



## Charles Anthony Kelly

June 22, 1956 - August 2, 2021

### A LIFE WELL LIVED

Charles Anthony Kelly or better known to friends and family as “Kelly” and “Anthony” was easy going, kind hearted, and loved by many. A devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend he spent his last days celebrating milestones with family and playing with his grandson Mason whom he loved dearly. On August 2, 2021, Charles rejoined his wife of many years, father, and favorite Uncle as he made his transition to his final home to rest peacefully.

### The Early Years

Charles Anthony was born on June 22, 1956, in Washington, DC, the second oldest child to Thelma and the late Eugene Kelly. He was educated in the DC Public School System. Finishing his educational career as a proud graduate of H.D. Woodson High School, class of 1975. He stayed connected with his classmates by frequently attending small gatherings and class reunions.

### Working Man

Anthony was a man of many skills and talents, but he really enjoyed driving the most. He started working as young man, driving his ice cream truck around the neighborhood. He then transitioned to the big leagues and obtained his CDL in order to drive big trucks and buses. He began his long

time, 32 year career, as a Metro bus operator in March of 1979. He spent countless hours on the road, not only driving his Metro customers, but also taking people around the city in his personal cab service. Driving others around was indeed one of his favorite things to do.

### Family Ties

Anthony was married to Roxanne for 32 years before her passing in February 2015. They raised three beautiful children, Dominique, Diana, and DeAngelo together at their long time home in Maryland. Uncle Anthony, as he was affectionately called by his many, Nieces and nephews, enjoyed spending evenings and weekends hanging out with them and his great nieces and nephews at “BJ” and Kellie’s homes. You could always find him there eating Skye’s candy, shooting hoops with LJ , or bothering Kayla’s dog, Raider. He never missed a day stopping by 45th place to check on his beloved mother, Thelma. Whether it was mowing the lawn, taking the trash out, or getting his car to twinkle like the stars in the sky, Charles loved his old neighborhood and took very good care of his mother and his childhood home.

Sunday’s are the day of rest for most, but not for Charles he made sure to go by his sister Gwen’s house every Sunday for a delicious Caribbean meal prepared by her husband Bob. He loved hanging out there with his siblings, Eugene Jr., Pam, Lisa, Gwen, and Charlene. Charles spent most Sundays making his rounds to family member’s homes, without calling first. While this may have been annoying, it was always expected.

His grandson, Mason, was his newest joy and brought so much love and light to his life. He enjoyed teaching him how to ride a bike, taking him out on his four wheeler, and showing him the ropes of the boxing ring. He checked in with Mason daily and although he was tired from chasing him around, he never said no to a day in the park or fun outside in the pool for a good old fashioned water gun and Nerf fight.

### The Life of the Party

Anthony was indeed the life of the party! He never turned down an invitation for a good time. From house parties, to family gatherings, to formal banquets he showed up and showed out...IN STYLE. His infectious smile, stylish outfits, and delicious frozen drinks will be forever missed.

### Forever in our Hearts

We will cherish the memories we've had with our warm hearted, loving Charles forever. He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Thelma Kelly; two daughters, Dominique and Diana; one son, DeAngelo; One son in law, Theo; one grandson, Mason; four sisters, Pamela, Gwen, Lisa, and Charlene; one brother, Eugene, an Aunt Brenda Preston; one sister- in-law, Bonji; two brothers-in-law, Jessie and Robert "Bob" Sr. and an abundance of nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends.

# Previous Events

## **A MASK MUST BE WORN to enter the Church**

AUG 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

New Macedonia Baptist Church  
4115 Alabama Ave S.E.  
Washington, DC 20019

## **Visitation**

AUG 19. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## **Memorial Service**

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# Tribute Wall

HD

“ I will truly keep the family lifted in prayer! I have had a many good laughs in the presence of Anthony and always a pleasure to be around.

*Harry K. Dixon*



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**Harry Dixon** - August 21, 2021 at 07:05 PM

LI

“ Love and Hugs from your Chilhowie, Virginia Family

*Lillian Thompson*



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**Lillian** - August 19, 2021 at 04:05 PM

MP

“ From the very first time that I met Kelly, he has always been very nice and ALWAYS had that smile. May GOD give his family the comfort that they need at a time like this. Trust in GOD and he will comfort you. Proverbs 3:5-6 says it all and that's what the Pastor and singer was talking about. GOD has another GREAT angel!! May the love and peace of GOD continue to be with his family!!



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**Mary "Doll" Pollard** - August 19, 2021 at 12:26 PM

CF

“ FROM THE FORD & WALKER FAMILY  
(SIMPLE CITY) PRAYERS ARE LIFTED FOR  
THE KELLY FAMILY 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🌹🕊️



Carlita Ford Walker & FAMILY - August 19, 2021 at 12:04 PM

CF

“ Sending Our Prayers & Condolences to the  
Kelly Family During this DIFFICULT TIME 🙏  
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Carlita Ford Walker & FAMILY - August 19, 2021 at 12:02 PM

DF

“ Debbie Foster lit a candle in memory of  
Charles Anthony Kelly



Debbie Foster - August 19, 2021 at 10:43 AM

DF

“ Thelma and Family,  
Please know all of you are in our thoughts and prayers today as you  
lay Anthony to rest. We all have cherished memories that will bring  
us comfort today and always. With lots of love from "down in the  
country".

Debbie Foster - August 19, 2021 at 10:42 AM

MW

“ *Michael Williams lit a candle in memory of Charles Anthony Kelly*



Michael Williams - August 18, 2021 at 09:16 PM

GG

“ *Praying for Thelma, the entire Kelly family and friends during this difficult season. May Anthony rest in heavenly peace.*



Gloria A Grayton - August 18, 2021 at 05:20 PM

Joice M Walls

“ *Joice M Walls lit a candle in memory of Charles Anthony Kelly*



Joice M Walls - August 18, 2021 at 05:07 PM

Joice M Walls

*Mrs. Kelly and family I extend my deepest sympathies and pray that God will comfort you and Bless you with His peace and keep you and your family in His care.....❤️❤️❤️*

Joice M Walls - August 18, 2021 at 05:13 PM

BF

“ *Thelma, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Continue to look to the Hills from whence cometh all your help.* 🙏❤️



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**Bradie and Lucy Frink** - August 18, 2021 at 02:07 PM