



Mrs. Sylvia Kelley Tyree

May 25, 2024

Sylvia Kelley Tyree of Ephesus, Georgia, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2024, in Carrollton, Georgia of congestive heart failure. She was 85.

A graduate of West Georgia College, Sylvia was the daughter of the late Earl Vernon Kelley and lifelong Heard County educator Mina Ruth Reaves Kelley Prince.

Sylvia leaves behind brothers Jerry Greene Kelley of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, and Zane Reaves Kelley of LaGrange, Georgia; her only son, Gregory D. Tyree, daughter-in-law Amber Tyree and granddaughters Sullivan Tyree and Marin Tyree.

Throughout her life, Sylvia was the epitome of selflessness and thoughtfulness. She was a devoted mom to Greg and dedicated herself to being a nurturing and present parent who emphasized the values of kindness, integrity, and loyalty that she embodied. Although she was a single mother working full-time, she never missed any of Greg's baseball and basketball games. She took great pride in watching him grow and supporting his endeavors always.

Sylvia was very proud of her granddaughters, Sullivan and Marin, who affectionally gave her the name "Grammy." Grammy loved any time spent with

her granddaughters, delighting in their laughter, celebrating their achievements, and showering them with gifts ... so many gifts, each meticulously wrapped with care and enough Scotch tape to secure a fortress. And for more than 25 years, she was a thoughtful and supportive mother-in-law to Greg's wife, Amber.

Sylvia shared a strong bond with her best friend, Juanita Cox Owen. Their laughter through the years was always a testament to the joy they found in each other's company. Together with their dear friend Betty Jean Lester, they experienced life's ups and downs, finding solace in their unbreakable friendship.

Sylvia found joy in the simple pleasures of life, like the annual Kelley Family Reunion where she looked forward to being with her cousins and extended family. She never failed to remember all of our birthdays, always sending a card in the mail with a special message in her impeccable handwriting. She had a wonderful laugh, a fondness for Anne Murray's music, and staying up late to read a book.

She was kind to all creatures, great and small, and she was known to show special love and attention to the many cats who turned up on her doorstep over the years.

A dedicated civil servant, Sylvia retired from the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration after 33 years of government service. Upon her retirement, she selflessly moved in with her mother Mina, and cared for her constantly until her passing.

A family celebration of Sylvia's life will be held in late Summer. She was interred at Bowdon First United Methodist Church. Friends wishing to honor her memory are asked to treat themselves to lunch at RnR One Stop in

Roopville or make a donation to the Heard County Humane Society in Sylvia's honor.

Tribute Wall

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“ I've worked at R & R for 11 years and thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with her. She was a precious lady. We all called her Ms. Kelly and did not know her name was Tyree until a few years ago when a new employee asked her name. She said it was ok to continue to call her Ms. Kelly and that's what we did. We loved her very much. We are missing you, Ms. Kelly.

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