



Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly

July 16, 1939 - August 25, 2021

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." (Proverbs 31:30)

On July 16, 1939, Robert and Sina Mae Bibb became the proud parents of their second daughter whom they named Augustine. They soon learned that this little girl had it all charm, beauty, and brains. Having been blessed with a vibrant personality, a radiant smile, a desire to excel, and a deep love for God, Augustine developed into a woman to be praise

After joining Sweet Rest Church, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior, and sought to please him with every fiber of her being. She viewed the world with compassion, as she believed Christ did. She worked untiringly for the people of her church and community. She poured herself into studying the Bible, becoming a superior Sunday School teacher, a valued Church Clerk for over thirty years, choir member, and deaconess. The church was her life-blood, and she was fully engaged on local, district, diocese, and national levels.

Having been educated in the Rankin County School System, in 1961, she enrolled in Campbell College where she pursued a degree in secretarial science. Upon graduation, she was selected as salutatorian and elected Miss Campbell College. Later, she landed a job at Jackson Public Schools (JPS)

where she advanced, and, ultimately, served as secretary to the district assistant superintendent. She never hid her Christianity while at work, but she let her light shine brightly, and like a magnet, people were attracted to that light. Her stellar career with JPS spanned a period of over thirty years.

In 1962, Augustine married her high school sweetheart, Robert Kelly, Jr., and after seventeen years of marriage, they were blessed with their only child, Chesley, who was, indeed, their little miracle. Augustine's home was always filled with family and friends, people who enjoyed her company and her delicious, home-cooked meals. When her husband passed away after a lengthy illness, she was saddened, but with the support of her family, Augustine continued her work faithfully.

Always civic minded, she was an active member of the MS Democratic Party, and later, she served as chairman of the Rankin County Democratic Executive Committee for eight years. She was the first African American woman to hold the position. Passionate about voting rights, Augustine eagerly worked to advance voter registration, managed poll worker assignments, and distributed sample ballots to communities. The Mississippi Democratic Party paid tribute to her work by presenting her with the prestigious Fannie Lou Hammer Award for outstanding civic service. In the Pearl community, Augustine was a founding board member of the PEARSON Foundation. She served on the boards of: CHAN (Community Health Advisory Board) Rankin County, the Core Planning Committee for the Pearl Public School District, the Pearl Community Center, and many others. In 2020, she was honored with a lifetime achievement award presented by Concerned Citizens of Rankin County. Augustine was never concerned about titles or the number of offices she held; her concern was always for people who needed help. She has been referred to as a lawyer, for aiding individuals in legal matters; a counselor, for her willingness to share Godly wisdom with those who needed martial, career, or spiritual guidance; and, has been lovingly referred to by some at SRC, as

assistant pastor, for her knowledge of the mission and work of the church. In 2000, this woman of God was nationally recognized by COCHUSA as Woman of the Year. Affectionately called, Sister, Stine, Aunt Stine, and Sister Kelly, she was a very special lady, the voice of reason and wisdom to many. To her family, many of whom were also her neighbors, she was that, and so much more.

Now that she has faithfully executed all of her life's responsibilities, her Lord has called her from labor to reward. Yes, she had it all Charm, beauty, and the fear of the Lord. Today, we praise her. She leaves to cherish her memory a loving daughter, Chesley Bullin (Christopher); four grandchildren: London, Kalia, Kyndal, and Boris; three sisters: Earline Jenkins (Henry, Sr.), Joe Ann Thompson, Helen Anderson(Cletus); three brothers: Willie Bibb, Jerry Bibb(Cheryl), and Perry Bibb(Minnie); & a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Sweet Rest Cemetery

Pearl, MS

Previous Events

Service

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Service

SEP 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sweet Rest Church of Christ Holiness, USA
Pearl, MS

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family, she was one of my mother Grace Logan close friends, they both in heaven watching over us now. Stephanie Logan Smith*



Stephanie Smith - September 14, 2021 at 09:12 PM

DT

“ *Deloise Trigg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly*



Deloise Trigg - September 02, 2021 at 11:32 PM

DJ

“ *Delphine Jenkins-Davs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly*



Delphine Jenkins-Davs - September 01, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ I will missed this beautiful lady of God. She was a speaker for our Women’s Day Program at Marl Grove years ago. I remembered when I attended church meetings, she will greet me with her warm spirit and make you feel welcome. She was truly a virtue woman of God.



Magnolia Sander Turner - September 01, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ I was saddened to learn of Mrs. Kelly’s passing. I was blessed to have worked at the JPS central office with her for many years. She was always, always pleasant and professional in her work representing the district to all who came to central office. I know her family will miss her sweet spirit but know hers was a life well-lived. Sincerely,
Ron Sellers

ron sellers - September 01, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Sonjia Lloyd-Shoto lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Sonjia Lloyd-Shoto - September 01, 2021 at 03:16 AM

Betty Collins

“ *Betty Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly*



Betty Collins - August 31, 2021 at 11:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - August 31, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly.*



August 31, 2021 at 04:25 PM

FB

“ *To the Family: You are in our prayers. We love Augustine dearly. We had the wonderful privilege of being connected for life to her. Ledora and Augustine were JPS employees and I was just around, always listening and learning. Great Customer service was the goal. Blessings and Love, Fran, Ledora, and the Bridges Family.*



Fran Bridges - August 31, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly.*



August 31, 2021 at 12:57 PM

CR

“ *Cedric Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly*



Cedric Robinson - August 31, 2021 at 12:46 PM

FB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Fran Bridges - August 31, 2021 at 12:31 PM

PF

“ *Paula C. Fava lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly*



Paula C. Fava - August 31, 2021 at 11:28 AM

PF

I worked with this wonderful lady in Rankin Dems. She was an inspiration to us all. Will miss her dearly. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Paula C. Fava - August 31, 2021 at 11:38 AM

EK

“ *ELAINE TRUNNELL KELLY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly*



ELAINE TRUNNELL KELLY - August 31, 2021 at 11:28 AM

SM

“ Sorry for your loss. Augustine and I worked at Jackson Public Schools together. A very wonderful person. Praying for the family.

Sandra McCall

Sandra McCall - August 30, 2021 at 02:34 PM

CT

“ A beautiful friend who was happy about your happiness,

Connie Tate-Martin - August 30, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Mary Trigg- Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Mary Trigg- Griffin - August 28, 2021 at 07:19 PM

DJ

“ Delphine Jenkins-Davs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Delphine Jenkins-Davs - August 28, 2021 at 08:53 AM

HT

“ Hilton Tellis Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Hilton Tellis Thomas - August 27, 2021 at 06:14 PM

BM

“ Barbara Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Barbara Magee - August 27, 2021 at 04:24 PM

DJ

“ Daisy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Daisy Johnson - August 27, 2021 at 03:41 PM

PF

“ Praying God's strength, care, and love will be very evident to you today, tomorrow and always.

Pearl Fatheree and Family



Pearl Fatheree - August 27, 2021 at 01:48 PM

CL

“ To my Family it's i am sadden for the loss of my dear cousin Augustine. She always served as a stedfast reminder of my roots from my Dad .
I know that all of the family loved her , including me and my brother , but I know that God Loved her more .
Rest In Eternal Peace 🙏🙏🙏. From : Calvin Lockett

Calvin Lockett - August 27, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ Condolences / Prayers To The Bibb-Kelly Family. 🙏💖🙏💖🙏



Evelyn Young - August 27, 2021 at 07:13 AM

ET

“ Evelyn Tillis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Evelyn Tillis - August 27, 2021 at 12:35 AM

LU

“ I WILL REALLY MISS YOU MY BEAUTIFUL COUSIN ; I MISS COMING IN YOUR MUSIC STORE EVERY FRIDAY TO BUY RECRDS ALSO TALKING TO YOU ON THE PHONE WHEN WE WAS YOUNGER YOU WILL BE MISS BY MEEE; LOVE YOU LITTLE LUTHER

lutherlockett - August 26, 2021 at 08:02 PM

LU

“ *Lutherlockett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly*



lutherlockett - August 26, 2021 at 07:58 PM

LU

love you so much cuz

lutherlockett - August 27, 2021 at 11:10 AM

LU

“ *Lutherlockett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly*



lutherlockett - August 26, 2021 at 07:55 PM

LU

“ *to my cousin ive always remembered coming in your music store and buying my recrds also when i came to church you always showed me alot of love; we use to call each other from time to time i will never forget you cuz ; never little luther;;;*

lutherlockett - August 26, 2021 at 07:54 PM

MT

“ Mae Toines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Mae Toines - August 26, 2021 at 03:50 PM

ET

“ Evelyn Tillis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Evelyn Tillis - August 26, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly.



August 26, 2021 at 03:21 PM

CA

“ Carolyn Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Augustine Bibb Kelly



Carolyn Anderson - August 26, 2021 at 11:35 AM