

THE HOME GOING CELEBRATION

OF LIFE

Sunrise
JUNE 26, 1930

Sunset
OCTOBER 22, 2019



DOROTHY C. KELLY



VIEWING:

10:00 A.M.

UNTIL

SERVICE:

11:00 A.M.



FRIDAY, NOV. 1, 2019

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MRS. DOROTHY CORNELIA KELLY

OBITUARY



On Tuesday, October 22, 2019, Mrs. Dorothy Cornelia Kelly went home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Affectionately known as “Dot”, Dorothy was born on June 26, 1930 to Alexander and Effie Shelton in Amherst County Virginia. At an early age, Dorothy loved life and she loved people. She worked very hard supporting her family and the family farm. She told many stories about riding her favorite horse in the evening, milking her favorite cow before walking to school in the morning and shooting her father’s shotgun. She also enjoyed dancing and singing with her sister Odessa and cousins. She graduated from Amherst Training school in 1949. In her late teens, she moved from Amherst Virginia to join her aunt Mrs. Elizabeth Neely in Washington DC. She enrolled in Dunbar High School to complete her District of Columbia High School requirements.

In her mid-twenties she fell in love with Mr. Julius W. Kelly. Mr. Kelly had two sons, Warren and Maurice. Julius and Dorothy married in 1955. God blessed them with their first child, Duke in 1956.

Dorothy knew the importance of having a quality education. In 1960, she enrolled her son in St. Martin’s Elementary School. Dorothy simultaneously converted to Catholicism. As part of the St. Martin’s community, Dorothy and Duke be-friended many of the leading families of the church and school including the Pikes, the Butlers and the Heights. For over 60 years, Dorothy was an active member of St. Martin’s Catholic Church. She was a member of many organizations and clubs including the Ladies Sodality, Mother’s Club, St. Martin’s Home and School association, and later, the St. Martin’s Sunday morning church Greeter. She had her favorite seat in the church sitting with her dearest friends Mary and Alice. She cherished her St. Martin’s church community and loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She looked forward to the Thursday night visits from her daughter-in-law Anita. Her other interests included maintaining a strong family life, gardening, cooking and shopping. She often said, “I don’t drink, and I don’t smoke, but I sure do like to shop”.

Dorothy worked for AraMark Food Services Incorporated and was assigned to the Pentagon. She ran a small section of the cafeteria that sold the best hot and cold sandwiches, soups and pastries in the building. Her shop was nicknamed “Dottie’s Station” and was very popular around lunchtime. She retired in the early 1990s. This gave her more time to spend with her grandchildren Amanda, Chris, Carmen and Charles. She and her husband Julius spent many days picking up Charles and Carmen from their school, enjoying summers in the park, bowling, watching movies, hosting pizza parties, enjoying family trips, attending extra-curricular school activities and cooking family meals together.

When you met Mrs. Dorothy Kelly, you were greeted by a warm and sincere smile, a caring heart and always a willingness to help. She was a modest, soft spoken lady who “carried a big stick” and loved the Lord and her family.

Memories of Dorothy will be cherished by her child Duke and Warren (deceased); Daughters-In-Law Lynda and Anita Kelly; Grandchildren Charles Kelly, Carmen Lancaster, Amanda Kelly, Chris Kelly, and Lyndi Davis; Grand Son-In-law Kamau Lancaster; Sister Odessa Beverly; Sister-In-Law Georgia Kelley; Great Grand-children Zyana Lancaster and Alaina Brewster-McCarthy; nephews Stanley Beverly, Mark Beverly, Stanley Kelly and nieces Robin Kelley, Janice Pope, Karen Robey, Eric Wiser and Aaron Wiser.

Order of Service

Blessing of the Body.....

Hymn.....

First Reading Wisdom 3:1-9.....

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23.....

Second Reading Romans 6:3-9.....

Gospel John 14:1-6.....

Homily.....

Prayer of the Faithful (response: Lord hear our prayer).....

Presentation of the Gifts / Hymn.....

The Preface.....

Eucharistic Prayer.....

The Lord's Prayer.....

Communion Hymn.....

Tributes and Reflections.....

Final Commendation / Farewell.....

Closing Hymn.....



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Message to Grandma

I just want you to know that you were the PERFECT Grandma. You were an embodiment of unconditional love that only expected smiles and joy in return. A heart of pure gold, that you shared with the world. You were never satisfied until you knew for a fact that we had everything we needed, even when we'd continuously try to politely decline. You protected us as your own (much as I want to think I was protecting you); and you and Grandpa cheered us on all the way.

I wish I had more time to learn more about you and your adventures. But our adventures together have left me with so many places to remember you and I am grateful to always have those treasures. I'll hear your outbursting laughter and your welcoming "Hi Dear", I'll feel your comforting hugs, and I'll see that contagious smile that made nothing else matter in that moment.

She so affectionately called me "Her" Charles. But I am truly BLESSED to call her MY Grandma, my guardian angel.

I feel you were always my guardian angel, now it's just official with God in heaven.

Charles



Grandma, I Love you. I Honor you. It is hard to believe you are not physically with us. Just want to say thank you for all you have done for me.

Thank you for always genuinely being there for me. Whenever I called, you ALWAYS had a huge genuine smile on your face and greeted me with a joyful "Hi Carmen, how are you doing?" When I saw you, you ALWAYS had a love-filled kiss & hug to match. Thank you for that. I looked forward to those moments to see you, even at my lowest points. I appreciate all the lessons you have taught me by word and example. Even when I didn't say a word, you would realize something was wrong, minister to me, and help me when & where I needed it most. Thanks for that. Thank you for teaching me how to be a Woman of purpose. You showed me how to love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength and how to press through challenge with precision and joy. Thank you for that. Thank you for spending quality time with me . . . for all the laughs, the inside jokes, the cooking lessons, the dance breaks . . . Thank you for showing me how to be an awesome wife and nurturing mother, even to those whom I did not physically give birth.

Thank you for teaching me how to laugh and have joy even at what seems my lowest points in life.

You are truly a Jewel. You cannot be replaced.

Your God-driven passion to enjoy life, and love God and family beamed with a fire that I have absorbed and positively reflect on daily. I love you & I appreciate you always reflecting that positive light in my life ALL the time. I intend to let my life reflect the essence of my gratitude to you by living what you taught me. And your legacy will continue to live on and on and on . . .

Love you grandma



XOXO

-Carmen

Message from Son



Oh Ma, there are there is no way to truly explain, or words that can honestly express how much I love you, how much you mean to me, and how much you have done for me over the past 63 years.

You have always been by my side, regardless of the good times or bad times. You have always been that person that helped me, defended me, listened to me, directed me and strengthened me. You have always provided that positive and consistent message that I needed to lean on. I remember so many times trying to thank you, and you modestly said, "I'm your Mom".

As a child, you nurtured me, cleaned me, feed me, scolded me and through your examples, showed me what "Love" is and how to "Love". You showed me God's love and examples of how God loves all of us. You showed me how to embrace God's love and not to be ashamed to tell others about it. Ma, you made life fun and exciting. You had a way that made hard work easier and heart ache less painful. I enjoyed going to the movies with you, going downtown during Christmas time in DC to watch the Christmas displays in the Department store windows. I enjoyed our trips to visit relatives, even if I did not know them. I remember those succulent meals you would prepare. You showed me how to cook, clean house, dust furniture, sew and wash clothes, and not be embarrassed because it was "ladies work". I remember you saying, "you should never depend on someone else to do something you should do for yourself".

You and Dad showed me how to get serious, get focused and get the job done. You and Dad were a nurturing team that helped me become the man I am today. I love you Ma, for the hugs when I was down, the medicine when I was sick and the discipline when I was wrong.

Ma, you were right. As an adult, I realized your love prepared me to be a righteous man, a faithful Christian and a good Father. All the discipline, hard work, steadfastness, and love showed me how to be able to love others as well as myself. You showed me how to "quiet the noise" around me, so that I can stay focused on task. When it was time for me to become a father, I leaned on the examples you and Dad provided to show me the way.

I could go on and on, but I will close by saying, Ma, I love you. I refuse to say "Good-Bye" to you, but rather say "See you Later".

I LOVE YOU Ma,

Duke



MR. AND MRS. JULIUS W. KELLY

PALLBEARERS

Stanley Beverly	Mark Beverly
Tony Sweeney	Maurice Pike
Kamau Lancaster	Christopher Davis

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The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of love, kindness, and sympathy shown during the passing of our Loved One. We thank you and may God bless you.

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