



## *A Silent Tear*

Just close your eyes and you will see  
All the memories that you have of me  
Just sit and relax and you will find  
I'm really still there inside your mind.

Don't cry for me now I'm gone  
For I am in the land of song  
There is no pain, there is no fear  
So dry away that silent tear  
Don't think of me in the dark and cold  
For here I am, no longer old  
I'm in that place that's filled with love  
Known to you all, as "up above"

- Author Unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Almeta Brown and Robert Kelley wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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## *Almeta Brown*

December 25, 1933 - December 19, 2023



## *Robert Kelley*

February 21, 1937 - December 21, 2023

**Thursday, January 4, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.**

### **Neighborhood Baptist Church**

52 North First Street, Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Arlie Shropshire, Pastor*

*Lillian McKenzie, Organist*



## Almeta Brown

Almeta Brown was born on December 25, 1933. She was the daughter of the late David & Julia Kelley.

Almeta attended Jackson High School in Camden, SC from which she graduated.

Almeta migrated from Bethune, SC after she graduated from Jackson High School. She relocated to Paterson, NJ. She was a member of the Neighborhood Baptist Church Paterson for many years. She united with the Family Circle Baptist Church Paterson in 1973, under the leadership of the late Pastor CJ Spencer. Almeta Brown continued her membership under the leadership of Pastor David L. McFadden. She served as a Deaconess and as a substitute Sunday School Teacher for eight years. She was also an adviser for the Junior Ushers for ten years. Almeta served the Lord as Mother of the church, she was also a faithful member of the Senior Choir. She loved to sing, especially about the Lord. One of her favorite songs was Amazing Grace. She also enjoyed playing cards and board games at times.

Almeta was employed at the Riverside Laundry Paterson for several years. She later worked for Financial Services for many years as a computer key punch operator in Glen Rock, NJ. Prior to her retirement she was employed as a home Health aide where she enjoyed helping others.

Almeta leaves to continue her legacy one granddaughter, Sabrina Williams; four great grandchildren (one deceased) three great great grandchildren. Almeta also has lots of nieces, great nieces and nephews; one goddaughter; Yolanda-Isom-James.

A special thanks to her beloved niece Willene Kelley-Spencer for her continued love and care shown in Almeta's time of need and throughout her illness.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to her great niece Kim Kelley-Thaxton for her love and support she provided to Almeta in her time of need.

## Order of Service

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes... "Revelations 7:17"

Officiating  
Dr. James A. Kuykendall

Prayer of Comfort  
Rev. Arlie Shropshire, Pastor

Scripture Lessons  
Old Testament - Psalms 23 - Rev. Thomas Hinson  
New Testament - St. John 14:1-11 - Elder Kathy Kuykendall

Selection  
Lillian McKenzie - "Near The Cross"

Poem  
Sabrina Williams

Remarks (2 Minutes Please)  
Family, friends

Acknowledgements and Reflections of Life  
Valerie Barnes & Jelyssa Mejia

Selection  
Deacon Arlethia Kelley  
"Amazing Grace"

Eulogy  
Rev. David McFadden, Pastor  
Family Circle Baptist Church  
Paterson, NJ

Final Viewing

Recessional

Almeta Brown Interment  
Laurel Grove Cemetery  
295 Totowa Rd  
Totowa, NJ 07512

Robert Kelley Interment  
Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum  
22-21 Maple Ave.  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

## Robert Kelley

A loving husband, father, grandfather, dear brother and friend. Robert "Bob" Kelley departed this life peacefully at Excel Rehabilitation Care Center Wayne on Thursday, December 21, 2023.

He was born in Bethune, South Carolina, on February 21, 1937. He was the eldest of two children born to the late Annie Mae Cook. He received his education in the Carver School System.

At age 18, he relocated to Paterson, NJ. He met his beloved Helen, whom he married, they were blessed with six beautiful children.

Robert was a hardworking man who held several jobs throughout his life. He started as a dump truck driver and later worked as an independent trucker for James Cook. He spent over twenty years of his life as a driver for Carretta Trucking Inc. and received two awards during his tenure - the Million Mile Safety Award and a gold ring for being the most trusted driver. His last job before retiring in 2010 was with Redline Express.

In his spare time, Robert enjoyed lying on his stomach watching old Westerns or Baseball. He also enjoyed playing baseball as an outfielder for several Paterson community teams. He was a big fan of the NY Mets however he had a great dislike for the New York Yankees. He was also involved with the F & A. M. Masons and Order of Eastern Star for many years.

Despite facing hardships in life, Robert remained determined and strong-willed, which earned him his peers' respect and admiration.

He was preceded in death by his former wife Helen, and youngest daughter, Terry.

Cherished memories will live on through his five children: Carl Cook (April) of Broadlands, Virginia, Judith Kelley of Paterson, NJ, Ronnie Kelley of Bronx, New York, Melinda Kelley (Vernon) of Charlotte, NC, and Keith Kelley (Arlethia) of Paterson, NJ. He also leaves his beloved sister Willene Kelley-Spencer of Hawthorne, NJ; two nieces, Shirry Douglas and Pamela Douglas; a nephew, David Douglas; fourteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, a great-great-granddaughter, and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends who will forever cherish his memories.