

In Loving Memory of



Mr. Armand James Kelley

Sunrise: May 11, 1957

Sunset: September 4, 2019

Service

Sunday, September 15, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH CITY

139-35 88th Avenue • Jamaica, NY 11435

Obituary

Armand James Kelley was born on May 11, 1957 in Brooklyn, New York to the proud parents of Felton James Kelley and Hazel S. (Harris) Kelley. He departed this life on the morning of September 4, 2019 surrounded by his family at The University of Chicago Medicine Trauma Center.

He received his education at Potomac High School in Oxon Hill, Maryland as well as the University of District of Columbia. Through his early years he served in various capacities. He managed a popular fast food chain in Maryland and under the guidance of his Uncle Frank Kelley worked in two Eastern retail stores in Manhattan. Of most recent was employed as a school bus driver for the New York City school system.

After relocating back to the Empire State, the core of his heart, Armand delved headstrong into his life passion, the game of chess. An avid chess player, from many years under the tutelage of his father, Armand proved to be a champion and the KING of Check Mate! Life revolved around the chess board. He enjoyed the competition and the performing as a chess coach. He could win the game with only four moves (two moves for you and two for him and you were in check mate). He was a health fanatic and fitness guru. He managed his finances literally to the penny; he was accountable and reliable, a very generous man with a calm spirit, full of surprises and good humor.

Although Armand faced many trials in life he never had a bad disposition. He maintained a bright spirit and the most welcoming smile. He spoke with precision and clarity, a trademark of his communication style. Though he possessed strict attributes and stuck to what he believed, he was always positive and encouraging while being very protective of loved ones.

Armand was formerly united in holy matrimony to Maxine D. Kelley and previously Tina (Kelley) Graham (mother of Armand H. Kelley).

Fond memories from his son:

"He always thought 3 steps ahead... He taught me how to be a man without telling me how to be a man. My Dad was the king of charm... He loved hard.

Somewhat borderline OCD with his daily routines but you could trust him with your secrets. He was an enigma (mysterious, puzzling, or difficult to understand).

He had the unique ability to make himself your favorite person in any room he walked into and was big on math... a dedicated family man, very hard worker but he also believed in working smarter and not harder. He was a "make it happen" man, if you needed anything done in life, you could call him and he'd make it happen, regardless of what was happening in his daily schedule. He personified dependability."

Armand is preceded in death by his parents Felton and Hazel and brother Adrian Kelley. He will continue to shine in the hearts of those left behind. He leaves to cherish his memory his son; Armand Harris Kelley (Touya) and granddaughter Taylor Kelley, two brothers Andre Kelley (LaShawn) and Aubrey Kelley; six sisters; Iris Calhoun, Irene Watkins, Inez Kelley, Ilona Barnes (Stan), Ilena Cleveland (Donnell) and layne Kelley (Ex-Omar); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Though we know God knows best, he will be truly missed.

God speed...

Son, Brother, Father, Cousin, Uncle and Friend...

With Love,



Order of Service

Viewing

Background Music ‘I Don’t Feel No Way Tired’
Reverend James Cleveland

Visuals Life in Pictures
By Irene ‘Kelley’ Watkins

Welcome Pastor Richard Ishmael

Prayers of Comfort

Invocation & Obituary Reading Elder Donnell Cleveland

Words From The Heart Armand Harris Kelley (son)

Words of Wisdom Frank Kelley (Uncle)
Greta Brown (Aunt)

Poem Noah Troutman (Nephew)

Choir Selection Church City Singers

Words of Love (Siblings) Andre Kelley
(Delivered by Inez Kelley)
Arafa (Iris) Calhoun
Irene Watkins
Ilona Barnes

Music Selection ‘I’m Not Tired Yet’
Mississippi Mass Choir

Words of Love (Siblings)Cont Ilena Cleveland
Aubrey Kelley
Iayne Brown

Comments Inez Kelley

Tributes (Open Floor) Jamaiyla Marie Culver (Cousin)
Omar Brown (Brother-in-Law)

CHESS KING SALUTE The Kingsmen

Music Selection ‘Bridge Over Troubled Water’
Aretha Franklin

Closing Message of Encouragement Pastor Richard Ishmael

Interment

*George Washington Memorial Park
234 Paramus Rd
Paramus, NJ 07652*

REPASS
AMARACHI Restaurant
189 Bridge Street
Brooklyn, NY

Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PALL BEARERS

Armand H. Kelley
Rinaldo Royster
Omar Brown

Aubrey Kelley
Omar Green
Ralph Morton
Noah Troutman

Rashaun Kelley
Robert Kelley
Khari Troutman

Acknowledgement

The KELLEY Family would like to extend the warmest regards to all those who share in this day as we celebrate our beloved family member Armand James Kelley. His passing will forever leave a void in our hearts but his memory will give us hope and the strength to continue to 'run our miles' (AJK)

Thank you for your prayers of comfort and know that we too pray for you and yours ...

Love

The KELLEY Family

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