



Mr. Donald Gene Kelly

November 18, 1934 - May 8, 2019

KELLY, Mr. Donald - Age 84, passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Wednesday. Mr. Kelly will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-8:00 PM Tuesday. Mr. Donald Gene Kelly affectionately known as "Wayne" by his family was born November 18, 1934 in Muskegon Heights, MI, to the late Mr. Harry and Mrs. Mary Kelly. Mr. Donald Gene Kelly attended Muskegon Heights Public Schools. He joined the United States Army, July of 1954, where he served in the Korean War and received an Honorable Discharge. Mr. Kelly was a Brick Layer at Causey Asphalt and Paving in Pontiac, MI before being hired into Buick Motor Company, a division of General Motors Corporation in 1968, retiring after 34 years of service. He was a member of the UAW Local #599. Mr. Kelly was an avid boxer (he had them hands), while serving in the Army he won a Golden Gloves Championship, he was also a part of the Flint Pal Boxing League training staff, Don was also an avid baseball player, where he played every position except pitching, no matter what team or who his teammates were, he was always the fastest on the team. Later in life, Mr. Kelly played softball in the 50 and over league and also played and coached alongside 2 of his daughters

for several years winning numerous co-ed softball championships. He also enjoyed fishing, boating and dancing. Mr. Kelly was a member of the House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, where he was baptized under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart. He was known to many as a Great Man who loved his family, had a funny sense of humor, dependable and one who always had a story to tell.

Mr. Donald Gene Kelly leaves to cherish his memory: children, sons, Daryl Kelly, Sr. of Milwaukee, WI and Charles Kennebrew, Sr. of Houston, TX; daughters, Sherry (Emmanuel) Smith of Pontiac, MI, Donnetta Moore of Mt. Morris, MI, DaShundra Kelly, Sheree Kelly and Danielle (Derrick) Coleman, all of Flint, MI; 21 grandchildren including special granddaughters, Lonise Coulter and Tyicca Dacosta and special grandson, DeSean Lester; 16 great-grandchildren including special great-grandson, Na'Khari Coulter; 4 sisters, Shirley Malone, Dorothy Short, Helen Wyatt and Patricia (Robert) Simmons; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Kelly was preceded in death by his father, Harry Kelly; mother, Mary Grace; daughter, Sharon Carson; grandson, Daryl Kelly, Jr.; great-granddaughter, Aniyah Coulter; brother, Ralph Grace; sisters, Betty Kelly, Mary Alice Davis and Lugenia Benion.

The family would like to extend a Heartfelt Thank You to his nieces, Kathy Lard and Marcy Johnson who helped take care of him during his illness, Casaundra Atkinson, Loranda Smith, Dorothy Diaz, Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart and the House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church family.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 14. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
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Family hour

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Sarah lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



Sarah - June 02, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ *Elder A. Cheeks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



Elder A. Cheeks - May 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ *Cecelia Hussey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



Cecelia Hussey - May 15, 2019 at 09:35 AM

SJ

“ Mr. Kelly one of Taylor st. Most original neighbors. I remember him teaching my dad how to ride motor cycle. I remember plenty of sleep-overs with trecie..wee wee..snook..turkey.. It was a hard transition moving off Taylor st. We were all one big family.. This is as well a hard transition.. Know that i am praying for you all.. Shantel Nelson-Taylor

Shantel jones-Taylor - May 15, 2019 at 03:39 AM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 14, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 14, 2019 at 09:24 AM

CT

“ *Our condolences to the family from Maeosie and Cynthia Turner*



cynthia turner - May 14, 2019 at 08:58 AM

BS

“ *Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



Barbara Smith - May 14, 2019 at 02:00 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly.*



May 13, 2019 at 11:45 PM

TA

“ *My heartfelt condolences for your loss. May the God who comforts all who mourn help to sustain you during this most difficult time, as you await the fulfillment of Gods promise to be reunited with your loved one again (John 6:40)*

TA - May 13, 2019 at 08:31 AM

TA

“ My heartfelt condolences for your loss. May the God who comforts all who mourn help to sustain you during this most difficult time, as you await the fulfillment of Gods promise to be reunited with your loved one again (John 6:40)

TA - May 13, 2019 at 08:30 AM

JW

“ Biologically you are "Uncle" but in our hearts you have been and always will be our "King". Enter into Eternal Rest Uncle Wayne. You fought the good fight and have finished your course. Love you forever!

James Walker - May 13, 2019 at 07:53 AM

JW

“ Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly



Joanie Williams - May 13, 2019 at 05:13 AM



“ MY DEEPLY CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF MR. DONALD KELLY. TO MY SISTER IN CHRIST MAY THE LORD COMFORT YOUR HEART AND GIVE YOU PEACE.



Johanna Houston - May 11, 2019 at 03:14 PM

MA

“ Margaret Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly



Margaret Anderson - May 11, 2019 at 03:05 PM

LH

“ LaFaytia Hairston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly



LaFaytia Hairston - May 11, 2019 at 10:43 AM

RS

“ Rosalind Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly



Rosalind Smith - May 11, 2019 at 07:33 AM

AS

“ Alma Starks-butler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly



alma starks-butler - May 10, 2019 at 11:01 PM

TN

“ *Tangela Nicole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



Tangela Nicole - May 10, 2019 at 09:11 PM

MA

“ *Margaret Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



Margaret Anderson - May 10, 2019 at 02:55 PM

HP

“ *House Of Prayer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



House of Prayer - May 10, 2019 at 11:49 AM

CH

“ *Calvin & Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



Calvin & Pamela Hightower - May 10, 2019 at 09:51 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



MINISTER PAM - May 10, 2019 at 07:41 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



MINISTER PAM - May 10, 2019 at 07:41 AM

BF

“ *Rest in peace Kelly! I love you to the Moon and back! You will truly be missed!*

Brenda Ford - May 09, 2019 at 10:48 PM

RV

“ *Ron'a Vickers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Gene Kelly*



Ron'a Vickers - May 09, 2019 at 10:34 AM

MJ

“ *RIP Uncle Wayne , Love You, you will truly be missed* ”



Mary Hussey/ Jones - May 09, 2019 at 10:03 AM