



## Montine Kelley

April 24, 1941 - February 5, 2026

Montine Kelley was a vibrant, outgoing woman, whose life was defined by faith, service, and joy. She graduated from Howard High School. She attended National School of Business and received a degree in Business. With pride and determination, she and her husband built and operated Tine's Cleaning Service together.

Deeply rooted in faith, Montine was an active and devoted member of her church. She faithfully participated in events and programs from speaking and planning events. Her servants' heart reached beyond the church walls. She volunteered with the Read Program in Chattanooga and served with the Chattanooga Prison Ministry, offering hope and compassion. Montine embraced life with joy, she loved singing and dancing. Her warm heart and outgoing spirit could light up any room. She celebrated life fully and inspired others with her energy, kindness, and faith. She loved fashion, she was a fashionista.

Montine was preceded in death by her parents, James and Caroline Tumblin; husband, Oliver H. Kelley; brothers, John H. Tumblin and Edgar Tumblin; sister, Jewel Tumblin; and grandson, Lendell Davis Jr "Spud".

She leaves to cherish her memories devoted daughter Monica (Clifford) Burney of Chattanooga; sons, Dennis (Wendy) Davis of Chattanooga, and

Lendell (Jeanine) Davis of Fayetteville, NC; devoted granddaughter, Carla Petty of Chattanooga; granddaughters, Teajuanna Hudson of Atlanta, GA, and Raven Davis of Los Angeles, CA; grandson, Dennis "Dee" Davis Jr of Murfreesboro, TN; sisters, Gloria Harris, Barbara Davenport, and Buelah King all of Chattanooga, Katheryn Sadler of Kennesaw, GA, and Vivian Langston of Conyers, GA; a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Montine will lie-in-state on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon in the Chapel. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

FEB 20. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Funeral Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Burial

FEB 20. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery  
1200 Bailey Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

# Tribute Wall

K

“ *My aunt Montine was a very loving and giving person she cared greatly about her nieces and nephews. And she did not play! I remember her sometimes doing things for us when she could with what she could.*

*Memories of her are how memories of and aunt should be. She was a lovely person passionate about life. May she rest in peace.*

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**Kimberly Coonrod** - March 08 at 07:51 AM

BC

“ *My prayers and condolences is with Dennis and his family. Love you all  
Mom Betty*

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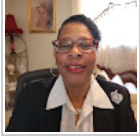
**Betty Carter** - February 20 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Montine Kelley*

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**Beverly Sales** - February 20 at 03:05 AM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends during this season of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep you in his care.*

*With Christian love,  
Bereavement Ministry of Olivet Baptist Church*

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**Viola Douthit** - February 19 at 09:07 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Montine Kelley.*



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February 17 at 10:28 PM



“ *Montine was a very classy lady. She loved her herself and her family very much. We were neighbors in the Westside in 1965. We kept Monica and her brothers several times. When she stepped out she was sharp. Monica, please keep her memories in your heart. Mrs Berdie Grayson & Girls in your heart.*

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**Elaine Malone** - February 17 at 08:01 PM



“ *Ms.Kelly had a soothing and beautiful voice. She loved to sing. I loved to hear the many teachings of wisdom brought onto her children as well. Awesome life, Ms.Kelly 🌹*

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**Bobbie Tate** - February 17 at 01:00 AM

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“ Dear Ms.Kelly,  
You are a beacon of light. Your spirit shines beyond the physical world. I thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey here on Earth. May you rest in peace and continue to shine your light in the Heaven’s.  
Bless

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**Bobbie Tate** - February 17 at 12:56 AM

KF

“ Keith Rawls and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Montine Kelley.



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**Keith Rawls and family** - February 16 at 12:09 PM

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“ From Keith Rawls and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Montine Kelley.



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**From Keith Rawls and family** - February 16 at 11:59 AM

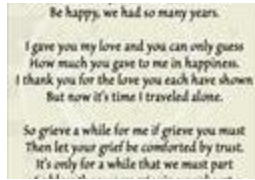
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“ From Keith Rawls and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Montine Kelley.

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**From Keith Rawls and family** - February 16 at 11:59 AM

D

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Denise Adams - February 14 at 05:26 PM



“ Montine my sister told me Barbara Davenport about salvation. I will forever be grateful to her.

Phoenix Lynn - February 14 at 12:08 AM

DF

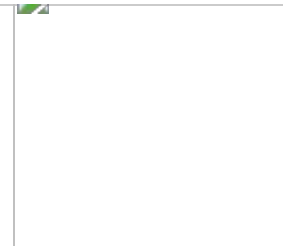
“ Denise Adams and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Montine Kelley.



Denise Adams and Family - February 13 at 04:50 PM

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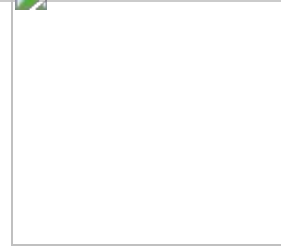
“ Minister Rosalyn Dodson  
You are in my prayers.



Rosalyn Smedley Dodson - February 13 at 02:05 PM



“ *GLORIA DANIELS lit a candle in memory of Montine Kelley*

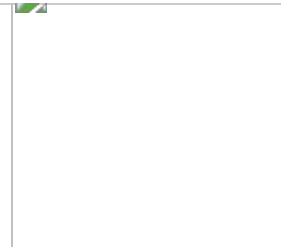


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**GLORIA DANIELS** - February 11 at 04:42 PM



“ *Cardella Cummings lit a candle in memory of Montine Kelley*

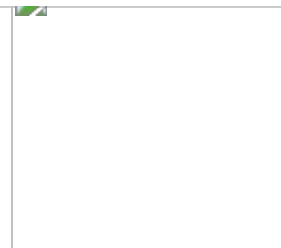


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**Cardella Cummings** - February 11 at 02:28 PM



“ *Sincere condolences and prayers to the family.*



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**Brenda Sims** - February 11 at 01:40 AM