



Mary Katherine Fields

August 27, 1951 - October 11, 2023

Mary Katherine Lewis- Fields, 72, of Ocala, Florida, affectionately known by family and friends as "Kay", was called home to be with The Lord following a short illness.

Born August 27, 1951 in Beckley, West Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Nicholas C. and Mabel Lewis.

She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and attended Beckley College, both in Beckley, West Virginia and Prince George's Community College, Largo, Maryland, earning a Technical Degree.

She was employed by the Bank of Raleigh, Columbia Gas Company and Raleigh General Hospital all in Beckley, West Virginia. After relocating to Camp Springs, Maryland, she was employed by the Federal Government, working on Andrew's Air Force Base, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention until her retirement August 30, 2013.

Kay was baptized at an early age in Beckley, West Virginia, where she was a faithful and active member of First Baptist, North Beckley Church until 1977. She, then united with the Saint Paul Baptist Temple, Beckley, West Virginia, under the pastoral leadership of her beloved husband, Pastor Welton Fields, Jr. In 1988, Kay united with the Southern Friendship Missionary Baptist

Church, Washington, DC where her husband was called to pastor. As the First Lady, she became affectionately known as "Lady Kay".

Lady Kay was a faithful servant of God. While a member of Southern Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Temple Hills, Maryland, she was active in the Diaconate Ministry, Women's Ministry, Sunday School and Bible Study. She served as a New Disciple Instructor for the Youth and Overseer of the Church Computer Ministry. She served as the President of the Women's Ministry and Coordinator for the Martin Luther King Day Celebrations. In short, she worked tirelessly with her pastor and husband, Pastor Welton Fields, to help build the ministry God had placed in their charge.

Lady Kay was a lover of people, and it manifested itself as she interacted with people. She was just a "down to earth" First Lady who found freedom in being whom God made her to be. One of her greatest joys in life came in 2011 when she and her husband traveled to Salawa, Kenya in Africa to serve our sisters and brothers on the mission field. It was indeed a life changing experience. It made her aware, more than ever, that here in America, we are so blessed and have absolutely no reason to complain.

After surviving a double brain aneurysm in 1997 and breast cancer in 2014, Lady Kay was thankful and so grateful for being graced by God's tender mercies. She chose as her favorite passage of Scripture, Lamentations 3:22-23: " Because of The Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness".

Lady Kay was preceded in death by her daughter, Nicole Fields; sisters, Betty Ash Mulgrave, Mamie Young, Vee Vee Williams, Genolia Boyden, Gerta Mae Murray; and brother, Leon Lewis.

As she journeyed home to celebrate her victory with the angels and saints in Heaven, she leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband of 52 years, Rev. Dr. Welton Fields, Jr.; a daughter, Andrea Russell-Wendell of Burke, Virginia; a son Brian Oneal Fields of Perry Point, Maryland; six grandchildren, Nicholas Ariel, Philip, Antonio, Roland, and Zoe; one sister, Phyllis (Robert) LaLande of Roosevelt, New York; two brothers, Randolph Lewis and James Alvin Lewis both of Cincinnati, Ohio; and a host of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21.** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Welcome Stranger Missionary Baptist Church
906 NW 9th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34475

Funeral Service

OCT **21.** 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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906 NW 9th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34475

Internment

OCT **24.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens
5251 Robert C Byrd Drive
Beckley, WV 25801

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Rev. Dr. Theresa Scott-Woodruff lit a candle in memory of Mary Katherine Fields*



Rev. Dr. Theresa Scott-Woodruff - October 21, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Fields.*



October 20, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Fields.*



October 17, 2023 at 02:07 PM

PH

“ Although my heart is aching, I know that Lady Kay is resting in the Eternal Father's hands. I will forever remember her loving smile and her kindness toward me and my family. To Pastor Emertis Fields and family, I love you and I pray that you will find peace and comfort.



Sister Pat Harris and Family

Patricia A Harris - October 15, 2023 at 06:38 PM

BB

Lady K was a very beautiful women inside and out. My husband and I send our sincere condolences and prayers to pastor Fields and the family and friends.Dr.Edward T and Barbara Burton 🙏

Barbara Burton - October 15, 2023 at 07:58 PM

TG

Lady Kay was a woman of strength and grace. As stated above, she was very no nonsense and in the short time that I shared with her, that became one of the qualities that I appreciated the most. It was this quality that she used to help me prepare to "walk in her shoes" as the First Lady of Southern Friendship and I am forever grateful. My love and prayers are extended to Pastor Fields and every person that she touched... God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Talita Grayton - October 16, 2023 at 09:00 PM

KW

My forever First Lady Kay, there are so many words that I could pen because I love you that much. I thank God for your life and for your loving spirit and beautiful heart and soul. I will always hear your voice saying "Sis Wills I love you and your spirit" even now that you have gone from labor to reward. Rest in Perfect Peace, My Dear!

Kimberly Wills - October 18, 2023 at 08:53 AM

DF

Our Beloved Lady Kay. The epitome of a Lady. You were the Epitome of a lady, and loving First Lady. You were a pillar of strength and your radiant beauty inside and out. Your sweet kind spirit and love for people. Our Family will truly miss you. It's comforting to know that you are Resting with our Heavenly Father. Say hello to the family.💔

Deirdre Fields - October 19, 2023 at 10:56 AM

PH

Lady Kay, was a beautiful soul, she will truly be missed by all. To Pastor Fields and family, the Trueheart, Harris, Hall family sends our love. May God comfort you at the time.

Penny Harris-Trueheart - October 20, 2023 at 01:05 PM

CG

Dear Lady Kay Fields, beautiful inside and out. So loving, gracious and kind. Your spirit will be missed. That welcoming smile and the encouraging words. Rest in Peace. We love you Pastor Fields, may God give you comfort and peace. Carla Gaither

Carla Gaither - October 20, 2023 at 06:09 PM

CC

*Sending our love and condolence to this precious family we've known for so many years. (Beckley & Wyco, WV)
Our thoughts & prayers will be with you not only now but in the days ahead. May God bless each of you with peace...the kind of peace that surpasses all understanding. We love you. CW & Barbara Claytor*

CW & Barbara Claytor - October 20, 2023 at 09:44 PM

BG

Last Kay was a beautiful, gracious, kind and loving soul who was one of the BEST First Ladies!!! Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with Pastor Fields and his family. May God continue to give you all peace and comfort. We love you - Brenda & Diarra Gordon

Brenda Gordon - October 21, 2023 at 10:04 AM

RS

Our 💖 thoughts and prayers are with The Fields Family. We share in your sorrow. Rev. Dr. Theresa Scott-Woodruff

Rev. Dr. Theresa Scott-Woodruff - October 21, 2023 at 10:55 AM