



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.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR

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 Minster Tabatha Rankin

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

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| LESTER KIMBLE | CAMERON KELLEY |
| JEREMIAH LIPSCOMB | FRED PIPKIN |
| LESTON KIMBLE | JEREMY LIPSCOMB |

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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| JERMARIUS LIPSCOMB | CORBEN KELLEY |
| DEZMOND LIPSCOMB | 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