



Ovella Kelley

October 2, 1923 - October 2, 2025

Ovella Kelley has gained her wings to be with the Lord on her 102nd birthday on October 2, 2025.

She was born on October 2nd, 1923, in Somerville, Tennessee to Prince Williams and Laura Williams. She moved to Toledo, Ohio in the late 40's, where she met and married her husband, the late Tom Kelley. To this union, they had 2 children, Gene and the late Kathryn L. Kelley. She worked at the Toledo State Hospital until she retired in 1977 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Ovella professed Christ at an early age, joining Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in 1949, under The Reverend J.A. Dotson upon relocating to Toledo. She was a dedicated and faithful member serving on numerous auxiliaries, including the Senior Mission Board and the Senior Usher Board until her mobility declined. Ovella also loved to travel, visiting many places in the United States including Alaska, Hawaii and voyaged on many cruises throughout the Caribbean. She also took pride in her gardening, planting flowers, fruits and vegetables every spring.

Ovella Kelley was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She stood by her husband for over 50 years, until his death in 1997. She is also preceded in death by her daughter, Kathryn L.

Kelley; parents, Prince and Laura Williams and 5 siblings.

Left to carry her memory is son, Gene (Mary) Kelley of Toledo; 4 grandchildren, Kimberly Jackson of Atlanta, GA.; Nicole Garner of Bradenton, FL.; J. Christopher Garner of Nashville, TN.; and Tami (Octavius, Sr.) Harris; and 5 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her God-daughter, Ty'Kela (De'Ontae) Smith of Toledo, special longtime friend Rosa Perry, a host of nieces, nephews, her Calvary Baptist Church family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park

Previous Events

Family Hour

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
702 Collingwood Blvd
Toledo, OH 43604-8477

Homegoing Celebration

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My deep condolences to the Kelly family.
From Mrs. Antoinette Tisdale
Coworker.*

Toni Tisdale - November 20, 2025 at 10:24 PM

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“ *The Mary, Charles & Hobson Family purchased
the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of
Ovella Kelley.*



The Mary, Charles & Hobson Family - October 16, 2025 at 12:45 AM

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“ *Kelly Family and Friends you are in our thoughts and prayers. May
our Almighty God of all Comfort and Tender Mercies be with you
during this time! (II Cor 1:2-4) Marc (Marr) Edwards, Charlotte, NC*

Marc Edwards - October 14, 2025 at 03:42 PM

GJ

“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your
love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E. March Jones & Family*



Gwendolyn E. March Jones - October 12, 2025 at 02:38 PM