



## Doraldena "Dora" Coats Kelley

July 7, 1949 - December 2, 2021

Doraldena "Dora" Marie Coats Kelley, age 72, entered into her eternal rest on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at her home in Springfield, LA. Dora was born in Independence, LA, on July 7, 1949, to her parents, the late Willie Donald Coats and Florence Marie Foster.

Dora was the devoted wife of 52 years to Kenneth Kelley and the proud mother of Doreen and Alisha Kelley. She was the loving grandmother of Kenneth Hart, Kelley Baham, and Karley Baham.

Her favorite color was yellow, and that was fitting because she always looked to the brighter side of all situations. She endured numerous health issues throughout her life beginning with a major stroke in her 20's then progressively losing her eyesight to macular degeneration. She was a four-time cancer survivor. Yes...you read that correctly. She beat four different types of cancer!

She had a great sense of humor and would use laughter to get through tough situations. She knew how to pass a good time whether that was at Big B's Lounge with her life-long best friend, Annie Laurie Ray or playing cards and listening to music with family.

She was a proud homemaker who took excellent care of her family and enjoyed working at My Wife's Laundry, the local laundromat and tanning

salon.

A private family gathering will be held per her request.

Besides her parents, Dora was also preceded in death by her brothers, Michael and Carlee Coats.

She is survived by dear friends Annie Laurie Ray, Erin March, and numerous nieces & nephews, as well as her sister Viola Coats and other relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall

FK

“ *Flo Carrigan Kirkpatrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Doraldena "Dora" Coats Kelley*



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**Flo Carrigan Kirkpatrick** - December 07, 2021 at 10:21 PM

JE

“ *SORRY TO HEAR THIS NEWS ABOUT YOUR MOTHERS AND WIFES PASSING . WHAT I REMEMBER MOST IS HER SMILE AND KINDNESS TO ME AS A LITTLE BOY. WASHING CLOTHES TOGETHER AT GRANDMAWS HOUSE IN THE RINGER WASHER. I PRAY PEACE TO ALL OF YOU.*

*JIMMY ELAM*

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**JIMMY ELAM** - December 07, 2021 at 05:17 PM

MI

“ *What an amazing aunt who will be dearly missed. Aunt Doraldena always seemed to bring a smile or make us laugh - she was the fun aunt - that we could run to who made us feel safe and loved - and of course, feed us with her wonderful cooking. There are open arms in heaven waiting to embrace you - may you rest in peace surrounded by loved ones who arrived before you. You will be missed.*

*Your nephew, Mike*

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**Michael** - December 07, 2021 at 04:59 PM

KA

“ Karley lit a candle in memory of Doraldena  
"Dora" Coats Kelley



Karley - December 06, 2021 at 11:56 PM

EM

“ So many great memories. Oh, Ma! You will live on in our hearts. I will think of you every time I see yellow 🌹 roses, old western movies, or hear bagpipes playing. I'm sad to see you go, but I'm thankful that you now have perfect vision, a restored body, and no more illnesses. Love you and miss you, Ma. 💔



Erin March - December 06, 2021 at 11:34 PM

MA

“ Maria lit a candle in memory of Doraldena  
"Dora" Coats Kelley



Maria - December 06, 2021 at 09:48 PM

MA

“ Always in my memories...



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**Maria** - December 06, 2021 at 09:47 PM

Annie Ray

“ Annie Ray lit a candle in memory of Doraldena "Dora" Coats Kelley



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**Annie Ray** - December 06, 2021 at 09:47 PM

MA

“ Will miss you so much! Love your laugh!

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**Maria** - December 06, 2021 at 09:45 PM

Annie Ray

“ Annie Ray lit a candle in memory of Doraldena "Dora" Coats Kelley



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**Annie Ray** - December 06, 2021 at 01:59 PM

EM

“ *Ellis Martin lit a candle in memory of Doraldena "Dora" Coats Kelley*



Ellis Martin - December 06, 2021 at 12:56 PM

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“ *Doreen Kelley (Daughter) lit a candle in memory of Doraldena "Dora" Coats Kelley*



Doreen Kelley (Daughter) - December 06, 2021 at 12:51 PM

SS

“ *I Really enjoyed being able to Spend time with you I well never forget the Kindness Sister in Law I well miss and love you. When Sharon an I came that one year So many years ago You even though you were ill Were always Happy an Loving I cherish my memories of You Say Hello to Dad ,Mom an Daniel*

Sandy Simons - December 06, 2021 at 11:53 AM

SS

“ *Sandy Simons lit a candle in memory of Doraldena "Dora" Coats Kelley*



Sandy Simons - December 06, 2021 at 11:47 AM

AK

“ Alisha Kelley lit a candle in memory of Doraldena "Dora" Coats Kelley



Alisha Kelley - December 06, 2021 at 11:10 AM

SP

“ My Dear Sweet Sister-in-law 🥺 You will always be in My Heart ❤️ I Have So Many Great Memories of Times We have Spent Together ❤️❤️ Sending All My Love to Brother Ken and Family 💔



Sharon Peck - December 06, 2021 at 10:07 AM

DH

“ My beautiful wonderful Sister in Law Oh how I will miss you. I've wanted to come down to Louisiana so many times to see you and Brother Jen, but never had the money or a decent running vehicle Until this year. I always love that we kind of had the same name mine being Dora Deanna and your's being Doraldena . I'll miss your laugh and your love always.. your Sister in Law Dora

Dora Hogle - December 06, 2021 at 09:35 AM

DH

Sorry that's KEN not Jen..

Dora Hogle - December 06, 2021 at 09:37 AM

YV

“ Dora was a true person and friend

Yvonne - December 05, 2021 at 09:37 PM

AS

“ *My sweet cousin and friend. I will miss you dearly.*

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**Ann Womack Siatta** - December 05, 2021 at 09:32 AM

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“ *I will miss her so much! RIP my dearest friend!*

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**Annie Laurie Ray** - December 04, 2021 at 03:16 PM