



Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player

September 20, 1940 - January 24, 2023

Gail Kennedy Player, the widow of Dale William Player, died on January 24, 2023. She was born September 20, 1940, in Sumter, SC, the daughter of the late John Wesley Kennedy and Emily Hatfield Kennedy.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Bishopville, SC, with The Rev. Denise Seymour officiating. The family will receive friends from 3:00 until 6:00 PM on Friday, January 27, 2023, at the Player's Farm, 250 Stoney Run Road, Bishopville, SC 29010. A private family burial will be held at St. Luke Cemetery, in Elliott, SC. The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home are caring for the family.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Bethlehem United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 167, Bishopville, SC 29010, or St. Luke United Methodist Church Cemetery, c/o Mrs. Susie Chavis, 324 Elk Street, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Mrs. Player graduated from Bishopville High School and attended Limestone College. She loved her community and enjoyed a long life of community service, having served on Bishopville City Council for 28 years, with six of those years as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mrs. Player was a former board member of the Lee County Arts Council, the

South Carolina Cotton Museum, Greater Bishopville Inc., Lee County Economic Development Alliance, Opera House Foundation, Friends of Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden, the Bishopville branch of NBSC (Synovus) Bank, and Progress Energy Advisory Board of the Pee Dee. She was a past Regent of the Henry DuRant Chapter, NSDAR, and for years volunteered with the Lee County Cooperative Ministry Care Center. She was actively involved with Lee County's Social Peace Initiative while participating in Citizens for Progress and Understanding and helping organize and administer Christian Unity Week.

Mrs. Player was an active member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, where she had formerly served as Chairman of the Administrative Council, was a member of United Methodist Women, the Eva Woodham Circle, and was a teacher of the Joe Fanning Sunday School Class.

Always athletic and enjoying outdoor activities, she had been a ranked South Carolina tennis player and made sure that her children played a good tennis game as well. She and her late husband, Dale, ran 10k races, hiked South Carolina trails, and enjoyed dancing the Shag and kayaking with friends. She loved to garden, read, and spend time with friends at the lake and at the beach. Like her mother, she was a fun-loving person for whom laughter came easily.

"Nana" delighted in spending as much time as possible with her children and their spouses and her ten grandchildren anywhere, but especially at Lake Wateree. One grandchild came up with the expression "This joy cannot be duplicated," which was made into a sign and hung in the lake house.

Mrs. Player is survived by her daughter, Jennie Player Lambe (Scott); sons, John Whitworth Player (Beth), William Weber Player (Molly), Thomas Kennedy Player (Ashley); grandchildren, Kennedy Lambe, Elizabeth Lambe,

Joseph-Caine Player, Worth Player, Wesley Player, Lylli Player, Avery Player, Wilson Player, Blain Player, and Sarah Player; sister-in-law, Maxine Player Blakely (Ed); a niece and three nephews.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, John Wesley Kennedy, Jr. and Loretta Bennett Kennedy, and their son, John Bennett Kennedy.

The family would like to especially thank her church, friends, Dr. John Pate, Dr. Sreenivas Rao, Dr. Virginia Clyburn-Ipock and their staff, and McLeod Hospice House for their love and care.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Player Farm
250 Stoney Run Road
Bishopville, SC 29010

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
115 W. Church Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall



“ *Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home - February 02, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ *Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Art Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Art Brown - January 27, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ *Natalie Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Natalie Rogers - January 27, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



January 27, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Nutrien Ag Solutions, Bishopville purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



Nutrien Ag Solutions, Bishopville - January 27, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



January 27, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



January 27, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



January 26, 2023 at 09:44 PM



“ *Condolences to the family of Gail!
She and her whole family were so gracious and kind! We will greatly miss her! Sending prayers. Penny and Gary Morris*

Penny Morris - January 26, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



January 26, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



January 26, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Archie And Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Archie and Kay Amerson - January 26, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



January 26, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Peace be with you, Paul & Marla Dense purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



Peace be with you, Paul & Marla Dense - January 26, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player.*



January 26, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the Player family.*

Becky (Grantham) and Bob McWatty - January 26, 2023 at 07:50 AM



Becky and Bob McWatty

Becky (Grantham) and Bob McWatty - January 26, 2023 at 07:51 AM



“ *Lucile Benjamin Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Lucile Benjamin Thomas - January 26, 2023 at 07:30 AM



“ *Michael Farver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Michael Farver - January 26, 2023 at 12:29 AM

JR

“ *What a wonderful neighbor and friend Gail was to my mom!!! The Fannings have great memories of all the Players and my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Judith Fanning Raines

Judith Fanning Raines - January 25, 2023 at 09:37 PM

JA

“ *Such a dear lady. Her smile was so pleasant and she was always a jewel to talk to. I will miss her.*

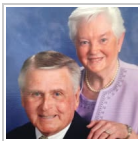
Janice Atkinson - January 25, 2023 at 09:08 PM

NH

“ *Norman And Iris Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



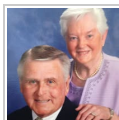
Norman and Iris Hayes - January 25, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Bill and Annette Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Bill and Annette Hopkins - January 25, 2023 at 07:40 PM



Love, Prayers and sympathy to the family So sorry for your loss

Bill and Annette Hopkins - January 25, 2023 at 07:43 PM

KA

“ *Kaye And Myron Arrants lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Kaye and Myron Arrants - January 25, 2023 at 06:50 PM

CM

“ *Clara McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Clara McElveen - January 25, 2023 at 06:41 PM

KJ

“ *Kathy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Kathy Jackson - January 25, 2023 at 06:03 PM

JG

“ *Such a special lady. Condolences to the family.*

Jeanne Gardner - January 25, 2023 at 05:19 PM

MB

“ Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - January 25, 2023 at 05:12 PM

RC

“ Many memories of the wonderful person I hold dear about Gail. ❤️❤️❤️



Rebecca Ann Crichton - January 25, 2023 at 05:03 PM

AR

“ God Bless, many wonderful memories. Special family.
🙏 Allen Roberson



Allen Roberson - January 25, 2023 at 05:02 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Stoudenmire lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player



Rebecca Stoudenmire - January 25, 2023 at 04:59 PM

ST

“ *Susan O Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Susan O Thrasher - January 25, 2023 at 04:31 PM

RH

“ *Rosalie Logan Hyatt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Rosalie Logan Hyatt - January 25, 2023 at 04:24 PM

RH

“ *Ruthie Houser lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Kennedy Player*



Ruthie Houser - January 25, 2023 at 04:19 PM