



## HATSIE KENNEDY KINSLEY

June 24, 1940 - March 12, 2021

### PERRY –

Hatsie Kennedy Kinsley, 80, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 12, 2021. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Perry United Methodist Church with Reverend Tommy Perkins officiating. Interment will be in Perry Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to The Methodist Home for Children and Youth, P. O. Box 2525, 304 Pierce Avenue, Macon, GA 31204.

A daughter of the late Robert and Margaret Schafer Kennedy, Hatsie was born in New Orleans and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She met the love of her life, Leonard Kinsley, at LSU, and the couple married in 1960. In 1961, they moved to Perry and settled to raise their family. Hatsie was a long-time member of Perry United Methodist Church and the Christadelphian Sunday School Class where she served as Secretary for many years. Church was very important to her, as was obvious through the years by her involvement. She was a leader in the Women's Say So Circle at PUMC, volunteered with Brian Bowen Snax Sax, and made sure that the girls in the cottage at the Methodist Home for Children and Youth had Christmas presents and birthday presents each year.

While she spent a large part of her life as a homemaker, Hatsie worked part-time every year at the Houston County Tag Office during "tag season" and later worked for several years as a Secretary at Hulbert, Daniel, Lawson Attorneys. Even though it was work, she was happy to meet and see so many people each day, sharing her lovely smile and friendly conversation with everyone. Hatsie was thrilled when she started having grandchildren, and as the number grew, so did the activities that she attended. Her family was her greatest joy, and she hardly ever missed a baseball game, gymnastics, and the variety of extracurricular activities in which they participated. A talented seamstress, she was known for making Halloween costumes and even costumes for school projects for her grandchildren. Hatsie loved giving and crocheted hats for newborn babies, made prayer shawls to share when she visited friends and neighbors, spent time sewing Hospice pads for patients, and was instrumental in starting the Birthday Bags Program at Loaves and

Fishes. She was so honored to be recognized on the Perry Volunteer Outreach sign that read, "Hatsie Kinsley, you make Perry a great place to live." Hatsie was an excellent bridge player and savored that time spent with close friends around the table every week for years. She was a member of the Idaka Club. A cancer survivor, she fought hard through illnesses, has now completed the course set before her by God, and kept the faith through it all. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Hatsie are her loving and devoted husband of sixty years, Leonard Kinsley of Perry; her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Michael and Diane Kinsley of Kathleen; her daughter and son-in-law, Cheri and Charles Ehlers of Greer, SC; her grandchildren, Ryan Kinsley (Michelle), Nick Kinsley (Kristin), Beau Lunceford, Zack Kinsley, Kasey Lunceford, Kristen Prater (Tim), Adam Ehlers, Anastasia Ehlers, Dariya Ehlers, Grace Bianco (Harrison), Dennis Ehlers, and Lily Faith Ehlers; her siblings, Bobby Kennedy (Sylvia), Linda Simpson, Buddy Kennedy, and Dawn Bean (Ronnie); and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Hatsie was preceded in death by her parents and a brother-in-law, Jack Simpson.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Memorial Gardens

2106 Highway 41 North  
Perry, GA 31069

# Previous Events

## Funeral

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Perry United Methodist Church  
1002 Carroll Street  
Perry, GA 31069

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ Dr. Kinsley and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. What a beautiful life of giving and service she lived! May our Lord hold you in His arms during this difficult time and grant you strength, comfort, and peace. Alice Hutchinson

Alice Hutchinson - March 19, 2021 at 10:06 AM

SW

“ We send our deepest sympathy to the entire Kinsley family, We met Hatsie through our church ,PUMC, when we moved to Perry in 2007. Sallyann was a member of the Say So Circle and knew Hatsie well. Hatsie lived her faith in Jesus Christ and was an inspiration to all. We will miss her!  
With love and prayers,  
Sallyann & Penrose Wolf

Sallyann Wolf - March 18, 2021 at 11:42 AM

AH

“ On behalf of the children, staff and Trustees of The Methodist Home for Children, we offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences for this lady who loved our kids so much! May the peace and presence of God be near today and in the days ahead.

Alison Evans, CEO The Methodist Home - March 15, 2021 at 09:40 AM

WT

“ Mr. Leonard and family, our hearts are so sad at the passing of Mrs. Hatsie. She was a special lady and Wayne and I will always treasure those Farm Bureau trips to Jekyll with the two of you and the many fun times and laughter. Our prayers for you as you go through these next few days of celebrating her life on this earth!!! Sorry that we can't be there with you in person but will be there with you in our hearts!!!



Wayne and Kathy Talton - March 15, 2021 at 08:52 AM

DS

“ She always was bragging on your grandchildren! Her face would just light up even more when she talked about each of them. What a Precious Lady! She surely will be missed here in Perry, GA!

Deborah Stillwell - March 15, 2021 at 08:48 AM

GB

“ Leonard and Family,

*So sorry to hear about Hatsie. She was always such a good friend in the Idaka Club and Sunday School. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We will miss her.*

*Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah  
Byron, Ga*

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**Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah** - March 14, 2021 at 09:30 PM

BD

“ *I cannot think of another one of my friend's parents of which I was on a first name basis. As far as I can remember, she was always 'Hats' to me. This was most definitely not a sign of disrespect but rather endearment. She was special...very, very special.*

*She 'got me' and my sense of humor and I loved to hear her laugh. I don't get to Perry all that often these days but am so pleased I got to see her last year at one of Michael's plays.*

*The Kinsley family will always hold a special place in my heart as I had so many good times at their house. When I follow the advice of the famous old hymn, 'Count your many blessings, name them one by one.' many of those on my list include this family.*

*At times like this, I am reminded of the C.S. Lewis quote, "You do not have a soul...you are a soul. What you have, is a body." Now, Hatsie has a new one.*

*You will be missed.*

*Bobby Darnell*

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**Bobby Darnell** - March 14, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ *Leonard, and family, we will miss Hatsie in so many ways. When we first moved to Perry it seems Hatsie just appeared and welcomed us. We appreciated that friendship so much then and do now. She was a mainstay of the Christadelphian Sunday School Class and her absence can not be filled. She will long be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother as well as a true friend to all she met.*

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**Jackie Cooper** - March 14, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ *Michael and Family,  
May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Ms. Hatsie was a sweet and caring lady. Sending love and prayers.*

*Pam Watson Brown*

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**Pamela Brown** - March 14, 2021 at 01:54 PM

AT

“ *Mr. Kinsley and family, I am greatly saddened by reading of the passing of Hatsie. She was such a beautiful lady, letting her beauty shine from within toward all who knew her.  
I will always remember her lovely, warm smile that seemed to just be there. She was  
loved and will be greatly missed. Remember the good times. She will be waiting for each  
of you on Heaven's shores. Take care and may God Bless.*

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**Annette Tucker** - March 13, 2021 at 09:39 PM

LS

“ *So sorry to hear about Hatsie! A sweet lady always smiling! My prayers, thoughts and love are with all of you! God bless!*

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**Linda Smith** - March 13, 2021 at 09:32 PM

BL

“ *I was so sad to hear of Hatsie's passing. My thought and prayers are with you ,  
prayers for peace, comfort and strength.  
Barbara R. Langston*

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**Barbara R Langston** - March 13, 2021 at 07:34 PM

SC

“ *Dear Kennedy-Kinsley Family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. We will always remember Hatsie as one of the most wonderful people that we have ever known. So many were blessed through the years by her love and giving ways. May she rest in peace.  
Sending all of you our love, Jamie and Alina Carlino*

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**Samuel Carlino** - March 13, 2021 at 05:52 PM

SN

“ Leonard and family, this absolutely breaks my heart. Never was there a sweeter soul on this earth. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Snyder

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**Snyder** - March 13, 2021 at 05:10 PM

SL

“ I am so sorry to learn of Hatsie's passing, Heaven has gained another angel. Praying for all of her dear loved ones for peace and comfort.

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**Shelia (Todd) Laws** - March 13, 2021 at 04:39 PM

JP

“ Such a sweet and faithful servant. She will be missed. We send our condolences.  
Joe and Judy Posey

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**Joe and Judy Posey** - March 13, 2021 at 04:34 PM

FW

“ So very sorry to hear this. Hatsie was such a sweet lady and will be missed by many. Prayers for all the family 🙏

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**faye wiilson** - March 13, 2021 at 03:01 PM