

## Acknowledgements

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Washington and the Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church family, Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home The Chapel of Peace, and Minister Anthony McSwain.

## Pallbearers

LEWIS BROWN ~ ANTHONY CAMPBELL ~ TRAVIS CAMPBELL  
MICHAEL L. GAUSE ~ ERIC GRACE ~ CHARLES HINES

## The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning  
That God would call your name  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we do the same

It broke our hearts to lose you  
You did not go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home

You left us beautiful memories  
Your love is still our guide  
And although we cannot see you  
You're always by our side

Our family chain is broken  
And nothing seems the same  
But as God calls us one by one  
The chain will link again

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## A Celebration Of Life

KEVIN  
CRAIG  
Kenley

JULY 26, 1959 - NOVEMBER 26, 2022

THURSDAY DECEMBER, 8, 2022 | 11AM

Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church  
2283 Sunbury Rd | Columbus, Ohio 43219

Dr. John S. Little, Officiating Minister  
Bishop Donald J. Washington, Eulogizing Minister



## *The Obituary*

Kevin Craig “BUBBY” Kenley was born on July 26, 1959, to Lee and Gloria Kenley in Columbus, Ohio. Kevin passed away on November 26, 2022. Kevin was a graduate of Mifflin High School in 1978 and received a football scholarship to Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. He proudly served six years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Kevin worked at Doctor’s Hospital North and for the last 25 years, was the General Manager of his family business, the Kenley Konnection Travel and Tour Agency. As the general manager, he was a member of the National Travel Association, American Bus Association, and the African American Motorcoach Council. Kevin was an avid traveler. He was designated as a Carnival Diamond Cruiser who loved Caribbean traveling. Kevin also managed several contracts throughout his career at the Kenley Konnection, including the Columbus Board of Education and the State of Ohio.

Kevin was a proud alumnus of the Indiana University Hoosier football team and played in the 1979 (San Diego) Holiday Bowl. Later, he coached Columbus Raiders football team for six seasons. Kevin was an avid supporter of his sons and nephews sporting events.

Kevin loved giving back to his community. He served as a Taste for FACE chef for many years. Kevin was the Northeast Area Commissioner and Treasurer representing the Willow Springs Neighborhood Association. He also served as the Co-chair of the Northeast Zoning Commission since 2004.

Kevin loved spending time with his family and adored his granddaughter, Reyna. Kevin cherished nature, gardening, home improvements, college football, cooking, traveling, and fishing with his uncle David. As a friend to everyone, Kevin’s happiness was seeing others happy.

Kevin is preceded in death by his father; Lee William Kenley Sr; Grandmothers; Clara Kenley and Hazel Cobb; Mother and Father-In-Law; Eva Kate and William Boykin Sr; Brother; Michael Israel “Stevie Kenley”; Sister-in-Law; Terese Boykin.

Kevin leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 33 years; Bernice Michele Kenley; beloved sons; Denzel and Ezra Kenley; Granddaughter; Reyna; Mother; Gloria Kenley; Brother; Lee (Gwen) Kenley, Jr; Sisters; Vinsetta Montgomery, Eboni Brown, and Traylene (Charles) Hines; Special Nephews and Nieces; Anthony and Travis Campbell, Michael L. Gause, Amber (Dwayne) Bazemore and Danielle Hines; Special cousin; Minister Anthony McSwain and numerous other family members, friends and travel partners that held a special place in his heart.

## *Crossing Over*

*Oh, please don’t feel guilty  
It was just my time to go.  
I see you are still feeling sad,  
And the tears just seem to flow.*

*We all come to earth for our lifetime,  
And for some it’s not many years  
I don’t want you to keep crying  
You are shedding so many tears.*

*I haven’t really left you  
Even though it may seem so.  
I have just gone to my heavenly home,  
And I’m closer to you than you know.*

*Just believe that when you say  
my name, I’m standing next to you,  
I know you long to see me,  
But there’s nothing I can do.*

*But I’ll still send you messages  
And hope you understand,  
That when your time comes to cross-over,  
I’ll be there to take your hand.*

—Author Unknown—

# Order of Service

*Dr. John S. Little, Officiant  
Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church*

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Minister Malik Crosswhite

HYMN OF COMFORT ..... What a Friend We Have in Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING..... Pastor Stephen Opoku  
*House of Faith Ministries*

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23

New Testament..... John 14:1-7

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Pastor Charles E. Newman  
*Antioch Baptist Church*

SELECTION ..... Sis. Shameka Smith

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES ..... Sis. Tammie Holt

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Pastor Donald Fitzgerald  
*Christian Valley Missionary Baptist Church*

READING OF OBITUARY..... Silently Read

SELECTION ..... Pastor Maurice L. Jackson  
*New Generation Church*

## *The Eulogy*

**BISHOP DONALD J. WASHINGTON**

**Senior Pastor, Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church**

COMMITAL & BENEDICTION ..... Bishop Donald J. Washington

RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family & Friends

## *Private Repast*

***For immediate family and out-of-town guests***

*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

## *A Poem from Mother*

*Although we seem so far apart  
Son, you're always in my heart.  
You filled your father and my life with so much joy.  
To us, you were our precious boy.*

*A little while shall pass and then  
we will all see each other, once again.  
Loved, remembered, and held so dear  
in our hearts and minds Kevin...  
You are ALWAYS near.*

## **Love Mommy**

## *Brother, You Are Missed*

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I am counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes, we're together again."*

*Love,  
Vinsetta, Eboni and Traylene*



