



## Rosetta Kennedy

July 10, 1935 - September 1, 2023

Rosetta Kennedy was born on July 10, 1935, to the late Alma (Copeland) Turner and Curly Copeland. Rosetta graduated from Saint Anne High School in 1953 and was a graduate of Marycrest College.

She later moved to Chicago, Illinois working at Michael Reese Hospital in the delivery room with the responsibility of bathing the babies. She then moved back to Kankakee leading her to the courtroom where she became the first Black female court reporter in Kankakee. She was so excited and proud to have the opportunity to work in the courtroom and begin her new career.

She later married Obie Kennedy Sr. in September of 1958. Of that union she bore three children, Obie Kennedy Jr., Delector, and Cheryl and later became the matriarch of 20 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Curtis, Copeland Sr., John (Goo Goo) Albert Copeland, George (Chunk) Morgan, Francis Morgan, and Willie (Bud) Morgan; her sisters are Yvonne Copeland, Bessie Brown, and Eleanor Riley; her grandchildren, Tyrone Kennedy Sr., Dyarus Kennedy, Darion Ross, Jayden Matthew Kennedy; her nieces, Felische (Fee Fee) Riley and Annette Rowan and her nephews, Eugene Riley and Clarence Riley.

We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Rosetta during her 88 years, like how to keep your faith, being strong, patient, resilient, family and determination. Although her life changed at the young age of 42, she was still happy and surrounded by the love of her family. Sometime younger people don't even have the patience or time for the elderly, but Rosetta's grandchildren always loved her with kisses, hugs, laughter, grabbing her face to see if she was awake and let's not forget her famous dance move. Oh, how she loved to dance especially to her favorite singer Al Green, and she loved to cook. To love Rosetta was to know her. Rosetta was always quick to say, "Oh Really" and "What that mean" which we all laughed about. She will truly be missed, our hearts will be empty, but we are so blessed to have had her in our lives for eighty-eight years. It is these words and memories that we will forever keep in our hearts and memories and bring a smile to our face while looking back at her life.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater New Hope Baptist Church  
1591 E Cedar St  
Kankakee, IL 60901-2632  
(815) 935-8188

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Prayers and Condolences to the Kennedy family 🕊️🌺🌺🌺

Samuels Family - October 03, 2023 at 01:59 PM

SM

“ PRAYERS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ROSETTA  
KENNEDY FROM MOORE & TATE FAMILY

Shirley moore - September 17, 2023 at 02:00 PM

TF

“ Sending Our Condolences and Prayers To  
The Kennedy/The Copeland Family



The Jeffries Family - September 16, 2023 at 05:12 PM

ES

“ My Condolences to the Kennedy family



Elizabeth Frances Stevenson - September 16, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ Praying for God’s comfort, peace and never ending memories to each of you.



Elayne Coffie - September 16, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Daphne Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Rosetta Kennedy.



Daphne Jones - September 15, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ My condolences to the family



Debra Williams - September 15, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rosetta Kennedy.



September 15, 2023 at 10:59 AM

JF

“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Rosetta Kennedy*



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**JOANN FORD-BOX** - September 14, 2023 at 02:59 PM

RE

“ *My condolences and prayers to the Kennedy Family on the passing of Ms. Kennedy. Commissioner Robert S. Ellington-Snipes*



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**Robert S. Ellington-Snipes** - September 14, 2023 at 01:30 PM

AG

“ *Arthur Gray lit a candle in memory of Rosetta Kennedy*



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**Arthur Gray** - September 14, 2023 at 10:55 AM

SH

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs from my family to yours. Love, Shay*



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**Shayla** - September 14, 2023 at 09:31 AM

KO

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to the family. I love you all.*



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**Kenyatta Orr** - September 14, 2023 at 12:48 AM

TW

“ *To Cheryl and family. May God give you peace, strength, and comfort during this time of sorrow. Be blessed!*

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**Tori Washington (SGT Washington)** - September 13, 2023 at 11:18 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of Rosetta Kennedy*



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**Patricia Jamison** - September 13, 2023 at 10:29 PM

MB

“ *minnie brewster lit a candle in memory of Rosetta Kennedy*



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**minnie brewer brewster** - September 13, 2023 at 09:05 PM

AJ

“ *To my cousins I love All of you. I pray for your strength during this time. May God be with all of you.*



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**Alicia Jones** - September 13, 2023 at 09:03 PM

AJ

“ *Alicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Rosetta Kennedy*



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**Alicia Jones** - September 13, 2023 at 09:01 PM

CW

“ *My Condolences to the family.Sending Prayers.*



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**Cheryl Wilson** - September 13, 2023 at 06:19 PM