



Edward G. Kels

March 8, 1927 - April 1, 2015

Edward G. Kels was born on March 8, 1927 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was the oldest and 1 of 3 sons from the union of the late Rachel Wallace and Gus L. Kels. In his youth the family relocated to Pittsburgh, PA and settled in the Hill District section of the city. He was educated in the Pittsburgh Public School System and graduated from high school. "Kels", as he was called by family and friends alike answered the call to duty by serving his country in the United States Army and at the time of his honorable discharge had reached the rank of sergeant.

He was united in marriage to Eva Pettus and from this union 3 children were born. He began his working career in the then booming steel industry, first with the United States Steel Works in Homestead and than at Acheson Steel in Rankin where he worked until retirement.

He was a longtime member of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church and played an active role in church life. He was a member of the Usher Board, Men's Auxiliary Committee, sang in the choir and served faithfully until his death no longer permitted him to do so. Kels had a genuine love for life. He was a storyteller, a jokester, and genuinely funny. There is not one person who knew him that does not smile or laugh at the mention of his name because of some story he had told or something that he had said.

On April 1, 2015, the Lord called Edward Glover Kels home. He is preceded in death by his wife, Eva Kels; son, Edward (Leebop) Kels, Jr., daughter, Gloria Kels Williams; great grandson, T.J. McClain; and brothers, Frank and William Kels.

He leaves to cherish his memory daughters: Angela (Ronald) Harper and Gwen Kels; 3 grandchildren: Rhonda Kels, Kevin Kels, and Charlene Williams; 10 great grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren; daughter-in-law. Sarah Kels; his church family; friend, LaVerne Edmonds and a host of other good friends and family too numerous to mention. He will be missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church
5524 2nd Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

APR 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Homewood Cemetery
1588 South Dallas Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward G. Kels*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



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January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM