give my love to the family. I love you.*
~Erika

Erika - October 31, 2020 at 06:18 PM

ER

“ *Erika lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



Erika - October 31, 2020 at 06:13 PM

WS

“ *William Scott lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



William Scott - October 31, 2020 at 03:33 PM

KS

“ *Katina Scott lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



Katina Scott - October 31, 2020 at 03:32 PM

JM

“ *Jocelyn Meekins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



jocelyn meekins - October 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly.*



October 29, 2020 at 09:22 AM

KD

“ *Katherine Scott/ Daughter lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ollie Marion Kelly*



Katherine Scott/ daughter - October 28, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - October 28, 2020 at 12:19 PM

FJ

My thoughts and prayers are with the family doing this difficult time. Aunt Ollie is gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. R.I.P

Faye Johnson - October 28, 2020 at 01:56 PM