



## Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson

December 17, 1958 - November 12, 2016

Memorial service for Kellie Jean Smith Richardson of the Pritchett Community will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Kevin Powers officiating. Kellie was born December 17, 1958 to Jim and Glenda Smith in Longview and peacefully went to her Heavenly Father on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at her home. She was an amazing and loving wife, mother, and sister who touched so many lives and was loved dearly by all.

Kellie graduated from Spring Hill High School in 1977 and continued her education at Kilgore College Nursing Department where she received her register nurse (RN) licenses in 1981. She worked as an RN around the East Texas region spending most of her career caring for newborns at Good Shepherd Medical Center nursery, as well as establishing a lactation practice for new moms. She continued her education at the University of Texas-Tyler where she received her Master's in Nursing and was elected to the Alpha Chi National Honor Society Scholarship Society. Soon after receiving her Master's in 2009, she began teaching at Kilgore College instructing future nurses until her retirement in May of 2016.

During her childhood and teenage years, Kellie was involved in the 4-H club, band, and baton twirling. She was also very artistic and loved to paint which she turned into an avid hobby. Another hobby was family genealogies which lead to her membership into the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Mrs. Richardson was preceded in death by her mother, Glenda Owens;

stepfather, John Owens; mother-in-law, Annetta Richardson; maternal grandparents, Dewey and Carmen Pounds; parental grandparents, Wess and Lucille Smith.

She is survived by her husband, Benny Ray Richardson; son, Nathan Richardson; two daughters, Shanna Daniel and husband Joshua; Kayla Richardson and husband Ryan; two grandkids, Connor and Kendra Richardson, father, James Smith and wife Paula; three sisters, Dena Mayfield and husband Rick, Mary Ann Tant and husband Chunk, also Sandra Thur and husband Marc; along with many nieces and nephews.

Please visit Kellie's on-line register book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - November 16, 2016 at 09:40 AM

BD

“ *Kellie, here's to memories of long days at Good Shepherd and long afternoons and evenings in the bleachers. RIP my friend. Job well done. Make us a warm cozy spot up there.*

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**Becky Dowdy** - November 18, 2016 at 10:34 PM

PN

“ *Penny Stapp Chris Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson*



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**Penny Stapp Chris Nelson** - November 17, 2016 at 11:55 AM

PN

*Benny I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Penny Stapp*

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**Penny Stapp & Chris Nelson** - November 17, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ *Kathy Grayless lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson*



Kathy Grayless - November 16, 2016 at 08:59 PM

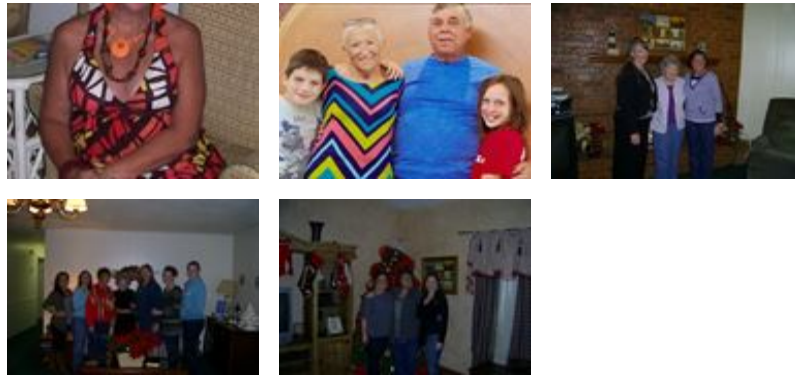


*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during the coming days. May God surround you with his grace and peace. Love, Kathy and her mom Doris*

Kathy Grayless - November 16, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - November 16, 2016 at 09:30 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson.*



November 15, 2016 at 08:10 PM

AF

“ Mrs. Richardson was a joy to be around to and learn from as a nursing instructor, she will be miss! I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with the family.

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**Amanda Fitch** - November 15, 2016 at 06:32 PM

WM

“ Wendy McKinnon purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson.



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**Wendy McKinnon** - November 15, 2016 at 06:32 PM

PM

“ To Kellie's family I am so sad to get this news. Kellie and I had known each other for years having worked at Good Shepherd together a long time ago. She was a phenomenal nurse and an even better person. Loved always talking to her and catching up when she joined Kilgore nursing program. She cared so much for her patients and then educating nursing students to be the best they could be. Will miss seeing you and know that you are in the perfect place.

*Pam Martin*

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**Pam Martin** - November 15, 2016 at 05:00 PM

BG

“ Benny, so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. Beth & Ray Mack

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**beth gilbert** - November 15, 2016 at 04:03 PM

KK

“ *praying for your family at this difficult time and wishing you comfort and peace-Kathy Jagers Kidd and Rosie Jagers*



**kathy kidd** - November 15, 2016 at 03:30 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson.*



November 15, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson.*



November 15, 2016 at 10:58 AM

GF

“ *George and Betty Fowler purchased the Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket for the family of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson.*



**George and Betty Fowler** - November 15, 2016 at 09:03 AM

KS

“ I had only known Kellie for a couple of years, we were co-workers at Kilgore College. All of her students adored her and she really cared for each and everyone of them. She had a passion for nursing and helping others. She was a great person! To Kellie's family, she was loved by many and was truly a great person. I am so very sorry for your loss and know that God has her now; free of pain and suffering. You all have a very special Angel keeping a watch over you. May God bless each of you and comfort you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Kathy Stone



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**kathy stone** - November 15, 2016 at 08:55 AM

CM

“ Kellie was such an inspiration to me in many many ways. We didn't get to see each other that much after high school, but every time we did meet, it was such a treasure. I love you Princess Warrior. Fly high till I see you again. Cynthia Newsom Muckleroy



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**Cynthia Muckleroy** - November 15, 2016 at 07:54 AM

BH

“ Barbara Hayden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson



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**barbara hayden** - November 14, 2016 at 10:45 PM

JH

“ My heartfelt condolences to Kellie's family. I knew Kellie from work and found out we shared an interest in gardening. Every spring, Kellie and I would talk to each other about our gardens and what we liked to grow and what was growing well.

One year, at a Christmas party, Kellie gave out Angel Trumpet seeds and I thought this was the best gift ever. The seeds I received from Kellie were planted and the most beautiful Angel Trumpet blooms appeared. Each and every spring when the Angel Trumpets bloom, I be reminded of Kellie and her love of plants and gardening.

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**Jackie Hobbs** - November 14, 2016 at 08:42 PM

SE

“ Benny, Kayla, Shanna and Nathan,

Words can not express the saddess that I felt in my heart when I heard that Kellie had gone on to be with our Lord. I know that her body is healed and she is free of pain and that one day soon we will all be together. I started remembering all the good times that I have had with Kellie going to school with her then talking to her when I worked at State Farm Insurance. She was always a joy to be around, always smiling. Kellie, you might be gone but you will not be forgotten. Until we meet again.

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**Sonja Allen Everett** - November 14, 2016 at 03:58 PM

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“ Sonja Allen Everett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kellie Jean Smith Richardson



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**Sonja Allen Everett** - November 14, 2016 at 03:47 PM