



Linda Kay Freeland Clarke

March 4, 1938 - April 27, 2025

Linda Kay (Freeland) Clarke age 87, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home in Murrells Inlet, SC on Sunday, April 27, 2025 to be with her Lord and Savior.

Kay was born in Charleston, WV on March 4, 1938 to the late Denzel Dale and Virginia Marie (Graham) Freeland. Kay graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School and attended Oberlin Conservatory of Music as a voice major. Due to illness she came home to heal and enrolled at Morris Harvey College (now The University of Charleston), where she met and fell in love with her husband, Keith, of nearly 65 years. After his graduation, they were married on his birthday and left for Seminary at Emory University in Atlanta. Kay's love for singing and choral music led her to serve as music director and/or organist at a number of churches over the years. She was former president of the Charleston (WV) Women's Club and former president of the West Virginia United Methodist Conference Minister's Wives' Fellowship. Kay's passions in life were her family, music, and her church. She was a model servant of Jesus Christ, loving and inspiring all she encountered, never having spoken unkindly about anyone. She welcomed her role as a stay-at-home mother to her three children, and loved the time spent with her three grandchildren and her great-granddaughter. In the last 20 years, Kay was a faithful member of Belin United Methodist Church where she was an active member of the choir and served as a certified Stephen Minister.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her daughter in law; Kelley Jo

Harrison Clarke, a sister; Jane Freeland Fischer and a brother; D. Dale Freeland, Jr.

Surviving are her husband of nearly 65 years, Rev. Dr. D. Keith Clarke; sons, Jeffery P. Clarke and wife Valerie, Mark A. Clarke and wife Anne, daughter; Kimberley Kay (Clarke) Williams and husband Timothy, grandchildren; Quenton A. Clarke and wife Krystal, Noah A. Clarke and wife Faith, Marina E. Clarke and her fiance, Brendan English; her great granddaughter, Rienna L. Clarke; and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Wanda Freeland, and Gary and Carol Freeland; and her nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:30pm on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at Belin United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends following the service. The family extends their heartfelt appreciation to the caregivers of The Key for the months of care and kindness given to Kay.

Memorials may be made to the Belin United Methodist Church Music Fund, 4182 US 17 BUS, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 4. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Belin Memorial United Methodist Church
4182 US-17 BUS
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

KW

“ HEY MOM, ITS BEEN A YEAR SINCE YOU LEFT US. WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU BUT KNOW THAT YOU AND DAD ARE UP THERE WATCHING OVER ALL OF US. IT'S STILL HARD BUT TIM AND I ARE DOING THE BEST WE CAN. WE KNOW YOUR IN A BETTER PLACE AND WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

LOVE KIM AND TIM

Kim Williams - April 27 at 01:26 PM

KW

“ HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN MOM. WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU DEARLY. THIS IS YOUR FIRST BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN SO ALL I CAN DO IS SEND PRAYERS UP TO YOU SINCE I CANT CALL YOU TODAY. I AM HAPPY YOU ARE NO LONGER IN PAIN AND WE HOPE YOUR ENJOYING BEING WITH YOUR PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WENT BEFORE US.

Kim Williams - March 04 at 08:34 PM

KW

“ Its me again Mom. Dad has passed as of yesterday and should be up in heaven with you now. Both you and Dad will be missed but I sit here and think, I will see you both again. I am sure you both missed each other alot. Love to both of you and all our family who has gone on before.

Kim Williams - January 03 at 04:24 PM

KW

“ *Its Christmas and I am still trying to get used to you being gone. Its been a hard Thanksgiving and an even harder Christmas. Its the first Christmas that I havent spoken to you other than in my head and prayers. Just wanted you to know that I havent forgotten you and love you very much.*

Love your daughter Kim

Kim Williams - December 25, 2025 at 06:21 PM

KW

“ *Hey Mom, its me again. Just wanted to say that its our first Thanksgiving without you and I have been missing you alot. I know you are in a better place and no longer in pain, but I guess I am being selfish wanting you back. I will see you again one of these days and we wont have to worry about doctors or anything else. Take care of your grandkitties for us. Love you and miss you.*

Kim Williams - November 27, 2025 at 01:14 AM

CB

“ *Kay and Kieth were my first two friends at BUMC. Though an obvious gap existed, that never stopped the love, care and fellowship shown by Kay and Kieth. We will miss you and love you forever!*

Christine L Brennan - May 04, 2025 at 03:54 PM

AP

“ *Ann, Liz, Jamie, Addie and Payton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Kay Freeland Clarke.*



Ann, Liz, Jamie, Addie and Payton - May 02, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda Kay Freeland Clarke.*



May 01, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Kay Freeland Clarke.

May 01, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ *Remembering Kay's beautiful voice, and the great music you made together. Blessings and love from Patricia Jarvis*

Patricia A Jarvis - May 01, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ *Rev. Keith and Family, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Kay. We send our Love and Prayers to each of you in this most difficult time of your lives and for the days ahead.*



Love & Prayers,

Rev. Joe Hill, District Superintendent of the Nine Rivers District of the United Methodist Church , WV Conference

Jennifer Goldizen, District Admin.

Jennifer Goldizen - April 30, 2025 at 10:47 AM

AP

“ Memories of my beautiful Oberlin roommate, Kay Freeland, will never be forgotten. I am so fortunate to have shared those lovely moments with you. May you Rest In Peace. Anne Franciose Perrault.

Anne Franciose Perrault - April 30, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KA

“ Our sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. May cherished memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time.
Psalm 46:1

Kathryn - April 29, 2025 at 02:39 PM

BS

“ Keith and Family and Friends sincere condolences to all of you in the loss of a beautiful lady. Such a good neighbor to all around her and she was always smiling and seemed to never give up while living here. I pray that God will give you peace and comfort during this time and may she R.I.P.



BRENDA LEE SMITH - April 29, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Linda Kay Freeland Clarke.



April 29, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Kay Freeland Clarke.

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Linda Kay Freeland Clarke.



April 29, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ Jeff, Mark, and Kim my heart goes out to you and your families, along with Rev. Keith. Your mom was a mother to all us kids at First Church. She will be deeply missed, but I rejoice in knowing she is home with her Heavenly Father  God Bless you all during this difficult time  your friend Bobby

Bobby Brown - April 28, 2025 at 09:24 PM

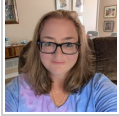


“ We love you Mom and you are missed. Keep watch over all of us until we meet again in heaven. Thank you for all that you did for us.

Love always,

Kim & Tim

Kimberley Williams - April 28, 2025 at 07:51 PM



I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom, Kim. I love her very much and I know she will always be watching over you and your brothers. Sending my love.

Elizabeth Freeland - April 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM

AL

“*Kay was a special friend. Enjoyed being with her at family gatherings. She will be greatly missed. I loved her bunches!*”

Alecia Lewis - April 28, 2025 at 06:23 PM