



Kathryn Nelle Kennedy Ward

July 30, 1912 - February 12, 2018

Nelle Kennedy Ward, age 105, of Sweetwater, widow of A.C. Ward, passed away Monday, February 12, 2018, at Sweetwater Hospital.

She was born July 30, 1912, to James Lafayette “Fate” and Mary Effie Simpson Kennedy, of the Sewee Community, North West McMinn County, TN. The oldest of five children, Nelle grew up on her parent’s farm in the Sewee Community amid nearby farms of generations of paternal and maternal relatives. She graduated from Sewee public school, Sewee Community, and Tennessee Wesleyan Preparatory High School and Junior College, Athens. She was a classroom teacher and principal in rural McMinn County Schools. Nelle was a member of Sewee Church. Among her activities were: Sewee Church Missionary Society and Sunday School teacher; Regent of Rhea-Craig Chapter, Tennessee Society NSDAR and a Cherokee District Director; President of Sweetwater Home Demonstration Club, President of Monroe County Home Demonstration Club County Council, and bookkeeper for her husband’s businesses.

Nelle’s life has been characterized by focus on her faith, family, many interests, and a persevering spirit. Reading, needle work, gardening, family history, and sightseeing trips are among interests she has cultivated through the years. In small and in larger ways, her kind and giving spirit has made enriching contributions to the communities in which she has lived.

Preceded in death by her husband: A.C. Ward; parents: James Lafayette “Fate” and Mary Effie Simpson Kennedy; three brothers: Howard, Ben and

Bruce Kennedy; sister: Mary Faye Kennedy Griswold; granddaughter, Lisa Daun Sliger; and daughter, Alma Ward Sliger.

Survivors are daughter: Marilyn Ward; grandchildren: Randall W. Sliger, Melissa S. (Camden) Sutherland, and Emilee S. (Dr. Steven) Elliott; great grandsons: Garrett Grizzle and Ethan Barrett; several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

The family will receive friends at Kyker Funeral Homes on Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 11 A.M. until 1 P.M. with the funeral service to follow in Kyker's Chapel at 1 P.M. with Rev. Linda Parton and Dr. Dale Kennedy officiating. A graveside service and interment will follow the funeral service at the West View Cemetery. Pall Bearers will be: Jeff Cunningham, Timothy Griswold, Garrett Grizzle, Camden Sutherland, Clayton Thompson, and Keith Thompson. Honorary Pall Bearers will be: Arrants Kennedy and Jack Kennedy.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to the family. How wonderful to have Nell with you for so many years.*

We are thinking of all of you during this time.

Shirley and Buddy Hutsell

charles hutsell - February 17, 2018 at 08:10 PM

LT

“ *Laura Thompson lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Nelle Kennedy Ward*



Laura Thompson - February 16, 2018 at 07:12 PM

JK

“ *Jim and Gay Kennedy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathryn Nelle Kennedy Ward.*



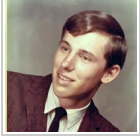
Jim and Gay Kennedy - February 16, 2018 at 09:39 AM

TK

“ *The family of Eula Kennedy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathryn Nelle Kennedy Ward.*



The family of Eula Kennedy - February 16, 2018 at 07:17 AM



“ 105 years was not enough time to appreciate a kind lady such as Miss Nelle. She was a wonderful wife, mother, school teacher and my friend. Words cannot express how I felt about her. Every time I looked at her, I smiled and felt happiness just being with her. That is the type of person she was. I will always think of her when I am correcting my English or plotting the family tree. A little bit of my heart dies with you, knowing I will never see you again in this life. Marilyn, stay strong. You were a spectacular daughter who cared for your mom as no one could.
All my love and support, cousin Joyce

Paul Turick - February 15, 2018 at 03:49 PM



Joyce is my wife.

Paul Turick - February 25 at 10:10 AM

BE

“ Bill & Susan DeRieux and Bob & Ellen Evans purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathryn Nelle Kennedy Ward.



Bill & Susan DeRieux and Bob & Ellen Evans - February 15, 2018 at 03:24 PM

MC

“ Was so sorry to hear about Nell's passing. She was quite a lady of the Kennedy family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Margaret Cobble - February 15, 2018 at 07:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn Nelle Kennedy Ward.*



February 15, 2018 at 07:38 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Mrs Ward's death. She was such a sweet lady and lived a long full. Our prayers are with you Marilyn and family. God Bless You Barbara & Burton Bilderback*

Barbara Bilderback - February 14, 2018 at 04:27 PM