



Nina Lorene Gifford Kelley

June 11, 1919 - March 27, 2016

Nina Lorene Gifford Kelley, age 96, of Perryville, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2016. She was born June 11, 1919 to Saul and Sally Stanford Gifford. She worked at the Cotton Mill, was a housewife, mother, and of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Andrew Jackson (Bo) Kelley; sons, Leon Kelley and AJ Kelley; daughter, Mary McCormick; grandson, Steve Kelley; great granddaughter, Hadleigh Kelley; sister, Lois Chancellor; and son in laws, Bill Shelley and John Purtle.

A devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend, she is survived by her daughters, Joyce Lankford (Lloyd), Carolyn Ruple (Ernest), Eyvon Doughty (Jerry), Liz Shelley, all of Perry County, Phyllis Purtle of Faulkner County, Angela Jordan (Daniel) of Louisiana; and sons, Elvis Kelley (Kim), Phillip Kelley, both of Perry County; 60 grandchildren; 72 great grandchildren; and 43 great great grandchildren.

She was a woman of strong will, faith, and character who was full of love and laughter. She loved gardening, fishing, and music and would often sing to her babies and later with them. Nothing meant more to her than her family, close and extended, and she was never happier than when they were all gathered together around her to visit. When visiting her home you were always greeted with a hug, a kiss, a welcoming smile, a bite to eat, and made to feel right at home.

Graveside memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Harmony Cemetery with Daniel Jordan officiating. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral

Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nina Lorene Gifford Kelley*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *To all of the Kelley Family, Nina was very much loved at PCNC. She had the sweetest smile and the happiest laugh. She seemed so full of love. We will always miss her.*

carin sloss - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ *Carolyn, Joyce and Evonne,*

Thank you for trusting me to be a part of your precious momma's life for so many years. I will always remember that precious smile. Especially when she saw you guys. My thoughts and prayers are with your family

Rhonda Stout - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ *That beautiful smile and the twinkle in those beautiful eyes will be missed so very much. Thank-you so much for sharing your wonderful Mother with those of us who were so blessed to have met her. She will be missed.*

Wanda Carney - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

JD

“ To all of you, Nina was such a sweetheart and I will always have the sweetest memories of my childhood at your house and how sweet and loveable she always was! May God give each of you the comfort and strength you need at this time.

Julie Doughty - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

JA

“ Liz - We are so sorry for you loss... keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love to you and your family.
Velma Huesgen, Janice & Paul Sloca (Missouri)

Janice - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

SM

“ Angela I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

Sheryl Zulpo Martin - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

CP

“ May God comfort you all during this difficult time

Cindy Peoples - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

KR

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Ms Nina was a sweet lady, who worked hard all her life and loved her children. She loved to fish and always had a smile. I enjoyed visiting with her and hearing her stories.

kathy Rankin - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

PG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our Prayers and thoughts are with all of you.

Panky McNeal Gardner - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

MM

“ Nina loved each of you so much. I have so many treasured memories of my childhood at her house. She really showed the gifts of kindness, patience and love. Prayers and love to you.

Martha Rotruck McCormack - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

MC

“ Leave a condolence or a memory. So sorry to learn of Aunt Nina's passing. Give our sympathize to the entire family. I am Ida Pearl and Lucky Johnson's daughter Margie

Margie Crawford - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

PS

“ Leave a condolence or a memory. I loved Aunt Nina, she did love music and dancing and most of all her family. She is now at home with our Lord and with Uncle Bo.

Pam (Kelley) Stears - June 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ Joyce, Carolyn, and Eyvon, so very sorry for the loss of your Mom. Always loved seeing her at PCNC because she always wanted to share her candy with me! I know the void you will feel with her passing but I am sure there was rejoicing when she entered heaven's doors. Prayers for all the families.

March 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM