



Kathleen Ida Autrey

October 9, 1930 - March 16, 2025

Kathleen (Nanny), a woman whose heart and home were always open, passed away peacefully on March 15 at the age of 94. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity, and a zest for life that will never be forgotten.

No one ever left her home hungry, and no one ever felt unwelcome in her presence. With a meal on the table, a listening ear, and a twinkle in her eye, she made sure everyone who crossed her path felt valued and loved.

But beyond her kindness, she had an adventurous spirit that made life an adventure. She embraced every moment with laughter, spontaneity, and a fearless joy for living. Whether it was trying something new, traveling to new places, or simply making the most of an ordinary day, she had a way of turning life into something special.

She never judged, never turned anyone away, and always found a way to make people feel like family. Her love knew no boundaries, and her laughter was contagious.

She is survived by her loving husband Marvin Kohake, four children; Jimmy Autrey (Linda), Jerry Autrey (Kathy), Jerald Autrey (Debbie) and Joanna Bayne (Stephen). She had ten grandchildren, twenty-five great grands, and six great great grands. As well as her three stepdaughters; Michelle, Karen,

and Tammy who will carry on her legacy of love, generosity, and adventure. She was predeceased by her daughter Judy Larkin and great grandson Morgan Diamond. Though she is no longer with us in body, her warmth, wisdom, and fun-loving spirit will live on in the countless lives she touched.

Graveside services and a celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, March 21, 2025 at Terry Creek Church Cemetery, Travelers Rest, SC where friends and family will gather to lay her to rest.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor her memory by welcoming someone in need, sharing a meal, embracing adventure, or simply showing kindness to a stranger—just as she would have done.

Rest in peace, Nanny. Your love, laughter, and adventurous spirit will live on forever.

Cemetery Details

Terry Creek Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery

238 Terry Creek Road
Travelers Rest, , SC 29690

Previous Events

Graveside Services

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Renee Atkins lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Ida Autrey*



Renee Atkins - March 24, 2025 at 07:57 AM

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“ *Christy Lee lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Ida Autrey*



Christy Lee - March 22, 2025 at 09:17 PM

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“ Best mother-in-law ever! She never met a stranger. If you took her to Hamricks(Her favorite). You might as well plan the day. It would take her 3-4 hours to shop. She had to check out everything. Then of course you had to go to lunch. When her and my first father-in-law were married, we spent all our time at the beach every chance we had . Several of the family would be visiting, and we would take the kids to the beach, my mom and dad would go also, while we sit on the beach, her and my dad would cook. The neighbors (which had vegetable and fruit farms)would bring us fresh veggies.) My dad and Kathleen/Nannie would cook over a campfire and fire pit my father in law, Lee had built. They loved to cook. Lee was always fixing or building something. Of course Jerry, my husband would help him. Then that afternoon noon we pigged out. Nothing like fresh food. After Lee’s passing, Nannie met Marvin . Then she became motorcycle mama. She was on a tryke(three wheeler) with Marvin at age 94 riding to Brevard to eat lunch. She had a full life. Don’t get me wrong, there was some curves. Always live your life to the fullest. Accept Christ into your life and love others.

Katherine Autrey - March 21, 2025 at 06:18 PM

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“ She was a wonderful and beautiful sweet lady she always made me feel welcome... she will be missed dearly sincerely Karen and Danny Raines R.I .P love you always

Karen Raines - March 21, 2025 at 03:46 PM

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“ Nanny I love you and will forever miss you. Thank you for always being there for my kids and I. May you R.I.P.

Christy Lee - March 18, 2025 at 05:45 AM