



Dorothy Marie Nickell

September 25, 1941 - March 28, 2025

Dorothy Marie Nickell, 83, of Summerville, SC passed away on March 28, 2025, at home. She was born on September 25, 1941, in Fayetteville, TN to the late Roy Lee Kent, Sr. and Margaret Lucinda West Kent. She was a 1958 graduate of Booneshill High School. She won 2nd place in the Senior Cotton Dress Division in the District 4H Dress Review. Later, she attended business school in Nashville, TN.

Mrs. Nickell worked for years at the Oakbrook Child Development Center and was a member of Summerville Baptist Church. Affectionately known as “Dottie” or “Mrs. Nick”, she was loved by many. She enjoyed camping, making gifts for her neighbors and going to the Tea Room with her friends. Where she truly shined was in loving and caring for others. Her home was always open for visits or meals – she was an excellent cook. Southern hospitality was her specialty (along with her pimento cheese!). She never missed a moment to tell you that she loved you or that she was proud of you. Dottie had the kindness, grace, compassion and gratitude that we should all hope to possess.

Along with her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her sisters Betty Margaret Kent, Sherry Ann Kent, and Barbara Jean Kent Gleghorn; her brother Roy Lee Kent, Jr.; nephew Tim Gleghorn; and great-grandson Rowan Dillon Carpenter.

She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Charles (Bill) Nickell; her daughter, Sandy (Jeff); her son Charlie (Ola); grandchildren, Melissa (Ryan), Mark (Megan) and Austin; great-grandchildren, Myla, Mara and Jameson; her brother Monte Kent; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that she had adopted as family.

A visitation of family and friends will be held on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, from 11am to 12pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 South Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483. The funeral service will begin at 12:00pm in the Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Funeral Service

APR 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



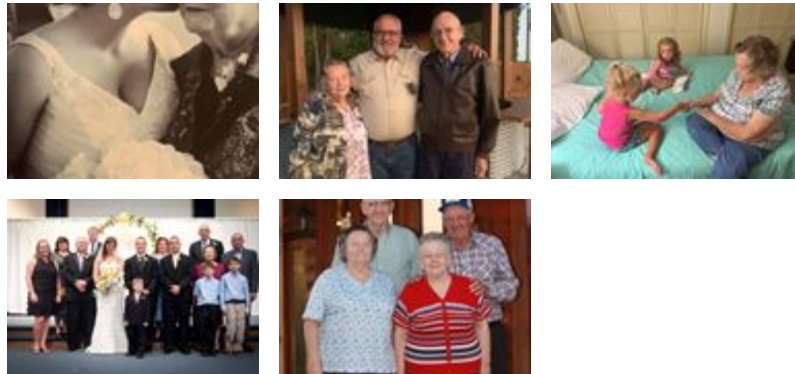
“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Marie Nickell



James A Dyal Funeral Home - March 31, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ 104 files added to the album LifeTributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - March 31, 2025 at 02:56 PM

CH

“ Chris Hupp purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.



Chris Hupp - March 31, 2025 at 11:49 AM

ST

“ Sincerely, Elbit America Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Marie Nickell.

Sincerely, Elbit America Team - March 31, 2025 at 09:27 AM

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“ Sincerely, Elbit America Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.



Sincerely, Elbit America Team - March 31, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.



March 31, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Marie Nickell.

March 31, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.*



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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.*



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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.*



March 31, 2025 at 07:46 AM



“ *Randy and Linda Stubblefield and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.*



Randy and Linda Stubblefield and family - March 30, 2025 at 08:21 PM

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“ Randy and Linda Stubblefield and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Marie Nickell.

Randy and Linda Stubblefield and family - March 30, 2025 at 08:21 PM

LW

“ I was sitting on the front porch, of the house we were renting waiting for our realtor, who was late, with my 6 month old daughter. This extremely nice and lovingly lady from across the street came over to us and asked if she could help... I told her we were trying to rent this house and my husband was off to a meeting. Dottie could tell I was so nervous and anxious being there and not knowing a soul Dottie immediately made me feel comfortable. Later it was apparent she made us apart of her FAMILY!

Linda Whited - March 30, 2025 at 01:04 PM

BD

“ What I remember most about Sandy's Momma is the love and compassion she had for her family and those around her. She raised a wonderful daughter who is also so thoughtful and caring. Prayers for comfort and strength during this time of need 🙏

Brenda DeWees - March 30, 2025 at 07:59 AM

CY

“ Mrs. Dottie you will be missed by so many. You were always a special person to me & my family. I am blessed to have met you & call you a Friend! I'll always remember you taking care of me after surgery & sewing girl scout patches on & sewing a dress for me. You were always there to listen to whatever I needed to talk about. I can go on & on. I have so many fond memories of you. I'm going to miss you my friend & I love you! RIP beautiful Angel!



Cindy Young - March 29, 2025 at 10:28 PM

KS

“ Kathie and Barry Stuckey purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.



Kathie and Barry Stuckey - March 29, 2025 at 06:20 PM

CP

“ Loving memories



Cynthia Poindexter - March 29, 2025 at 05:37 PM

LM

“ Love Always, Carrie Mae purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.



Love Always, Carrie Mae - March 29, 2025 at 05:23 PM

L“

“ Love always, “Cinderella” purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.



Love always, “Cinderella” - March 29, 2025 at 05:23 PM

FF

“ From the Whited & Blary Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Marie Nickell.

From the Whited & Blary Families - March 29, 2025 at 04:35 PM

FF

“ From the Whited & Blary Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Marie Nickell.



From the Whited & Blary Families - March 29, 2025 at 04:35 PM