



# Dorothy Mae McKelvey

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**F**uneral Service for Mrs. Dorothy "Big Bird" McKelvey, 86, of Dadeville, Alabama, will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church Dadeville. Dr. Ben Hayes will officiate. Burial will follow in the Eagle Creek Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Langley Funeral Home.

Dorothy Mae Pritchard McKelvey passed away on Monday, August 5, 2024 peacefully at her home in Dadeville, Alabama surrounded by family. She was born on Sunday, March 27, 1938 in Eagle Creek, Alabama to Carrell Pritchard and Nell Harrelson Pritchard. Dorothy, affectionately known as "BigBird" by her many friends and family, was a lover of flowers and tending to her flower gardens outside her home. She also loved fishing, cooking her "baby biscuits," talking about what is going on in the world, going to Market in Atlanta, traveling, Alabama football, QVC and HSN, and dressing to the nines in a new outfit with beautiful jewelry. Known for her quick wit, infectious laugh, bubbly personality, and an eye for decorating, she has spent countless hours creating the flower arrangements for weddings or helping her friends and family decorate their homes. She loved helping people and creating beautiful things for them!

BigBird loved the many friends she made over the years, but she loved nothing more than her family. After raising five children and helping to raise thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, her family was the apple of her eye. She was mother, grandmother, and even friend to us all. She was a God-fearing woman who will leave a lasting impact on the people she met and the family she is leaving behind.

Dorothy is survived by daughter Sherry Bartlett, son Ricky Huff, daughter Duchi (James) Jones, son Reid (Christy) McKelvey, son Rush (Lisa) McKelvey; grandchildren Stephanie (Trent) Calhoun, Skye Bartlett, Chase (Haley) Huff, Matt (Ashley) Huff,



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Baxlee McKelvey, Alexx Bednarski, Cole (Brennen) McKelvey, John Landon (Hannah) Bednarski, Anna Caroline McKelvey, Savannah McKelvey, Tate McKelvey, Ireland McKelvey, Tanner McKelvey, Cheyenne Naquin, Colton Liggitt; great-grandchildren Lila Calhoun and Garrett Huff; brother Victor (Jeanette) Pritchard, sister Bonnie Kay Pritchard, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband Joe McKelvey, her parents Carrell and Nell Pritchard, and siblings Eugene Pritchard, Myrtis Jones Smith, Loyal Pritchard, and Lavinia French.

Langley Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dorothy "Big Bird" McKelvey.



# Tribute Wall

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**Langley Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.



August 4 at 7:00 PM



**Langley Funeral Home** shared 2 photos to the **Obituary Wall** album.



August 29 at 1:50 PM



**Manda C Greer** posted:

Sorry for your loss! Ms. Dorothy was such a nice lady and always had a smile on her face! My mother, Sara Nell Knight, sends her condolences and prayers. She has many fond memories of Ms. Dorothy over the years. We're praying for your family!

August 12 at 7:00 PM



**Oneal Tillery** posted:

So sorry for your loss Duchi praying for the family and friends may God be with you all

August 12 at 7:00 PM



**Jeannean Meadors** posted:

My heart is so sad for the family but Dorothy was such a presence in this community with her joy for life and her beauty. I can remember going with my Mom to her beauty shop when I a small child and thinking what a beautiful lady she was. She will be missed greatly by her family and friends. Prayers for my classmate and friend, Sherry and all the family. ❤️🙏

August 7 at 7:00 PM



**Lesia Woody** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family Lesia Woody & family David & Blake Johnson & family

August 7 at 7:00 PM



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KG

**Kristen (Townasley) Gunter** posted:

I have been gone from Dadeville for over 30 years, but I still have fond memories of spending time Skye's BigBird! She was such a special lady, I am so sorry for your loss! This world is a better place because she was in it. Love, Kristen (Townasley) Gunter and Family

August 6 at 7:00 PM

DT

**Debra Traywick** posted:

So sorry to hear, Praying for all the family 🙏🙏

August 6 at 7:00 PM

SH

**Sharon Langley Harrelson** posted:

She was such a beautiful and sweet soul 😊

August 6 at 7:00 PM

VM

**Vicky Dian Monroe** posted:

I was so sorry to hear the passing of Ms. Dorothy. I am thinking of you and your family and sending caring thoughts your way to support you through this. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. Prayers to your beautiful family!!

August 6 at 7:00 PM

JD

**James Christopher Davis** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

Sorry to hear that you have passed, you always made me laugh. You were a great lady to know.

August 6 at 7:00 PM



KK

**Keith, Jennifer, Reaves, And Sara Rollins Koon** posted:

We are so very saddened by the loss of Ms. Dorothy. She was a very special lady, and we always enjoyed visiting with her at LSA games. Love,

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AC

**Auburn Urgent Care** posted:

We are sorry for your loss. Big Bird will be missed by the clinic staff dearly. Sending all of our love and support to you and your family.

August 6 at 7:00 PM

HF

**Helen, Evetta, Kieshia, & Alexandria (Jones Fairview)** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

August 6 at 7:00 PM

AB

**Amy H Banks** posted:

Ms. Dorothy was beautiful inside and out!!! She will be missed in this community!!!

August 5 at 7:00 PM

HP

**Holland Porter** posted:

What a beautiful tribute to such a lovely woman! ❤️

August 5 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Judy Bell Siggers** posted:

So very sorry to hear this! Love and prayers to the family 🙏❤️😭

August 5 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Thomas Sargent** posted:

Sorry for your loss she will be missed 😭🙏

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AP

**Anne Pitts** posted:

Prayers for her family, 🙏 ...

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DD

**Diane Phillips Davis** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

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TH

**Tim Hunt** posted:

Prayers for you all!

August 5 at 7:00 PM

HS

**Heather Ford Sellers** posted:

She was a sweet and beautiful lady.

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BL

**Barbara Litsey** posted:

So Sorry Praying For The Family.

August 5 at 7:00 PM

RG

**Robbie Granger** posted:

My deep sympathy, Dorothy was a wonderful person ❤️

August 5 at 7:00 PM

JH

**Jean Henderson** posted:



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HP

**Helen Price** posted:

Praying for you all.

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**Sharon & Wayne Cooke** posted:

We are so sorry you have lost such a special loving person to many. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. Heaven is a little brighter now. - Sharon and Wayne Cooke

August 5 at 7:00 PM

PT

**Patricia Taylor** posted:

I am so sorry to hear this. My condolences and prayers are for her family 🙏🙏🙏

August 5 at 7:00 PM

RM

**Regina Haynes Mckelvey** posted:

Prayers for the family

August 5 at 7:00 PM

GD

**Glinda Dennis** posted:

She was such a special lady 😊

August 5 at 7:00 PM

PL

**Pam Leggett** posted:

My heart goes out to the entire family in the passing of your beloved Big Bird. All of you are in my prayers as you grieve, and, day by day, adjust to life without her. She was well loved and what a beautiful legacy that is! She will live on in your hearts through all the many wonderful memories. ❤️

🙏 Pam Leggett

August 5 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Linda Guy Brewer** posted:

Condolences to the family. She and Mr. Joe were big supporters of Tiger football when I was there, Coach Kenny Brewer

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SO

**Sheree Orr** posted:

Prayers for family. She was such a kind beautiful lady

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RH

**Richard Hall** posted:

Praying for her family!!!

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KS

**Karen Claybrook Stroup** posted:

Prayers for her family and loved ones! She was a sweet beautiful lady.

August 5 at 7:00 PM

AC

**Amy Florine Courtney** posted:

Big Bird was one of a kind and had a knack for making you feel good without being fake or saccharine about it. Just spreading beauty and joy and love and a perfect amount of sass. We all felt like she was our Big Bird, too, and that is no small feat. My heart is broken for you all during this time, even as I know her memory will forever be a blessing. I hope heaven is ready for football season because Minnie Ma and Big Bird back together are liable to put on a show for the big Boss upstairs.



August 5 at 7:00 PM

LF

**Love, Your Regions Family** posted:

Savanah, we are deeply sorry for the loss of your sweet grandmother. We are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Anonymous** posted:

Praying for your family during this time. May the Lord bring you peace and comfort.

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**Anonymous** posted:

The LORD is near the broken hearted;He saves those crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18. Thinking of your family during this time of loss.

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**Anonymous** posted:

Our condolences to McKelveys family.

August 5 at 7:00 PM



**Peggy Stephens** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

Dorothy came to earth with many gifts! Among them were beauty, intelligence, and creativity! She was truly blessed and utilized all of her gifts to the maximum! She was so very kind to our entire family! May God be with you all at this sad time!

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**Linda G. Ward** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

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**Udora A Berry** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

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**Nancy Petty** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

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