



Dorothy Kelly Clark

February 3, 1940 - March 9, 2026

Dorothy Kelly Clark, age 86, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of March 9, 2026, in Plano, TX. Dorothy leaves a legacy of Southern charm, hospitality, and perseverance after a decades-long battle with multiple sclerosis.

She was born February 3, 1940, in Laurel, MS, the daughter of the late William Levon Kelly and Ruby Mae Chancellor.

Dorothy graduated from Beat Four High School in Waynesboro, MS, in 1958 and attended the Jackson School of Business. She later worked alongside her husband, the late Thomas Eugene Clark, for several years as his paralegal assistant.

An avid gardener, Dorothy was a member of the Waynesboro Drive Garden Club and the Country Gardeners Garden Club, and she was a highly regarded accredited flower show judge. A proficient cook, she maintained an extensive collection of cookbooks and was well known among family and friends for her delectable meals and generous hospitality.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Eugene Clark, and one son, Jonathon Kelly Walters.

Dorothy, or “Banmother” as her grandchildren affectionately called her, will be forever remembered not only for her warmth, but also for her signature red hair, her carefully matched coral nails and lipstick, and her fondness for high heels—details that captured her lively spirit and classic sense of style.

She is survived by two daughters, Carmen (Scott) Smith of Plano, TX, and Kimberly (Dean) Thomson of McKinney, TX; four stepdaughters, Debbe (Bill) Smith of The Woodlands, TX, Kaye Scarpone of San Antonio, TX, Di Anne (Scott) Jones of Bessemer, AL, and Tracy (Sandy) Sanders of Littleton, CO; five grandchildren, Natalea (Dustin) Daams of Ocean Springs, MS, MaryLacey (Jake) Briggs of Little Rock, AR, Micah Dean Thomson of Addison, TX, Caleb (Brooklyn) Smith of Dallas, TX, and Sarah Catherine Smith of Dallas; twelve step-grandchildren, William (Tara) Smith of The Woodlands, TX, Todd Smith of The Woodlands, TX, Josh Smith of The Woodlands, TX, Brooks Hubbert of Pensacola, FL, Benjamin (Raquel) Hubbert of San Antonio, TX, Burgundy Hubbert of San Antonio, TX, Gabby (Robert) Naley of San Antonio, TX, Bo Javer of Nashville, TN, Dane McBride of Livermore, CA, Hayley (Scott) Suderman of Littleton, CO, Rory (Nathan) Sanders of Littleton, CO, and Mairet Sanders of Littleton, CO; and twenty-one (and counting) great- and step-great-grandchildren, along with countless other family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m. at Mill Creek Cemetery in Laurel, MS.

Her warmth, strength, and love for her family will be remembered always by those who knew and loved her.

To view or sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Mill Creek Cemetery

2319 Mill Creek Rd
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Carmen, Kimberly, Debbie, Kaye, Dianne, Tracy & Family,
We are so very sorry to have read about the passing of your
mother/ stepmother.
I always enjoyed seeing her & Mr. Gene when they would come by
to see my Daddy & Mama
(Grover & Lessie Ree Clark) on their way to or from putting flowers
on some of the family graves at Zion Rest Cemetery
We always enjoyed seeing all you girls too.
Ms. Dorothy was always so enjoyable to see & chat with. We
thought alot of her.
We pray for the kind of comfort & peace that the
Lord can only give to all the family.
Love, Shelton & Rhonda Clark Cooley*

Shelton & Rhonda Cooley - March 22 at 06:42 PM



“ *I am so sorry, family. Aunt Dorothy was a
lovely lady and will be sorely missed. Sending
my family's love and condolences.*



Jonathan Clark - March 21 at 12:41 PM

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“ *Kim, Your Mom was a sweetheart. A lovely lady. You and your
family are in my prayers , Pat Moss (McLaughlin)*

Patricia Moss - March 20 at 03:29 PM

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“ *Carmen and Kimberly, I am so sorry to see that your Mom has passed! I first met Dorothy when you, Carmen, were about one year old, and in fact, I baby sat you occasionally! Throughout the years, our paths crossed and I always enjoyed our visits, whether in church, at work, or by phone! Actually, I last talked to her when she called me after moving to Texas! I always looked forward to hearing from her! She was always a joy to be around! May God bless you and your families with peace and comfort in this difficult season of life! I will be unable to attend the service as I am recovering from knee replacement surgery! Love and prayers!* 💕💕🙏🙏🙏

Sarah Entrekin - March 19 at 10:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Kelly Clark.*



March 18 at 02:44 PM

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“ *Kimberly, I am very sorry about the passing of your dear mother. I pray God comforts your family in the time to come.*
Carol Mozingo Daniels

Carol Mozingo Daniels - March 17 at 11:46 AM