

## Floral bearers

Family  
and  
Friends

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## An Expression Of Gratitude

We the family of James Milton "Tootie" Kelton would like to sincerely express our appreciation for your prayer, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, food, and every act of kindness shown to us during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

The Kelton Family

On behalf of the Staff and Management  
of

**Waters Funeral Home, Inc.,**

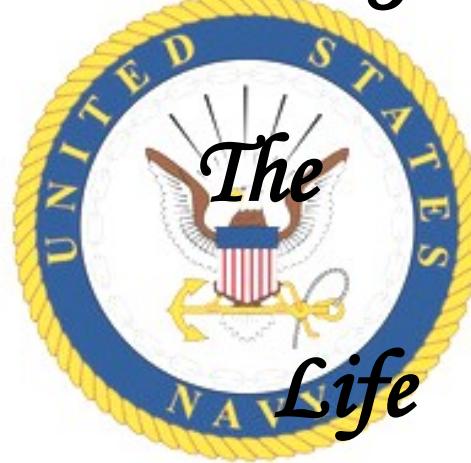
we would like to extend our sympathy to the family  
and thank you for entrusting your precious loved one in our care.

**Terry L. Waters, Sr., cfsp**

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## Celebrating



of

## James Milton Kelton

"Tootie"

Sunrise  
December 11, 1938

Sunset  
November 17, 2025

Saturday, November 29, 2025  
12 Noon

**First Missionary Baptist Church**

113 Natchez Street  
Franklin, Tennessee 37064

Reverend James Hambrick, Officiating  
Elder Sharon Martin, Eulogist

## Reflections

James Milton "Tootie" Kelton transitioned his earthly home to his heavenly home on Monday, November 17, 2025 at his son's residence in Madison, Tennessee at the age of 86. James was born on December 11, 1938 in Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee to the parents of William Kelton and Audrey Ridley. He was preceded in death by his brothers, sisters and a great devoted friend Annie Frances Lane (Mother of his son).

"Tootie" received his education in the public schools of Williamson County and graduating from Natchez High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served for 20 years and retired September 13, 1978. James returned back to Franklin and has been a staple in the community every since. Tootie loved to talk and telling his stories from his years in the military; It was something he cherished and enjoyed talking about. Tootie loved being retired and reading a lot to fill his brain with knowledge to pass time by.

James Milton Kelton whom everyone called Tootie was stubborn, and had a heart of gold and would give you the shirt off his back. He loved his son, grandkids and step-daughter. They where the joy of his life, and he never missed a game, performance or anything dealing with these four.

Those left behind to cherish his memories, son, James "Munchie" Kelton; grandsons, Jordyn Kelton and Jacian Kelton; step-granddaughter, Janiah Davis; step-children, Michelle Lane and Michael Lane; sister, Katie Lejuana Kelton Prince, Franklin, TN; niece, Mattie Kelton Scruggs; nephews, Clark "Peaches" Prince, Ronald "Bubba" Prince, Gregory "Scotty" Prince, Joseph "JoJo" Patrick and Howard "Sonny" Kelton, Jr.; cousins and many friends, devoted friends Calvin Malone, Jean Armstrong, Senita Sawyers and Maxine Reva Lane.

## Order Of Service

Pastor James A. Hambrick, Officiating

Processional

Selection.....Congregational

Scripture.....Minister

Prayer.....Elder John Haynes

Selection.....Sister Jana Carothers  
and Britney Hardeman

Reflection.....Patrice Armstrong

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Resolutions.....Sister Cassandra Wray

Word of Expression.....Ministers

Selection.....Sister Jana Carothers  
and Britney Hardeman

Eulogy.....Elder Sharon Martin

Closing Prayer.....Pastor James A. Hambrick  
Recessional



## Service Of Committal

Toussaint L'Overture Cemetery  
Franklin, Tennessee