



## Frances Kenna

August 14, 1926 - June 7, 2024

Frances Bailey Kenna of Summerville, SC, wife of the late Lt. Col. (ret) James Hobson Kenna, passed away on June 7, 2024 at age 97.

She was born Frances Carolyn Bailey on August 14, 1926, in Harpersville, MS, the daughter of the late Shellie Marshall and Annie Bell Bailey. She enjoyed 49 years of marriage prior to his passing in 1996. She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church.

Frances was a dedicated military wife who traveled around the world to support her husband's career. She lived on Air Force bases in Mississippi, Alabama, Japan, Georgia, Hawaii, South Carolina, New Jersey, Texas, and Charleston, prior to finally moving to Summerville to make this their final stop. She immersed herself in the communities she lived in all along the way. She served as President of the Officer's Wives Club while stationed at Charleston AFB and McGuire AFB, NJ. Frances loved to play bridge and tennis. She was an avid reader and loved crossword puzzles. She loved to tell stories and share memories with family and friends. Her sweet laughter while telling these stories will be missed.

She is survived by her children, Shellie Simler of Tucson, AZ, James Kenna, Jr. (Karen) of Springfield, VA, and Jack Kenna (Deborah) of Summerville, SC. She also loved her 5 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Shellie Marshall Bailey, Jr. of Madison, MS.

In addition to her husband, Frances is preceded in death by her parents and grandson, James Chadwick Kenna.

A celebration of life and inurnment next to her husband will be held at The Beaufort National Cemetery in Beaufort, SC on July 15, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in memory of Frances Kenna to:  
(Presbyterian Communities of Summerville- The Village) @ PCSC  
Foundation, 2817 Ashland Rd., Columbia SC 29210.

# Previous Events

## Inurnment

JUL 15 (ET)

Beaufort National Cemetery  
1601 Boundary Street  
Beaufort, SC 29902

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jean Brasfield lit a candle in memory of Frances Kenna*



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**Jean Brasfield** - June 16, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ *Grandmommy- so glad we had time in Arizona. I love you and will always cherish my childhood memories of you and granddaddy.*



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**Kimberly Tissot** - June 14, 2024 at 08:42 PM

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“ *So very sorry for your family's loss*

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**Elane Rafferty** - June 14, 2024 at 08:19 PM