



## Mr. Otha B. Kelley Jr.

February 13, 1947 - February 19, 2013

Otha Burtrom Kelley, Jr. passed away peacefully on February 19, 2013 after a lengthy battle with Leukemia surrounded by his loved ones.

Otha was born the second child, the eldest son of Otha B. Kelley, Sr. and Gertrude (Anderson) Kelley on February 13, 1947 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and recommitted his life to Christ in 1998 becoming a faithful members of the Second Baptist Church in Las Vegas, NV.

Otha attended Lincoln Elementary and Junior High School. He graduated from Central High School in 1965. Shortly after his employment with Sutherland Paper Co. he joined the United States Navy, where he served during the Vietnam era. After his duty of service with the Navy he returned to Kalamazoo and resumed his employment with Brown Paper Company (formerly Sutherland). He was also employed with the Kalamazoo Public Schools for several years, before attending the school of Carpentry where he mastered the trade of cabinet building.

Otha moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1998. He was employed with Treasure Island and the Station Casinos until his retirement in 2010. Otha later moved back to Kalamazoo, MI to be with his family.

Otha was a proud father of son, AH'Kiem Sr. and a loving grandfather to AH'Kiem Jr. (Bud) and Ahry'Ana (sister) who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude and brothers Raymond and Lowell.

Otha is survived by his son, AH'Kiem, Sr. his father, Otha B. Kelley Sr.; two grandchildren, AH'Kiem Jr. and Ahry'Ana; five brothers, Gordon (Marcia) Kelley of Memphis, TN; Jeffrey (Terry Lynn) Kelley, Van Kelley, Shawn Augusta all of Kalamazoo, MI and Steve Scott of Las Vegas, NV; three sisters, Diane Kelley of Las Vegas, NV; Cynthia (Edward) Kelley-Skipper and Keerika Augusta both of Kalamazoo, MI; and a host of nieces and nephews. Also, special niece, Danene; nephews, Darryl, Demond and Karone) aunts, cousins and many friends, which included Lee Stuart of Kalamazoo, MI, James, Mary, Delores, Maria and Margaret all of Las Vegas, NV.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Custer National Cemetery (Military Honors)

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(269) 342-1000  
info@harperfuneral.com  
<https://www.harperfuneral.com>

## Service

FEB 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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



Harper Funeral Home - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Otha B. Kelley Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Otha B. Kelley Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ We light a candle in memory of our Uncle "Okie", Otha B. Kelley, Jr. We miss you dearly.

Love, Darryl, Deani, and Demond



Diane Kelley - May 11, 2013 at 09:00 PM

DK

“ *In tribute to my brother, Otha Jr., who is truly missed! I miss our talks, the laughter, reminiscing about our childhood, but most all of sharing God's word with each other. He was not only my big brother but he was my best friend!!! I know he is now resting in the Lord along with "Mama," Lowell, and Raymond.*

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**Diane Kelley** - May 11, 2013 at 08:55 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bowden, and the Bowden family rest in peace.*

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**delores bowden** - February 27, 2013 at 06:17 PM

MF

“ *May the God of all comfort become your refuge and strength during this most difficult time. (Psalm 46:1) Please accept our sincere condolences.*

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**Mines family** - February 26, 2013 at 04:19 PM

DS

“ *Denise & Sean Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Jr.*



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**Denise & Sean Scott** - February 26, 2013 at 09:59 AM

AS

“ *Alma M. Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Jr.*



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**Alma M. Snell** - February 25, 2013 at 09:11 PM

CD

“ *Otha was a big brother to me. He was my big brother Lee (Chip) best friend. Our families lived one street over from each other. We were all one big loving family who truly cared about each other. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Otha, you will be truly missed my sweet brother. You are now in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Peace, Love & Blessings,  
Cynthia (Stuart) Davis*

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**Cynthia Davis** - February 25, 2013 at 11:17 AM

EF

“ *Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otha B. Kelley Jr.*



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**Earline Fields and Family** - February 24, 2013 at 11:03 AM

PP

“ Otha and I share Grandchildren AH'Kiem & Ahry"Anna Kelley. When the kids were small we would always attend the school functions for programs and always enjoyed Grandparents Day....He was a kind caring and loveing person who loved his Grandchildren He will be greatly missed by all who knew him....Peggy Page

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**peggy Page** - February 23, 2013 at 12:49 PM