



## Doris Evelyn Maxwell Kemp

November 16, 1924 - January 17, 2022

“I have brought glory to you here on earth by doing everything you gave me to do.”

John 17:4 (CEV)

Doris Evelyn Maxwell Kemp, age 97, of McCalla went home to be with the Lord on January 17, 2022. She was born on November 16, 1924 in Brookwood, Alabama. She is preceded in death by her parents, Daisy Curtis Eubanks Maxwell and Harvey L. Maxwell Sr., and her husband of 56 years, Otha Lee Kemp.

She is survived by twin daughters, Cheryl Ann Nelson and Carol Lynn Kepfer (Larry); 5 grandchildren: Jason Burns, Stephen (Lisa) Burns, Ronnie Nelson, Brian (Laurey) Nelson, and Christy Nelson; 2 step-grandchildren: Quentin Kepfer (Lori) and Renae Clark (Dale); 9 great-grandchildren (Elijah Burns, Luke Burns, Hayden Burns, Isaac Burns, LeAnna Burns, Caleb Nelson, Luke Nelson, Lydia Nelson and Ethan Nelson, 10 step-great-grandchildren, and 4 step-great-great-grandchildren.

Her family was the love of her life. She worked 25 years at the Forestdale Fire Department as Secretary. She was a long-time member of Hillview Baptist Church and loved her church family.

The family would like to thank her wonderful caregivers, especially Sharon Haywood who was with her for four years and gave her unconditional love and care. Antonio Sanchez was her first CNA/caregiver and gave her special

attention. Other caregivers were Yolanda, Renesha, Tracy, Michelle and more from Right at Home Birmingham and It Takes A Village. We appreciate the support and services of Kindred Hospice. A special thanks to Cahaba Ridge Retirement Community for giving her two wonderful years of activities and love. Most of all, we are so grateful for the numerous family and friends with their prayers, visits, food, love and support during her dementia illness. Visitation will be Thursday, January 20 at 10 AM and services at 11 AM at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Barber officiating. Family is requesting that all wear a mask and social distance during visitation and funeral. Interment will be at Highland Memorial Gardens in Bessemer. Pallbearers will be Jason Burns, Stephen Burns, Ronnie Nelson, Brian Nelson, Quentin Kepfer, and Ryan Putman. The family request that In lieu of flowers donations be made to The Grace Place Ministries, 1630 Powder Plant Road SW, Bessemer, AL 35022.

THE FAMILY REQUEST THAT MASK BE WORN AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Avenue North  
Bessemer, AL 35020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
Mc Calla, AL 35111  
(205) 477-4888  
[info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com)

## Funeral Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I always loved having Mrs. Doris visit the Lydia Ladies class. She had the sweetest spirit about her and always had a smile on her face. I'm praying for God the God of all comfort to hold all of you close in the coming days and give you peace in knowing that you all took excellent care of her in her final days.

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**Deb Shirley** - January 19, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ To Carol, Cheryl, and the entire family of Mrs. Kemp. I will always have a special place in my heart for your wonderful mother. From the first time I met her when joining the Hillview Fire Department in Forestdale, I knew she was special. Having her in the office had a calming effect on everyone who worked there. We asked her advice, told her our comings and goings, had our leisurely lunches, and always enjoyed it when her daughters came to visit. When I left the department, I missed Mrs. Kemp as much as anybody. I'm sure I speak for all who worked with her including, Steve, Rick, Harold, Jim, and all the paid and volunteer members, when I say we are all so much better for having known her. May she rest in peace and watch over all of us. John and Liz Jolley

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**John Jolley** - January 19, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - Traditions - January 19, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Doris Evelyn Maxwell Kemp.



January 18, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Doris Evelyn Maxwell Kemp.



January 18, 2022 at 09:46 PM

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“ I remember Nanny and I getting in my convertible VW with the top down. We were going on an adventure. First, I was going to take her to Johnny Rockets and eat one of the best burgers ever. She was so excited. We got our tummy’s full and proceeded to go down to a plant store. We walked and admired all the flowers, plants, and trees. She did ask if we could put the top down because it was blowing her. If you know Nanny, her hair is very important to her. We bought several plants and put them in the car and left. I got her home and she was worn out. We talked and laughed the whole day and this made me happy. Thank you Nanny for all the good times we spent together. I love you 💕💕

Tese Gardner - January 18, 2022 at 05:42 PM

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“ Tese Gardner purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Doris Evelyn Maxwell Kemp.



Tese Gardner - January 18, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doris Evelyn Maxwell Kemp.



January 18, 2022 at 02:41 PM

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“ *Don, Nan, Brad, Lisa, Greg, and Katie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Doris Evelyn Maxwell Kemp.*



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**Don, Nan, Brad, Lisa, Greg, and Katie** - January 18, 2022 at  
11:07 AM