



In Loving Memory



Marian Elizabeth Kelley
1927 - 2026

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Calling Hours: 11:00am

Services: 12:00pm

Living Word Christian Fellowship Church
701 Broad Avenue NW
Canton, Ohio 44708



ORDER OF SERVICE

**Pastor Howard M. Robinson Sr.,
Officiant**

Family Procession

Scripture:

Jason Campbell

Pastor Oliver Campbell jr.

Prayer: Diane Maybry

Selection Awanya Williams

Condolences, & Legacy Reading

Chris Smith

Echoes of Love (2 minutes)

Selection Awanya Williams

Eulogy: Pastor Robinson

**Recessional & Cortège for
Internment at Forest Hill Cemetery
Committal & Benediction**

**Repast at the
The Laborers Union #1015
1121 West Tuscarawas Street
Canton, Ohio 44702**

Rest Now, Pretty Lady

*Ninety-eight years of love and grace,
A beautiful life no one can replace.
Through every season, through every year,
You gave us your love, your strength, and your care.*

*A daughter, a mother, a grandmother too,
A sister, an aunt, and a friend so true.
You touched many lives in all that you did,
And left behind a legacy that never will end.*

*You watched generations come into this world,
Your children, grandchildren, and great-
grandchildren,
And even great-great-grandchildren too—
So much love was given because of you.*

*Ninety-eight years is a beautiful story,
Filled with love, memories, laughter, and glory.
And though our hearts are heavy today,
We know God has called you home to stay.*

*So rest now, Grandma, your work here is done.
You fought the good fight; your race has been run.*

*No more pain, no more tears, no more night,
Just everlasting peace and heavenly light*

*Ninety-eight years of a life beautifully lived,
Ninety-eight years of all you gave and all you did.
Your legacy lives on in the hearts you have touched,*

And, Pretty Lady, you will always be loved so much.

*So close your eyes Marian E. as I called you until we
meet again I will forever love you.*

Get your rest, Pretty Lady.

**Your work is done, your legacy lives on, love
Tammi Rene' Nelson your number 2**

The Life & Legacy of Marian Elizabeth Kelley

Marian Elizabeth (Broy) Kelley lived a beautiful, full, and long life. Respected and loved, she was a wonderful and devoted daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. Marian's memory will live on forever through the lives of her family and friends.

Marian will be most remembered for being the **first Black secretary at Canton City Hall**, where she worked under the late Harry S. Miller. She was also known for helping countless Canton residents find employment during her more than 30 years of dedicated service with the Unemployment Office, from which she eventually retired.

Marian was a proud graduate of McKinley High School, where she participated in basketball and volleyball and was a member of the traveling softball team.

Those Who Went Before Her: Marian was preceded in death by her husband, **John R. Kelley**; her first husband and the father of her children, **Jasper "Stormy" Barkley**; her mother, **Mary F. Robinson**; her father, **William Timbers**; her brother, **Howard M. Robinson Sr.**; her sister-in-law, **Eula P. Robinson**; aunts **Jean (Jack) Mayle**, **Roberta (James) Gardner**, **Sue (Guy) Mack**; uncles **James (jim) Broy**, **Ernest (Fannie) Broy**, and **George Broy II**; nieces **Kathy Perrin** and **Sandra Robinson**; nephew **Robbie (Krystal) Robinson**; grandsons **Domiono Nelson**, **Joshua Nelson**, and **Javon Hood**; granddaughter **Lisa Barrino**; her favorite friend and cousin, **Margaret (Domingo) Tavares**; and friend **Norman Hall**.

Those Left to Cherish Her Memory: Marian leaves to cherish her beautiful memory her children, **Rinaldo "Ricky" Barkley I**, **Terryllae Barkley Tuck**, **Sheila Barkley Bennett**, and stepdaughter **Janetta Kelley**.

She also leaves her grandchildren: **Sheila (Jason) Campbell**, **Tammi (Richard) Nelson**, **Kionna Stokes**, **Rinaldo "Priest" Barkley**, **Tanganica (Chad) Tucker**, **Angel Barkley**, and **Robyn Umbles**, Jonathan Kelley, special grandson **Alpha Bennett Barkley (Jamie)**; special granddaughter **Jacqlyn Barkley (Vincent)**; special great-granddaughter **Chelaeh Frazier**; 41 great-grandchildren and 35 great-great-grandchildren.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sister-in-law **Frances Barkley**; niece and goddaughter **Aleemah Narsullah Muhammad (Anita)**; niece **Delonda "Dee Dee" Hawkins**; nephews **Howard (Denise) Robinson Jr.** and **William Barkley**; special niece **Christine Smith**; and special daughter **Sharon (John) Johnson**, along with a host of other relatives, friends, and loved ones.



Floral Bearers

Chyna Barkley-Richardson
Travisha Lucius

Chelaeh Frazier
Ashauna Mathews

Journie Humphries
Domiona Nelson

Casket Bearers

Je'Marion Barkley
Qasim (Buzzy) Faheem

Kae'Ron Barkley
Richard (Chonye') Nelson

Jayshawn Campbell
Steven Hawkins Jr.



With Gratitude from The Kelley Family

The family would like to extend their sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Marian's nursing staff and caregivers: DON (Tammy), Whitney Watson, Amy Hostic, Shalonda Gialluca, Davon Burton (Dash), Gaylon Sweat, and the Sanctuary Staff. Thank you for the love, care, kindness, and compassion you showed Marian. Special thank you to Cathy Spencer and Deshawna Campbell for all of your help. Marian will be forever loved, forever remembered.

Transitional Care Arrangements Entrusted

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