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Reverend Charles Bennett Kelly

To My Beloved Husband

*When you told me
That you loved me
That's all I heard
I told you, that I loved you
Just faith in a word.*

*You showed me
That you loved me
From that day until now,
And I still love you
And I will miss you
But I'll make it somehow.*

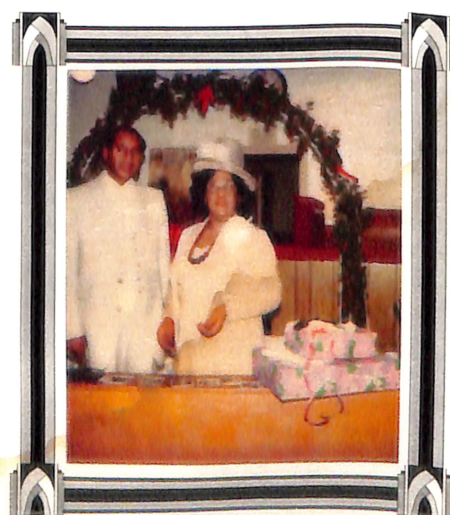
*When you told me
In the good times, you would remain
And you told me, in the bad times
Your love would not change.*

*You showed me
That you truly loved me
In every single way
And that's why I'll always love you
I will miss you everyday.*

*Yes!! You told me that you loved me
That's all I heard you say
And forever I will love you
Wait for me, we'll meet
again on Resurrection Day.*

Love, Florence

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Life's Story For The Reverend Charles B. Kelly



A child was born in Fort Worth, Texas on the twenty-third (23rd) day of June in the year of nineteen hundred and nineteen (1919). He was the fourth (4th) child born to Humphrey and Ollie Mae Pope Kelly. They named him, *Charles Bennett*. He began a life in the Lord at a young age in the Pilgrim Valley Baptist Church and was nurtured by the strong Christian principles of his parents. In later years the family united with the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Smith Cary.

In May of nineteen hundred and forty-two (1942) Charles was summoned to serve his Country as a member of the United States Army. He served in World War II European Theater advancing to the rank of Sergeant before being discharged in December of nineteen hundred and forty-five (1945).

Charles met a beautiful young girl by the name of Florence Anna Hames and after a two week courtship, he took her hand in marriage on the eleventh (11) day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-eight (1948). They remained a loving and devoted couple for fifty-five (55) years.

In nineteen hundred and forty-nine (1949), Charles declared his "call" into the Ministry, and was quickly called to pastor the Greater Antioch Baptist Church in the "Stop Six" Community. God sustained him as Pastor for fifty-four (54) years. When he was called to Antioch, there were approximately thirty (30) members. At the peak of his Ministry, the membership grew to over five thousand (5000) on the roll. His dedication extended beyond the Antioch Church family. He served faithfully as President of the Sunset Sunday School and BTU Congress and Moderator of the New General Baptist District Association. In later years, he became a member of the Saint John Landmark Baptist District Association. Pastor Kelly was gifted in the recall of scriptures and his sincere dedication to his Ministry led others to trust God in all things and to know that it was very essential to have a personal relationship with Christ. As a shepherd, he ordained twenty-eight (28) ministers into the Gospel Ministry. He was always proud to call them "His Sons" in the ministry, many of whom are now renown Pastors.

Reverend Kelly felt the need to continue striving toward excellence in his ministry and attended the L. K. Williams Ministers Institute held annually at Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. His ministry was sustained through fervent prayers and teaching of the scripture. His love for his Church Family was boundless and extended far beyond the walls of the Church. He will be remembered by many whose lives were enriched through his ministry.

Reverend Kelly was talented as a singer and expressed a faith in God through many of his songs. Early in life he began singing with his father and brothers in a quartet group known as the "Kelly Brothers". He later sang as a member of the "Texas Wonders Quartet Group". Sister Kelly worked closely by his side as the Minister of Music for the Church.

Pastor Kelly was a man with unique characteristics. He was strong about obedience and discipline and stood firm for what he believed to be right. He was a perfectionist and demanded order in all things. He was meticulous about his personal appearance.

A life well spent, a love fulfilled and a job completed... God dispatched a band of angels on Thursday morning, the nineteenth (19th) day of February, two-thousand four (2004) to the room of his servant, Charles B. Kelly and peacefully carried him away to his "Mansion in the Sky". He is now reunited with his parents, Humphrey and Ollie Kelly, brothers, Abner, Ernest, Milford, Willie, Frank and Haden Kelly and his sister, Oletha Kelly-Davis.

Those left awaiting the great reunion are his devoted and loving wife of fifty-five years, Florence Anna Kelly; son, Daryl "Randy" Davis, I. and his wife, Debra; grandchildren, Cherryl, Daryl, II., Na'Keisha, Teniquae and Zaria Davis; brother, Humphrey Kelly; sisters, Hazel Robinson and her husband, Dr. Herman Robinson and Alberta Thomas all of Fort Worth, Texas; nephews, Clarence Davis, Harold Davis, Alfred Douglas Thomas, Jr. and Lawrence Kelly all of Fort Worth, Maurice McDavis of Bakersfield, CA and Gregory Kelly of San Bernardino, California, Michael Frazier of Ann Arbor, MI; nieces, Myrtle Kelly-Bell, Sharon Kelly-Bradley both of Fort Worth, Anell Thomas-Wheeler of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, June Kelly-Johnson of Denver, Colorado, Mazella Kelly-Malbrough of Oakland, California, Earnestine Kelly, Debbie Kelly-Ally both of Bakersfield, California, Sandra Kelly-Wilcott, Milford Dean Kelly, Joyce Kelly all of San Bernardino, California, Denise Daniel, Deborah McCray, Vicki Hames-Frazier, Susan Frazier-Kouassi all of Ann Arbor, MI and Brenda Harris of Dallas, TX; numerous great nephews and nieces and a host of other relatives, friends and the Greater Antioch Church Family.

The Homegoing Celebration for
The Reverend Charles Bennett Kelly
Tuesday, the Twenty-Fourth Day of February, Two Thousand Four
High Noon
Greater Antioch Baptist Church
5420 Cottey Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76119

The Celebratory Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Musicians
Reverend Douglas E. Brown, Pastor Great Commission Missionary Baptist Church, Officiating	
The Ministers, Pallbearers and Family Enter	
Congregational Hymn.....	"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
The Scripture Readings	
Old Testament.....	Reverend John Richardson Associate Minister of Greater Antioch Baptist Church
New Testament.....	Reverend Vernon Tubbs, Jr. Associate Minister of Greater Antioch Baptist Church
The Prayer.....	
	Reverend Elijah Fannin Associate Minister of Greater Antioch Baptist Church
Song of Peace.....	
	"When I See Jesus" Reverend Floyd Brooks, Pastor of Greater Rising Star Baptist Church
The Church Resolution.....	
	Greater Antioch Baptist Church Sister Rosemary Ricks
Expression.....	
	Reverend Earl King, President Baptist Ministers Union of Fort Worth and Vicinity
Recognition of Ministers	
	Elder Roy E. West Pastor, Greater Strangers Rest Full Gospel Baptist Church
Song of Hope.....	
	"It Is Well" Brother Alfred Douglas Thomas, Jr., Nephew
Ministerial Expressions.....	
	Bishop Gene A. Moore Pastor, Saint Agnes Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
Song of Consolation.....	
	"In My Home Over There" Brother Daryl R. Davis, I., Son
Message of Comfort.....	
	Reverend Charles Williams Pastor, Greater Antioch Baptist Church
The Parting View	
	Funeral Directors in Charge
The Ministers, Pallbearers, Family and Friends Depart	

"A Tribute To My Father"



*I am who I am because of you.
My life was molded from your mold
My early training came from you.
Who I am is because of you.*

*My biological parents were great parents,
But the Lord allowed me to have two sets of parents.
I was able to have a double portion of everything.*

*My demeanor is because of how you
carried yourself on a daily basis.
My dress is because of how you took pride
in the way you dressed.*



I am a better husband because of the many years of love you showed to your wife.

I am a better father because of the guidance and training shown to me.

I am a better servant of the Lord because of the spiritual guidance and training from your daily walk with the Lord.

I remember the suits -(to imitate you)

I remember the new Bonneville -(me sitting on the arm rest)

I remember my first diamond ring -(to be sharp like you)

I remember my first car- (AMC Hornet)

I remember my first whipping -(running behind your car wanting to go to a funeral)

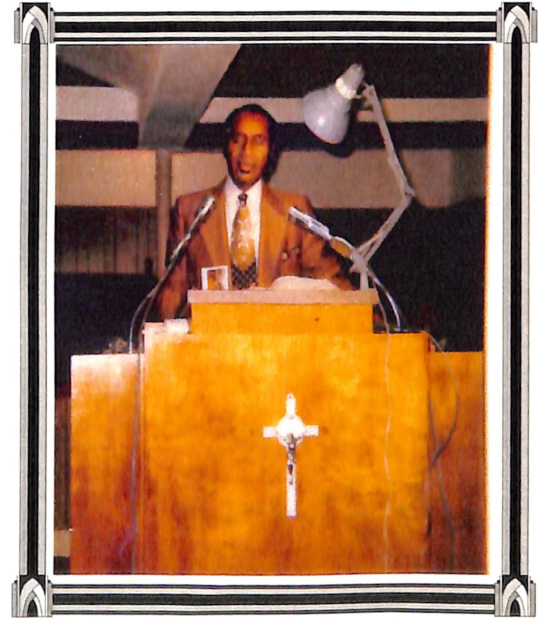
I remember shopping -(sitting in a basket putting everything I see in the basket)

I have so many memories of how you walked daily as a man, husband, father and servant of God.

My spiritual walk is stronger because of the training in Sunday School and B'Y'P'U. The songwriter wrote the song "Serving the Lord Will Pay Off" well I believe that because He allowed you to serve 55 years at one Church and lead thousands of souls.

I am proud to be your son and be who I am. I take pride when someone tells me that you act like your father. I am what I am because of you. I am who I am because of your training and guidance. You Are My Hero.





Bearers of the Bier

*Deacons of Greater Antioch Baptist Church
Nephews*

Earthly Resting Place

*Cedar Hill Memorial Park
Arlington, Texas*

The Family Expression of Appreciation

We The Kelly family are profoundly grateful for each and every expression of love and of concern extended us during this period of transition. We have been comforted by your prayers, visits, telephone calls, cards, flowers and other thoughtful amenities. Your thoughtfulness will be cherished by our family. It is our earnest and sincere prayers that all of God's choice and richest blessings will be showered on you and yours in his unlimited and abundant measures of love, peace and grace.

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