



## Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly

December 26, 1951 - October 4, 2025

Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly, a devoted mother, beloved family matriarch, and cherished member of the Forrest City community, was born on December 26, 1951, in Forrest City, Arkansas, to the late George Arthur Fields and Velma Mae Williams Fields.

A lifelong resident of St. Francis County, Mrs. Kelly was deeply rooted in faith, family, and service. She dedicated her life to the enrichment and well-being of others, both within her home and throughout the community she loved. Known for her nurturing spirit and unwavering strength, she lived a life defined by compassion, resilience, and grace. Her wisdom, generosity, and steadfast love formed the foundation of her family, and her legacy will continue to guide and inspire generations to come.

Mrs. Kelly was lively, outgoing, and full of joy. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved her family deeply. She found joy in the simple pleasures of life — solving crossword puzzles, sewing, and watching classic Westerns were among her favorite pastimes. A talented cook, she was known for preparing meals that brought loved ones together around the table.

She accepted Christ at a young age and remained a devoted lifelong member of Madison Light Missionary Baptist Church, where her faith continued to grow and sustain her throughout her life. A proud member of the Forrest City High School Class of 1970 — one of the first integrated graduating classes — Mrs. Kelly valued education as a path to opportunity and service. She continued her studies at East Arkansas Community College, where she earned an associate degree, and later attended the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Following her education, she returned home to Forrest City and began a meaningful career with the Community Resource Development Center (CRDC), where she served as a Parental Involvement Supervisor. In that role, she worked passionately to strengthen the bond between families and schools, helping parents become more engaged partners in their children's education. She continued this important work faithfully until her health

declined.

Mrs. Kelly's life was a testament to the power of love, perseverance, and faith. She believed deeply in the importance of family and devoted herself to creating a home filled with warmth, understanding, and encouragement. Her work in family enrichment reflected the same values she lived by — uplifting others, nurturing potential, and fostering strong bonds that endure beyond a lifetime.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Arthur Fields and Velma Mae Williams Fields. Mrs. Kelly passed peacefully at her home on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the age of 73.

She leaves to cherish her memory three devoted children: Mr. John Kelly of Forrest City, AR; Felicia Kelly (Delisgo) King of Forrest City, AR; and Brandon Coleman of Forrest City, AR. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Deontra Kelly, Devin Kelly, and Braylon Wright, all of Forrest City, AR; Eldrick Wright, Jr. of Little Rock, AR; Shawn Wright of Forrest City, AR; and Journee Kelly of Champaign, IL. Her memory will also be cherished by Opal Fields of Lancaster, TX, and Patricia Fields Mays of Arlington, TX, along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many beloved friends who will forever honor her life and treasure the love she shared.

Though she is no longer with us in body, the light of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly's love, the strength of her faith, and the beauty of her spirit will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

# Cemetery Details

## Scott Bond Cemetery

3254 Highway 70 East  
Madison , AR 72359

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation  
1900 South Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-1914  
mjkimble@yahoo.com  
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

## Service

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Madison Light Missionary Baptist Church  
101 School Drive  
Madison , AR 72359

*The family will line up at 504 Gore Street, Forrest City, AR 72335, on the day of the service. Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 10:30AM.*

## Repast

OCT **11**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Madison Community Center  
302 Dr Martin Luther King Street  
Madison , AR 72359

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly*



**Angela Crippen** - November 03, 2025 at 08:55 PM

BW

“ *Bonnie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly*



**Bonnie watson** - October 17, 2025 at 03:28 PM

AC

“ *Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly*



**Angela Crippen** - October 12, 2025 at 04:01 AM

FG

“ *Ms.Irene was always sweet and she was a good neighbor to us in Crow Creek. My prayers are with Felicia, John, and Brandon and All Who Love her...God Is Able.*

**Felisha Granberry** - October 10, 2025 at 10:22 PM

DM

“ *Delores Mills lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly*



**Delores Mills** - October 10, 2025 at 07:27 PM

KA

“ *Kathy Atwater lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly*



**Kathy Atwater** - October 10, 2025 at 04:12 PM

SW

“ *Rest in peace cousin!*



**Shirley Winfrey** - October 09, 2025 at 10:10 AM

DJ

“ *Dorothy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly*



**Dorothy Johnson** - October 08, 2025 at 11:57 PM

PC

“ *Sorry for your loss  
Praying for you and your family*



**Pamela Carr** - October 08, 2025 at 10:49 PM

MM

“ *Rest in peace cousin Rene.*



**Mary Williford Mason** - October 08, 2025 at 10:14 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Blanchett Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly



Dorothy Blanchett Bell - October 08, 2025 at 09:34 PM

ST

“ Fields/Kelly family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Praying that God will wrap his arms around you on this journey. Your mother left you her Legacy, to keep your faith and trust in God. Because He will never forsake you. Soror King, continue to keep your Faith And Trust in God 🙏.



Shirley Williams Thorn - October 08, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SA

“ Rene was always at her mom's house in Forrest City ! Her mother was our next door neighbor!! We would all sat on the back porch and conversate for hours! She was such a kind person and kept us laughing! Rest well Rene!! To the family , my condolences! Prayers sent to you guys🌸

Sandra - October 08, 2025 at 09:23 PM

IM

“ Irene Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly



Irene moore - October 08, 2025 at 09:19 PM

DM

“ A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



Sending condolences to the family of Irene Fields Kelly on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Irene was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1970.”

Delores Farr Morelon  
President, MGNAAI

Delores Morelon - MGNAAI - October 08, 2025 at 01:02 AM

CA

“ If love alone could have saved her, she would still be here. She holds a place in our family's heart that no one can ever fill. I am thankful for all of the wonderful memories. Aunt "Rene" did not go alone; a piece of our hearts went with her the day God took her home.



Cassandra Fields Andrews - October 07, 2025 at 02:48 PM

SA

“ Sandy (Cassandra Fields Andrews) purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly.



Sandy (Cassandra Fields Andrews) - October 07, 2025 at 02:40 PM

SA

“ Sandy (Cassandra Fields Andrews) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly.

Sandy (Cassandra Fields Andrews) - October 07, 2025 at 02:40 PM

RW

“ Rene' Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Fields Kelly



Rene' Ward - October 06, 2025 at 05:49 PM

AN

*You will be truly missed phone conversation on a regular basis. Rest in peace cousin Irene. Praying for strength for your immediate family.*

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**Annette** - October 07, 2025 at 11:05 AM