

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of Iris Kelly is extremely grateful for all the kindness shown during this difficult time. Whether you sent a card, flowers, offered comforting words, lent a shoulder, or just kept us in your thoughts, every deed of kindness was sincerely appreciated.*

### *I Am Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

To offer condolences to The Kelly Family,  
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*Celebration  
OF THE Life  
OF*

*Iris Elaine Kelly*

NOVEMBER 30, 1950 ~ AUGUST 10, 2022

~Service~

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022 ~ 4:00 PM

MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

**Chapel of Peace North**

2500 Cleveland Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

## Obituary

Iris Elaine Kelly was born on November 30, 1950, to James McIntyre and Mary Jean White in Knoxville, TN. She was the oldest of five children. Preceded her in death were Husband Charles Kelly Jr, Mother Mary Jean White, Father James McIntyre, and sister Janice McIntyre.

Iris was born in Knoxville, but the family moved to Dayton, Ohio while she was still a child. Eventually, they settled in Cleveland where she met the love of her life Charles Kelly Jr. Soon the couple got married in 1968 and started to make a family of their own. Charles was in the army, so they lived in North Carolina and Oklahoma over the years.

Iris worked at Cleveland Clinic where she retired twice. Aside from being a hard worker, she was a caring, loving, wife and mother to her six children. Iris loved to watch her soap operas and would talk about them to anyone who listen. Iris loved to talk period. She could go on and on about anything, but her favorite topic would be her family. She was so proud of her husband, kids, and offspring, that she could talk about them for days. Iris enjoyed going to the casino, crossword puzzles, and trying her luck with scratch-offs from time to time. Her favorite restaurant was Red Lobster, and she loved their seafood platter.

Iris' favorite saying was "DON'T DO THAT!" and that meant stop acting up.

Iris always had a smile for everyone. Throughout everything, she has always loved the Lord. You could call her every Saturday morning and she was listening to her church music and read Bible scriptures.

Iris leaves to cherish her memory six children, Charles Kelly III, Tyris Woodruff (Moses), Michael Kelly Sr, Elijah Kelly, Anthony Kelly, and Ceon Kelly Sr; three siblings, James McIntyre Jr (Gina), Sharon Hughes, and Charles James; eight grandchildren, Malik and Jacqueline Woodruff, Jocelyn Coon, Michael Jr, Iris, Aaliyah, Skye, and Ceon Kelly Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Beau and Sai'el Woodruff; and a host of nieces, nephews, and relatives.

## Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE .....Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING.....Clergy

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23

New Testament ..... John 14:1-6

PRAYER.....

SELECTION ..... "I Understand"  
by Smokie Norful

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES

REMARKS (2 minutes please) .....Family and Friends

READING OF OBITUARY ..... Corlette Rudolph

SELECTION ..... "In the Midst of it All"  
by Yolanda Adams

### *The Eulogy*

REV. DR. JACQUELINE DELANEY, ASSISTANT PASTOR  
St. James Christian Center

BENEDICTION .....Rev. Dr. Jacqueline DeLaney

RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family, and Friends



*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me  
though he were dead yet shall he live.  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

John 11:25-26