
FRIDAY APRIL 9, 2021

Wake: 10:00am | Service: 11:00am

O B I T U A R Y

Sunrise: May 11, 1933 | Sunset: March 26, 2021

Mrs. Susie Belle Kelley was born on May 11, 1933, in Henderson, North Carolina to Annie Belle and Ira Thomas Williams. She also wed her late husband Wilbert Ellis Kelley in Henderson, North Carolina, and from their union came several children.

Susie moved to Boston, Massachusetts in 1956 and attended The Way of The Cross Holiness Church under the leadership of overseer Edith Kelley. She also attended the Good Shepherd Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop Samuel Hogan where she was a Missionary, Evangelist, Usher Board Member, and Director of the Youth Choir. She later relocated to Atlanta, Georgia in 2003 where she joined Andrew's Chapel United Methodist Church under the leadership of Pastor Wimbley Hale. While at Andrew's Chapel she was a member of the Senior Choir, Prison Ministry, Food Pantry Ministry, Intercessory Prayer Ministry, and the Evangelism Team.

She attended Boston University where she took her coursework in early childhood education and graduated from Bethel Bible Institute where she became an Evangelist at the Good Shepherd Church of God and Christ. Susie was employed at Boston City Hospital, State Street Bank, and eventually worked at the Boston Public School System where she took pride in being an activist for Operation Exodus, a program in which minority students were transported to school systems outside of their communities to afford them better educational opportunities. She was also a committee member of the Upward Bound program, Students and Leaders of Tomorrow, and a member of the Boston teacher's union. Susie eventually retired from the Boston Public School system and the Mattahunt School in 2003.

Susie had an outgoing personality and was loved by all who had the chance to cross her path. She was truly a lover of people, and on most Sundays after church you could find her at her family restaurant Soul Delicious, happily greeting customers with a smile and a hug. Family was everything to her and she was happiest when spending time with her children, grandchildren, and close family and friends. Susie had several interests throughout her lifetime and especially enjoyed singing with the Boston Symphony Pop Choir. She was actively involved in her Senior Community Center and served as a volunteer Chaplain with the Clayton County Sheriff's Office.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Annie Belle and Ira Thomas Williams; Husband: Wilbert Ellis Kelley; Three sons: Larry Ellis Kelley, Jerry Dean Kelley, and Elbert Lee Kelley; and granddaughter: Aina (Ena) Horne.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory four daughters: Carol (Kelley) Horne, Cathy (Kelley) Howard, Theresa Kelley, and Tracey Barton; one devoted son: Walter Kelley; one daughter in law Donna Taylor Kelley; two son in laws Daniel Horne and Markquise Barton; One godson: Ricky Robinson, Thank you Daryl Kelley for taking on the role of her son in Atlanta; her sister: Sally Williams; brother: Arthur Lee Williams; and 28 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

P R O G R A M

Processional: Clergy

Invocation: Ronnie Price

Mistress of Ceremony: Ronnie Price

Prayer of Comfort:

You old time within your hands, and see it all. from beginning to end. Please keep and carry these precious people in their sadness and loss. Cover them with your great wings of love, give their weary hearts rest and their minds sound sleep. Lord, lift their eyes so that they may catch a glimpse of eternity, and be comforted by the promise of heaven.

We ask all this in the precious name of Jesus.

Amen

Scripture Reading: Ronnie Price

Old Testament-Psalm 100 | New Testament-Rev 22: 1-10

Selection: Edith Darden

Special Remarks: Darrell Kelley

Reflections: Friends and Family

Limited to 2 minutes

Obituary & Acknowledgements: Prophetess Linda Scott

Sermonic Selection: Ida Denard-Jones

Eulogy: Samuel Darden

Prayer & Benediction: Bishop Arthur F. Jack

Recessional: "I'll Fly Away"



PALLBEARERS

Nakware Howard, Jamaul Reid, Eugene Paige, Blayne Kelley-Taylor, Jermaine Kelley-Cameron,
Ellis Stone, Kerry Taylor, Ernest Waters

P O E M

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

The family of Susie Kelley wishes to express gratitude for all your prayers, words of encouragement,
calls, and every gesture of kindness and support at this time of our bereavement.
~ The Family ~

I N T E R M E N T

Fairview Cemetery
45 Fairview Ave | Boston, MA 02136

F U N E R A L A R R A N G E M E N T S B Y

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service at

Holy Tabernacle Church
70 Washington St, Dorchester, MA 02121
(617) 427-8022

**Reminder* Please social distance during the service.
There will be a sign in form that must be completed to enter the sanctuary.
The service will be livestreamed via the Holy Tabernacle website: www.holytab.org*
