



Bessie Lee Kearney

September 30, 1918 - February 9, 2021

<https://www.flipsnack.com/alcbf/deaconess-bessie-kearney.html>

Bessie Byrd Sharp Kearney was born September 30, 1918 to Mr. and Mrs. Ambres and Hattie Byrd in Montgomery, Texas. She attended school in Montgomery and graduated from Conroe High School in 1936. She joined St. John Baptist Church in 1934 under Pastor J. E. Tabb in Conroe, Texas. She married Rev. Luther Sharp in 1937. To this union, two sons were born, Lawrence and John Roy Sharp. Later she met and married Deacon Carl N. Kearney in 1942. To this union, one son was born, Minister Ambres E. Kearney in 1953. In 1943 she joined Olivet Baptist Church located on St. Bernard Street in Austin, Texas and later joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church located on Leona Street in 1945 under Pastor H. A. Sneed. She was a member of the same Sunday School Class for over 50 years. In her early years, she worked in several leadership positions, Hannah Circle, Mission I, and the Finance Ministry. Sister Kearney worked with the Deaconess, and at the time of her death was the oldest Deaconess and the oldest member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church under Pastor Richard E. Carter. She and Deacon Kearney were married 54 years until his death in 1996. Ms. Kearney attended Madam C. J. Walker Beauty School and was a Licensed Beautician for many years in Austin, Texas.

Ms. Kearney is preceded in death by her son, John Roy Sharp, six brothers

and sisters, Ambres (AB) Byrd, Randolph Byrd, Sr., Chester Byrd, Hattie Lela Rice, Hazel Richardson, and Lucy Davis. She was the last of her siblings.

Left to cherish her precious memories are her sons Deacon Lawrence E. Sharp (Verlinda), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma , and Minister Ambres E. Kearney (Catherine) Pflugerville, Texas, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and a host of many relatives and friends.

We "Thank God" for a Life Well Lived! Amen!

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olive Baptist Church
1800 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Lee Kearney*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *LEWIS CLARK lit a candle in memory of Bessie Lee Kearney*



LEWIS CLARK - June 25, 2021 at 12:27 PM

PR

“ I have been part of the Kearney family for many years. I consider Ambres and Cat my brother and sister. My friendship with Miss Kearney grew when I started driving her to church on Sundays. She would share with me stories about growing up and living in Montgomery, Houston and Austin. We talked about her being a beautician, a press and curl cost 25 cents, being a seamstress, her strong faith in GOD which got her through the good and bad times and meeting her husbands. We joked about letting her drive us to church, going on double dates, and being bridesmaids in each others weddings (she was 99 at the time). The conversations I remember most were about the love she had for all of her family. She loved living with Ambres and Cat and was so appreciative of having a daughter-in-law who took such good care of her and got along with so well.

To the Family: I want you to know everyone did a phenomenal job taking care of Miss Kearney and helping her to live her best life. Miss Kearney epitomized a virtuous woman, a loving and kind hearted lady who I will truly miss.

Phyllis

phyllis roe - February 27, 2021 at 01:05 PM

LS

“ No matter what else was going on she always wanted to know "How's The Children " Will miss the Sweetest Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great Great Grandmother, Mother-in-law, Aunt, Cousin and Cookie Lady and Friend that God had to offer. She will never be forgotten. Your Son Lawrence (Larry) Sharp

Lawrence (Larry) Sharp - February 21, 2021 at 01:09 PM

SB

“ *My loving aunt. My Aunt Bessie was my world just like my dad. She loved me unconditionally and I'm grateful that I was chosen to be her niece. My dad and his big sister together again.*



Shené Byrd - February 12, 2021 at 01:37 PM

AA

“ *Mrs. Bessie Kearney, "Mom Bessie", beautiful person with a sweet spirit. You will be missed A life well lived!!*

Thank you Ambrese and Catherine for sharing Mom Bessie with us. You both served her well until the end. May God give you strength to carry on. Our love and prayers are with you.

Arthur and Joyce Anderson - February 11, 2021 at 09:18 AM

AM

“ *Mattie Robinson at Mt Olive MBC Musical Mama Bessie was glad to see her.*



Ambres - February 11, 2021 at 01:30 AM

Willie
Sharpe

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with my family during this time. What a wonderful life's journey! Mama Bessie, please give my mom a big hug from me!* ”



Willie Sharpe - February 11, 2021 at 12:36 AM

TE

“ *Mama Bessie's and her Great Great granddaughter Kiarra. Mama Bessie always Sharply dressed.* ”



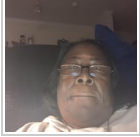
Toninia R Edwards - February 10, 2021 at 11:59 PM

AM

“ *Mama Loved her Chocolate!* ”



Ambres - February 10, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ *Cousin Bessie and shared lots memories in Montgomery and around Conroe Texas She was my oldest Cousin living. We often talked on the Phone and She would me what going on in Montgomery our home town. She would never forget Montgomery. She could remember going to School and staying in Montgomery with Mama Sally. She would said those were the good old Day. I'm going miss talking to our cousin. She could make the best cookies. She mind was very sharp all 100 years old. When you get to Heaven don't forget me. and will not forget you. Until then RIP*

Beverly Wilkerson - February 10, 2021 at 05:45 PM

BM

To my brothers and sister, my heart is hurting 💔 however, I cannot say, I know your pain. 100 YEARS. What a blessing, only some saw a fraction of that. You all have a lifetime of stories, to share when the moment presents itself.

Know that all of you are loved beyond measure. The family will be continually covered in prayers from far and near. You are stronger than you think you are. Much love floating your way. Your sister in the flesh and in Christ Jesus.

Brenda Sharpe McKnight

Brenda McKnight - February 10, 2021 at 07:27 PM

LM

Precious Mama Bessie! Loving and kind to everyone! To my brothers, Lawrence, A.K., and their families, thank you for sharing her! She's resting with Jesus and we'll see her again.

Lunetta Sharpe Mitchell

Lunetta Sharpe Mitchell - February 12, 2021 at 01:05 AM

SW

Praying for your family. 🙏

Sharon Moffett Washington - February 12, 2021 at 09:46 PM

TE

“ My Grandmother Bessie Kearney was so blessed to enjoy her Grandkids, great grandkids and great great grandkids at her 100th birthday celebration. Here's my photo of my grandmother,my father, myself, my daughter and my granddaughter a five generations picture that I will always cherish. What a blessing!! Thank you God for the blessing and legacy Mama Bessie's has been to this family. We all love you and we'll miss you very much. I will miss playing dominoes with you and getting beat by you. Enjoy your heavenly wings!! Much love always, your granddaughter.
Toninia R Edwards



Toninia R Edwards - February 10, 2021 at 05:36 PM

GG

“ My prayers are with the Family of "Queen Bessie" Mae Kearney. Her life was an example of Christian faith, hope, love, peace and definitely love! We thank God for her life and everlasting memory. You will be in our hearts. Always, G.Alan Griffin



G. Alan Griffin - February 10, 2021 at 01:19 PM

CO

Our sincere condolences to our brother and sister, Deacon Larry and Verlinda Sharp. Our prayers are with the entire family. Rest well, Mama Bessie.

Chris and Carla Jacobs, Edmond, OK - February 10, 2021 at 05:08 PM

TE

Miss you Mama Bessie!! RIP 🙏

Tonia R Edwards - February 10, 2021 at 05:40 PM