

REATHELL KELLEY WAS BORN IN QUITMAN, TEXAS ON JANUARY 26, 1928, TO THE PARENTAGE OF THE LATE CLAUDE AND ALCONEY MCGEE-KELLEY. HE ATTENDED QUITMAN COLORED SCHOOL IN QUITMAN TEXAS UNTIL THE FIFTH GRADE. HE ACCEPTED CHRIST AT AN EARLY AGE AND UNITED WITH FREEMAN CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH UNTIL HIS HEALTH FAILED HIM ON JANUARY 6, 2022, AT 8:25AM.

REATHELL WORKED AS A FORMAN FOR J.M HUDNALL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR OVER FORTY YEARS.

HE ENJOYED PROVIDING HIS SERVICES TO THE HUDNALL COMPANY. IN OCTOBER 1956 REATHELL WAS UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY TO THE LOVELY RUBY DOLL EDWARDS. THEY WERE MARRIED SIXTY-FIVE YEARS. TO THIS UNION GOD BLESSED THEM WITH TWO CHILDREN, A LOVING SON CURTIS RAY KELLEY WHO PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH ON MAY 19, 2020, AND A LOVING DAUGHTER VANESSA KELLEY.

REATHELL LOVED SHARING MEMORIES OF THE "OLD DAYS" REMINISCING ABOUT THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE. HE ENJOYED LAUGHING AND SHARING JOKES OF WHICH SOMEONE HAD CONVEYED TO HIM. HIS FAMILY WAS HIS LOVE, HE ENJOYED HIS WIFE, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, BROTHERS, SISTERS, COUSINS, AND AUNTS AND UNCLES. GRILLING WAS HIS PASSION, HE ENJOYED GRILLING EVEN IN THE WINTER. HIS FOOD WAS TASTY. REATHELL WAS A GREAT COOK AND FISH WAS HIS FAVORITE FOOD. HE WAS A WONDERFUL MENTOR, HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND GREAT GRANDFATHER. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS, THE LATE CLAUDE AND ALCONEY MCGEE- KELLEY; BROTHERS ROGER KIRKLAND, LAURENCE, BEEART, PAUL, ALTON, EUGENE AND L.B KELLEY; SISTERS: VALERIE KELLEY AND RUBY CAMPBELL; AND A BELOVED SON CURTIS RAY KELLEY.

HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS LOVING MEMORIES A
DEVOTED WIFE, RUBY DOLL KELLEY OF QUITMAN, TEXAS;
DAUGHTER VANESSA KELLEY OF PONDER, TEXAS;
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW DARLENE KELLEY OF QUITMAN, TEXAS;
BROTHER CLAUD AND VELMA KELLEY OF QUITMAN,
TEXAS; SISTER ROBERTA BARNETT OF DALLAS, TEXAS;
GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN; A HOST
OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, AND FRIENDS.

# Reathell Kelley

**PROCESSIONAL** 

Minster Tabatha Rankin

PALLBEARERS

Family

SCRIPTURES:

OLD TESTAMENT

Appointee

NEW TESTAMENT

Raymond Stuart

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Appointee

MUSICAL SELECTION

Solo- Ernestine Flournoy

REMARKS:

**RESOLUTIONS:** 

Pat Durst

EULOGY

Minister Tabatha Rankin

FINAL GLIMPSE:

Lowe-Gardner Funerals &

Cremations

RECESSIONAL

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#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Because you cared , you came to share,
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer,
Because you cared enough to do,
Words of comfort and cards came, too,
Because you cared, we are not alone,
Calls and visits reached us at home.
Because you cared, we're grateful indeed
You've been sincere in comfort and attentive to our needs.
Because you cared, we're praying too
For God's riches Blessings To Reach Each Of You!
-The Kelley Family

### COME TO ME

God saw you were getting tired, and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you, and whispered, "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

#### PALLBEARERS

LESTER KIMBLE
JERMIAH LIPSCOMB
LESTON KIMBLE

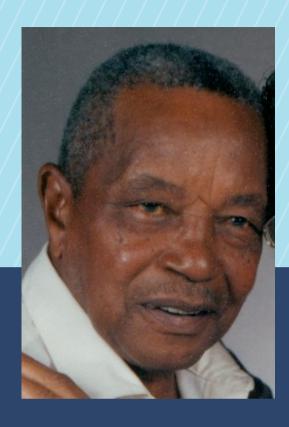
CAMERON KELLEY
FRED PIPKIN
JEREMY LIPSCOMB

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

JERMARIUS LIPSCOMB
DEZMOND LIPSCOMB

CORBEN KELLEY
BOBBY GRANT

HE WILL BE LAID TO REST AT
THE FREEMAN CEMETERY
IN MINEOLA TEXAS



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

## Reathell Kelley

JANUARY 26, 1928 - JANUARY 6, 2022