

CELEBRATION *of* LIFE

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CURTIS KELLY

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OF THE YEAR



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New Salem Community Fellowship Church
115 W. 40th Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401
Bishop Nathaniel Small, Sr.
Elder Raymond & Minister Clara Rouse, Pastors

NOVEMBER 5, 1971 - DECEMBER 29, 2017
THE MAN | HIS LIFE | HIS LEGACY

LIFE REFLECTIONS

"In my distress, I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears."

Psalms 18:6

Brother Curtis Kelly was born November 5, 1971 to Ernest Franklin and Ronnie Kelly, in Savannah, Georgia. He was the eldest of six children. One brother, Kareem Omarr Grant, Sr., preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by both sets of his grandparents and his beloved great-grandfather.

Brother Curtis attended Savannah Chatham County Public Schools. During his high school years, at Sol C. Johnson High, he maintained several lasting friendships. With a desire to work, Curtis started working at the age of 14. He was blessed to get employment at Browns' Chevron. At an early age, he proved to be accountable and trustworthy. Because of his diligence and faithfulness to his employee, Mr. Donald Brown, he maintained this job until the age of 25. When he was older, Mr. Brown promoted him to night supervisor. He was later employed by First Student Transit Services. Being blessed, he obtained employment with Imperial Sugar, seeing his capability, he accepted a transfer to Securitas Security Services.

On June 11, 2011, Brother Kelly married the love of his life," his wife," LaKia Boddie. This union was united with four loving children. Curtis was a loving and devoted husband and father. He cherished his time with his family. He was an avid cook, joyfully preparing delicious meals for family and friends. For him, serving was a delight! He loved to entertain by putting on a lip-syncing show. He was truly the family comedian!

After meeting LaKia, Curtis started fellowshiping with her at New Salem. On January 24, 2010, he became a member of New Salem Community Fellowship Church under the leadership of Pastor Nathaniel Small, Sr., now Bishop. Not only did he receive membership, he rededicated his life to Christ and was baptized, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2010 by Bishop Small.

Curtis was a humble and devoted member. He served with the Brotherhood of New Salem and became a member of the Usher Board. He was very regular in attendance; stood and worked faithfully as an usher every Sunday until his health began to fail. Yet, as many Sundays, as he was blessed to be in service, he was there. His devoted wife and family made sure he was in attendance. Bishop Small, as well as his church family, were always delighted to see him coming in or sitting in the audience. Many Sundays he was encouraged by the Man of God, with words and prayers.

On Sunday, November 5, 2017, unknowing, it was his birthday, Bishop Small encouraged him to come to the front of the church. With little assistance, Brother Curtis made his way! After words of encouragement, and finding out this

was his birthday, Bishop had us sing, "Happy Birthday." We were so excited he was blessed to be in service on that day. Our New Salem Church family was given the opportunity to joyfully bless him with a monetary gift. This was the Lord's doing and it was marvelous in our eyes! The last few Sundays he attended service, Brother Kelly lifted his hand in praise and adoration to the Almighty God!!!

"After the clouds, the sunshine, after the winter, the spring, after the shower, the rainbow, for life is a changeable thing; after the night, the morning, bidding and darkness cease. After life's cares and sorrows, the comfort and sweetness of peace."

He leaves to cherish his love, his presence and sweet memories, his loving, devoted wife of six years, LaKia K. S. Boddie Kelly; his four children, two daughters, Cuvesha N. Keel and Ja'Da A. S. Kelly; two sons, Denali T. Pringle and Ja'Quan O. Oliver, all of Savannah, GA; His beloved mother, Ronnie Kelly Brown (Mr. Johnny Brown), Savannah, GA; his father, Mr. Ernest Franklin (Evangelist Janice Franklin); two brothers, Dwayne Franklin of Savannah Georgia; Jerod Grant of Lake Charles, Louisiana; two sisters, Leslie Franklin and Ronetta Franklin both of Savannah, GA; His mother-in-law Ms. Angela Bryant of Savannah, GA; Father-in-law Mr. Rufus Boddie, Jr. of Bloomingdale, GA; Grandfather-in-law Deacon George Guyton, Jr. of Savannah, GA; Grandmother-in-law Ms. Mildred Tolbert of Savannah, GA; A step-sister Shemeka White of Savannah, GA; Step-brother Arsenio Pollard of Savannah, GA; Sister-in-law Mrs. Latiqia (Ramone) Bryant of Atlanta, GA; Two brothers-in-law Mr. Lajuan Gyton and Mr. DiaShon (Taneka) Guyton both of Savannah, GA; a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends; a devoted Godmother, Barbara Roper, and the entire New Salem Community Fellowship Church Family.



ORDER OF CELEBRATION

ELDER RAYMOND ROUSE
PRESIDER

WIN, LOSE, OR TIE
I'M A **FALCONS**
FAN TILL I DIE

THE PROCESSIONAL WITH VIEWING

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT MINISTER CLARA ROUSE

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE..... ELDER CLEVON WRIGHT

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE..... EVANGELIST CAROLYN OLIVER

THE SELECTION..... SALEMMITES

THE REFLECTIONS: (2 MINUTES PLEASE)

AS A FAMILY MEMBER..... MR. ROGER TOLBERT

AS A CHURCH MEMBER ELDER BUGIE OLIVER

AS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND..... MR. MARVIN JOHNSON

AS I KNEW HIM..... BRO. DENNIS BOSTON

THE SOLO PASTOR LATRELL BODDIE
FAITH COMMUNITY CME CHURCH

THE RESOLUTION & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS..... SIS. CLARA STONE

THE OBITUARY READ SILENTLY

THE SELECTION..... SALEMMITES

THE WORDS OF COMFORT..... BISHOP NATHANIEL SMALL, SR.

THE RECESSIONAL

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Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone;
for part of us went with you
the day God called you Home.*

*You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide;
and though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same;
but as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.*



FROM YOUR CHILDREN, WE LOVE YOU DADDY!



Letting Go

*The angels gathered near your side
So very close to you
For they knew the pain and suffering
That you were going through*

*I thought about so many things
As I held tightly to your hand
Oh, how I wished that you were strong
And happy once again*

*But your eyes were looking homeward
To that place beyond the sky
Where Jesus held His outstretched arms
It was time to say good-bye*

*I struggled with my selfish thoughts
For I wanted you to stay
So we could walk and talk again
Like we did....just yesterday*

*But Jesus knew the answer
And I knew you loved Him so
So I gave to you life's greatest gift
The gift of letting go*

FROM YOUR LOVING WIFE, I LOVE YOU FOREVER





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THE FLORAL ATTENDANTS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE FAMILY OF BROTHER CURTIS KELLY WISHES TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE KIND AND THOUGHTFUL EXPRESSIONS EXTENDED DURING OUR BEREAVEMENT. YOUR PRAYERS, VISITS, CALLS, FLOWERS, AND OTHER ACTS OF KINDNESS HAVE GIVEN US STRENGTH AND SUPPORT TO FACE THESE TRYING HOURS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE AND CONCERN. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE HOSPICE COMPASSUS GROUP. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU FOREVER IN HIS CARE.

THE FAMILY OF BROTHER CURTIS KELLY

THE HOUR OF FELLOWSHIP

THE FAMILY WILL RECEIVE FRIENDS BACK TO NEW SALEM IN THE NATHANIEL SMALL, SR., MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTAL SERVICE.

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