



Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.

January 26, 1926 - May 19, 2019

****NOTE: Funeral Arrangements listed Below****

Otha Burtrom Kelley, Sr. passed away peacefully on May 19, 2019 after a lengthy illness surrounded by some of his loved ones. Otha was born the 9th child to Alexander Kelley and Esther (McKinney) Kelley on January 26, 1926 in Attalla, Alabama. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior early in his life.

He was a veteran of the United States Army where he served during World War II. Otha retired after 37 years of employment with James River Paper Company (formerly Sutherland).

On August 19, 1945, Otha married Gertrude (Anderson) Kelley and to this union eight children were born. Otha and Gertrude were married for 44 ½ years until her death on June 16, 1989.

In October 2004 he married Nona Augusta who also preceded him in death on February 9, 2008.

Otha was also preceded in death by three sons, Raymond, Lowell and Otha Jr.; his parents and ten siblings.

Otha is survived by five sons, Gordon (Marcia) Kelley of Memphis, TN; Jeffrey (Terry Lynn) Kelley, Van Kelley, VaShawn Augusta all of Kalamazoo, MI and Steve Scott of Las Vegas, NV; three daughters, Diane (James) Kelley-Edwards, of Las Vegas, NV; Cynthia (Edward) Skipper and Keerika Augusta of Kalamazoo, MI; and a sister, Jewel Carr of Kalamazoo, MI; 18 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

MAY **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Harper Funeral Home - May 28, 2019 at 06:26 PM



“ Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Crystal Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Crystal Bell - July 02, 2019 at 11:06 PM



“ My condolences to the KELLY family❤️

Crystal Bell - July 02, 2019 at 11:06 PM

AW

“ Andrew And Dawn Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Andrew And Dawn Wilkerson - May 30, 2019 at 01:53 PM

RL

“ Ramona Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Ramona Lumpkin - May 30, 2019 at 12:48 AM

EF

“ Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Earline Fields - May 28, 2019 at 07:18 PM

BF

“ Our Condolences To The Kelley Family.....
Your Cousins The Bell Family Your In Our Prayers.. 🌹



Bell Family - May 28, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - May 28, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *Yvonne Heltzel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Yvonne Heltzel - May 28, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Victor & Margo Anderson - May 28, 2019 at 02:50 PM

VA

“ Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Victor & Margo Anderson - May 28, 2019 at 02:48 PM

KI

“ KimyattaArmstrong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



KimyattaArmstrong - May 28, 2019 at 11:13 AM

MV

“ Mignon A Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Mignon A Vincent - May 27, 2019 at 04:35 PM

DB

“ Dallas Blocker & Jeffra Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Dallas Blocker & Jeffra Bell - May 27, 2019 at 10:38 AM

SJ

“ *Sandra Hughes- Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Sandra Hughes- Johnson - May 27, 2019 at 12:18 AM

CA

“ *Charlene Abercrombie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Charlene Abercrombie - May 26, 2019 at 08:32 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Kevin Dunigan - May 26, 2019 at 03:45 PM

JW

“ *Jean White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



jean white - May 26, 2019 at 02:43 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Dallas Boards and family - May 26, 2019 at 10:34 AM

RW

“ Our condolences to the family of Otha B. Kelley, whom I have known for over 60 some years. We all worked together at The Brown Co. Jr. Anderson, Othello Goodwin, Lee Stewart, Eld. Ezelle Plair and Rev. Mack Davis along with Otha B. We also bowled in bowling leagues together for many years and I Anita won my first bowling league trophy with Mr. Otha at Pla More lanes. May God continue to bless the family... RJ & Anita Wilkerson



R. J. and Anita Wilkerson - May 26, 2019 at 09:34 AM

CD

“ Charles & Ann Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.



Charles & Ann Dunigan - May 26, 2019 at 03:27 AM

BB

“ *Bari Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Bari Brown - May 25, 2019 at 10:59 PM

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“ *Helen (Mills)!Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Helen (Mills)!Brooks - May 25, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ *Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Georgia Williams - May 25, 2019 at 05:48 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Pauline Gardner - May 25, 2019 at 05:21 PM

DR

“ *Donald And Ruby(Walker)Barbee lit a candle
in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Sr.*



Donald and Ruby(Walker)Barbee - May 25, 2019 at 01:48 PM