

**Queda Marie Kelley**

69 a resident of Greenland, Arkansas, passed away March 4, 2010 at Fayetteville Health and Rehab in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born August 27, 1940 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, the daughter of Clyde and Rosa Drain Wise.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Joe Kelley; one son, Billy Ray Kelley.

Survivors include two sons, James Kelley and his wife, Sharon of Strickler, Arkansas, and John Kelley and his wife, Kendra, of Missouri; one daughter, Sandra Kelley of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; one brother, Clyde Wise of Westville, Oklahoma; one sister, Betty Hollaway of Springdale, Arkansas; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren with one more on the way.

**APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the Kelley family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

**Luginbuel Funeral Home  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas**

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**Queda Marie Kelley**  
August 27, 1940 - March 4, 2010

## MOTHER LOVE

God surely knew the world would need  
A gentle loving touch,  
When He created mother love  
That warms our hearts so much.

He must have known that children  
Would need a guiding hand,  
Someone who'd always be there  
To care and understand.

God must have known our hearts would need  
A special kind of cheer  
When He endowed a mother's face  
With smiles that would endear.

Of all the gifts that God does send  
From His heavenly realm above,  
There is none that is more precious  
Than that of mothers love.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Queda Marie Kelley

**DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE**  
Tuesday, March 9, 2010 - 2:00 P.M.  
Luginbuel Chapel - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

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Prelude Music

Opening Remarks

Les Carrol

Prayer

"In the Garden"

Alan Jackson

Words of Comfort

Les Carrol

Closing Prayer

Family Memories Video  
"Amazing Grace"

Jed Clampit

Postlude Music

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GRAVE SIDE SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL  
REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

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**FINAL RESTING PLACE**  
Baptist Ford Cemetery  
Greenland, Arkansas

We are here today March 9, 2010 to honor and celebrate the life of Queda (**Marie**) Kelley.

Born Aug 27, 1940 to Clyde Dee Wise and Rosa Bell Wise (Ross)

Married Billy Joe Kelley Nov 1957

Pasted from this life March 5, 2010

Presided is death by:

Her father and mother Clyde and Rose

Her step father James Harold Ross

Her brother Bobby Joe Wise

Survived by:

Her Sister Betty Jean (Wise) Holloway of Springdale, AR

Her brother Clyde Dee Wise of Westville, OK

Her two sons James Gary Kelley of Stricter, AR and Johnny Lee Kelley of Dixie,

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Her daughter Sandra Kay Kelley of Eureka Springs, AR

Nine Grandchildren and one expecting Great Grand child

**I met Marie in the mid 1980's she had just lost Billy Joe and I was getting a divorce. I will never forget that night. I was sitting at a table with a group of friends and a man was giving her a hard time. As she walked by me I pulled out a chair and ask her if she would like to set with us. That was the beginning of a life long friendship with a **very special LADY.****

As I got to know Marie I learned how much she love her Billy Joe. I would often take her to the grave at Baptist Ford and watch as she would cry and beat her fist on the ground asking why he had to leave her. I would gather her up and take her home watching as she was slowing losing her mind to grief.

**She needed a break from the things around her so she could heal so I spoke to James about taking her with me on a trip that I had to make.** On this trip we visited Washington, DC, Philadelphia, PA staying in a Bay town on the Chesapeake Bay. We took walk in the evening down to be Bay and thru the little bay town and I watched as the joy of life came back into the beautiful hazel eyes. We made friends with people from all over the US including a farm boy from Idaho who had his family with him. We took trips together to see Independent Hall, the Liberty Bell, the Capital Build, the Smithsonian, the White House and many other sites together. I could see that great love in her heart as she opened up to Jerry's family and specially the children.

On the trip home I knew that she love country music so we stop **in Nashville, TN** and spent almost a week. We stayed on Music Row and toured the town. We visited all the sites. The special places was the place where Randy Travis washed dishes before he

became famous, Oak Ridge Boy's Mountain Man's home, Twitty City which we toured the day and went back that night for a concert by Loretta Lynn.

By the time we return to Arkansas she was able to deal with the lose of Billy Joe Kelley. However, she never stopped loving him. After we had to put her in the home and as her memory was slipping away I would visit and as she would talk to me I would realize that she was taking to Billy Joe even though she could not call him by name. She called me Pops but some times Pops meant Billy Joe. **There is county song that Marie liked that sums up her love for Billy Joe in this life as her lays here before us by George Jones. I played it for her many times and held her as she cried listening to the words "He(She) stopped loving her(him) today".**

**Marie loved living, having fun, music and her family.** Over the next years I would get to know her children of whom she was very proud and loved with the passion of all good mothers love.

**James the son who like his father could fix any thing.** She talked with pride as she drove the Red 1979 T-Bird that he rebuilt for her.

**She spoke of Sandra Kay who had all the beauty of Grandma Rose and her mother with pride.**

**She held dear to her heart her baby boy Johnny Lee** the football player who loved playing in the sand tables in his room with is army men. Who would know that he would grow up to be an important man in the Army?

Her grandchildren were special to her even if they did get on her nerves. **Michael, Bradley and Jason** she was proud to have them as grandchildren. **Natalie and Sara** she did not get to know you very well but she spoke of you with pride knowing you were her grandchildren traveling around the world with her baby boy John (Yes John was always her baby boy). **Christopher and Michelle** Marie did not get to know very well but she knew you were her grandchildren and wanted only the best for you. **Thomas** Marie love to watch you square dance and often said, "Looked at him dance he took after me". She is looking down now with the pride of a great grandmother knowing that **her little square dancer will soon be a father.**

**Yes every grandmother has a special bond with one or two of her grandchildren Bradley and Thomas I want you to know that you were special to her.** All you Grand children are special as I look back. But today Marie rest in here before us in peace and we are left to carry on and learn to love those we love with the all our heart and soul just as Marie did.

The years passed so fast in the years to come with heart ace, sorrow and joy of special times like the times we **took James' four wheelers and went trail riding.** The time we went to see **Jerry Lee Lewis** and she was standing and at the top of her voice "SING....." the name of the song she wanted him to sing and she knew them all, The

**Thanksgiving dinner** that I cook for everyone up on Tony Mountain, the dinner we all enjoyed at the Hush Puppy together. **The flowers Marie planted** on Tony Mountain that we all got to enjoy every year.

The very special time for me was the year that I got to take her to her first Military Ball in Little Rock, AR at the Executive Hotel. We visit the state capital building, the old governor's mansion, and all the sites in Little Rock, AR. In the hotel we visit all the hostility rooms of all the units in the Arkansas National Guard(ARNG). The event was **top off with a dinner and a ball** that the Officers of the ARNG, governor of Arkansas (Bill Clinton), judges and other leaders in the state of Arkansas attending. Marie was like Cinderella in her new Blue Dress. That was one of her happiest days, she was on cloud nine, smiling, talking to everyone and having a ball.

My father and mother have already passed on from this life and those were hard days. But, **it was the hardness day of my life the day I had to take Marie to the home** and leave her there because we could no longer provide the care she needed. As she adjusted to the home she began to sing song and making up the words because she could not remember the words. The help at the home would tell me she was making up songs. **But, as I walked with her and listened to the tunes not the words I found that she was singing old Hymns, Great Speckled Bird, On the Wings of a Dove, Old Rug Cross and her all time favorite, How Great Thou Art.** I am sure that as Marie lays here before us that she is at peace in the arm of her Jesus and forever with her Billy Joe Kelley.

You see she did not stop loving anyone as she passed from this life. She only face what all of us will face some day. And the night she left this life she was resting peacefully. She has gone to join those she loved dearly and as Jesus said at the grave of one of his dear friend "She only sleeps". **As she looks down on us, may we honor her life by living our live to the fullness, loving those around us and find peace with ourselves and our God. And someday we will be able to join Marie and Billy Joe on the other side and sing together the great song, "How Great Thou Art".**

Dearest Friend  
Lessley Jack Carroll