

*In Loving Memory of*



*Gregory Kelly*

*Sunrise*  
*July 14, 1950*

*Sunset*  
*April 3, 2020*

*Service*

*Friday, April 17, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.*

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**  
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

# *Reflections of Life*

Gregory Kelly was born on July 14, 1950 in Brooklyn, New York. Growing up, he attended the Brooklyn public elementary school and spent his adolescent and young adult years growing up in Camden, South Carolina. Gregory graduated from Jackson High School in Camden, South Carolina, he also attained education and community college credits and was employed by DuPont Chemical Plant in Kershaw County, South Carolina until he relocated to New Jersey in the early 1980's.

After relocating to New Jersey, Gregory would soon meet his loving and dedicated lifelong partner, Maggie in 1986. Together they resided in Paterson, New Jersey, making a home for their three daughters and two grandsons.

Gregory spent the last two decades of his life working at the Coalition on AIDS in Passaic County (CAPCO) Resource Center as a Health Educator. His responsibilities included outreach to the community, providing HIV/STI/Hepatitis/TB Risk Education and Risk Reduction Skills. During his time at CAPCO, Greg gained special training and was certified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to deliver Healthy Relationships, Safety Counts, RESPECT, VOICES/VOCES and HIV Counseling & Testing.

In 2006, Gregory's leadership skills were recognized by CAPCO's Board of Trustees and he was recruited to become a member of the Executive Board. In the same year, he was appointed by the Mayor of the City of Paterson to become a Commissioner on the Bergen-Passaic HIV Health Services Planning Council. Gregory's integrity and work ethic were impeccable. He was highly esteemed by other Commissioners and was elected as the Chair of the HIV Health Services Planning Council and where he remained in that position for ten (10) years.

Greg loved life and lived it to the fullest. He loved being the best dressed, was always dapper in appearance and the sharpest in the room. If you knew him you could find him doing what he loved, grilling (winter included), watching old westerns, the ID channel and can't forget about those Yankees.

At every moment of his life, he would Carpe Diem (seize the moment) to speak about his girls and their accomplishments. If he wasn't speaking about his girls, Greg would seize the moment of enjoying his grandfather status, taking his grandsons to and from practice and cheering them on at every game. It was Greg's nature to be just a phone call away for his family. He would drop everything he was doing to help his family with no questions asked. He will be greatly missed and cherished by his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lucille Lee, stepdaughter, Clarice Holland, brothers, Paul Belton and Amen Al-Azar El (Bunky).

On Friday, April 3, 2020, at the age of sixty-nine, Greg transitioned from his earthly home into God's home.

Greg is survived by his loving life partner, Maggie of Paterson, NJ; his loving daughters, Tiffany Kelly of Lodi, NJ and Brittany Kelly of Cranston, RI; his grandsons, Tyrese Holland and Gregory Brown of Paterson, NJ; five sisters, Lottie Bolden of Paterson, NJ, Alcene O'Neal-Jones of Rockingham, NC, Patricia O'Neal of Marion, OH, Valerie O'Neal of Perth Amboy, NJ and Peggy (Anthony) Kelly Thompson of Montclair, NJ; three brothers, Michael (Jennie) O'Neal of Paterson, NJ, Lonnie (Jeannette) Wallace of Paterson, NJ and John (Kim) O'Neal of Hamlet, NC; sisters-in-law, Ora Belton of Camden, SC and Marion Pickett-El, Brunswick, GA; one aunt, Mildred Parrish of New Rochelle, NY; one uncle, Calvin Lee of Camden, SC whom he loved dearly and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Officiated by Peggy Kelly Thompson

Prayer

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Romans 8:35-38

Obituary

Eulogy

Closing Prayer

Committal

## **Interment**

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Street

Clifton, New Jersey

## *You Live Always*

*It's true we bring nothing into this world, and nothing we take when we pass. So the time in between we must use carefully, for only the memories will last. We hurt because you left us, we cry because you're gone; with sorrow we must say goodbye. But your memory lives on. Because of what you mean to us the loneliness will always remain. But because of all the love you gave, in our hearts you'll live always.*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Gregory Kelly** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during this our time of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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