Celebration of Life for

Walter Samuel Kelly, Jr.

Our Joy October 29, 1957

Your Victory March 20, 2021

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

## John Wesley Methodist Church

186 Van Winkle Street, East Rutherford, New Jersey Rev. John Bazemore, Jr., Pastor Johnetta Bush, Organist



Born on October 29, 1957 in Jersey City, New Jersey. Walter was born to his beloved parents Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. and Mary Ellen Kelly.

Walter was a faithful member of the Salem Baptist Church in Jersey City, New Jersey under the leadership of Rev. HH Bobbitt, where he was baptized at a young age and served on the Jr. Deacon Board during his teenage years.

He was educated in the Jersey City School system, and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1975. Soon after graduation, Walter attended Delaware State University Dover, DE.

He was employed at the Jersey City Medical Center Jersey City for thirty-two years until his sudden illness and death on March 20, 2021.

Walter was married to Clohilda Hankins at a young age and from this marriage came one daughter, Krystal. The marriage was dissolved but they remained on friendly terms while co-parenting their daughter.

Many years later Walter met, fell in love with and married his present wife, Iris on November 8, 2002, and from this marriage they had one daughter, Deijah.

Walter became a member of the John Wesley Methodist Church under the late Pastor, Rev. Ernest Mitchell Jr. who was also his beloved father-in-law. He was a member of the Usher Board and remained a member of the John Wesley Methodist Church under the present Pastor John A. Bazemore, Jr., until his death on March 20, 2021.

Walter was a very quiet, easy going sort of laid back man who loved the home and family kind of lifestyle. Walter was a believer in Christ from an early age. He was a good husband and father and he had a close relationship with both of his daughters. His youngest daughter Deijah often said that he was easy to talk to and was a very good listener, and his daughter Krystal agrees. Walter was very much loved by all of his family and he had a very close friendship with his brother-inlaw, Reggie, they were more like brothers. Even through his illness, Walter never complained, and he often told his wife, Iris how much he appreciated her and that she was a good wife to him. Walter loved all kinds of sports, but he was an avid Giants fan and everyone knew it. He will truly be missed by all and he will always remain in our hearts.

Walter was predeceased by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel D. Kelly, father-inlaw, Rev. Ernest Mitchell, Jr.; sister-in-law, Crystal Johnson; grandmother-in-law, Priscilla Thorne.

He leaves to cherish precious memories his beloved wife, Iris Kelly; daughters, Deijah Kelly and Krystal Spears (Dejon); granddaughter, Mariah Spears; motherin-law, Virmell Mitchell; step-daughter, Shatera Taylor; grandson, Natwan Mitchell Taylor; brothers-in-law, Reginald Mitchell, Rev. Ernest Mitchell, III (Marion), Durell Miller (Cheryl); aunt,, Pamela White; the Thomas Family, other relatives, church family, co-workers and friends.

## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Opening Hymn ...... "When The Trumpet of The Lord" Pg. 497 Prayer of Comfort ..... Evangelist Ursula Derios Scripture Readings ...... Evangelist Cheryl Middleton Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 Solo ...... Rev. Cheryl Falls Obituary Reading...... Rev. Gail Bazemore Resolutions/Acknowledgements Poem ..... The Day My Beloved Departed Written by; Rev. Cheryl Falls Remarks Solo ..... Evangelist Cheryl Middleton Eulogy ...... Rev. John A. Bazemore, Jr., Pastor Prayer

Recessional

Interment

Crest Haven Cemetery 750 Passaic Avenue Clifton, New Jersey **Pallbearers** 

Family and Friends

In Memory of Walter

As we gather here today there's no ending to his story, Another chapter has begun full of grace and glory, God called him to his heavenly home, part of his great plan, Although it may be hard, we all must understand, Faith is what is hoped for, things we cannot see, Heaven is promised to all of us if only we believe. Author unknown



## Family Acknowledgment

We deeply appreciate the many expressions of love and friendship extended to us during these difficult times. Your concern, love, and numerous acts of kindness are most appreciated and will be forever remembered.

The Family

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