



## Earvin Kelley

May 22, 1939 - February 22, 2014

Earvin D. Kelley of Milford, DE, formally of Rehoboth Beach, DE, departed this life on Saturday, February 22, 2014 in Kent General Hospital. He was 74 years old. Earvin was born in Nassawadox, VA to the late Marvin and Ethel Kelley.

Earvin graduated from W.E. Jason High School in Georgetown, DE, which is now Del-Tech. He attended Delaware State College for some years. Earvin was dynamic at playing football and baseball.

He would have been drafted to play for the Major League Baseball team, but his dad put a stop to it, he said Earvin had to finish school. In 2010, he was inducted into the Negro Baseball Hall of Fame. Earvin held down several jobs such as: Doxie's Clam factory in Lewes, shucked oysters (also for private parties), cooker at restaurants, Mountaire and Paramount Poultry plants just to name a few. Earvin retired from the City of Rehoboth after years of service. He was known to many as "Ice Man" , "Smooth" "Kelley." He was also known for his style of big hats and one of a kind pipes. He loved his Cadillac's. Earvin loved to dress, nothing was out of place when he stepped out.

Earvin was a great father, granddad, great-granddad and father-in-law. He had a warm and loving heart. He went without so that some of his friends could have what they needed. He had a quality about him that was rare. He loved to fish, hunt, play cards, dominos (with his domino club). Even when his health was failing him, if he couldn't drive himself, he would get his grandsons, Antron or Marcus to drive him to Rehoboth, to play dominos.

Earvin loved to cook, he passed that down to his daughter, Pandora who learned a lot from her dad. Earvin was a lifetime member of the Masonic Mason Lodge, his rank was a 33rd degree.

Earvin was preceded in death by his father, Marvin W. Kelley; his mother, Ethel M. Kelley; his step-mother, Dorothy Marshall Kelley; sister, Hazel Marshall and brother, Elwood Gaines.

Earvin is survived by two daughters, Pandora (Vance G. Daniels, Jr.) of Lincoln, DE and Michelle Kelley of Raleigh, NC; six grandchildren, Antron Hazzard of Georgetown, DE, Reginald (Brittany) Hazzard of Millsboro, DE, Marcus Hazzard of Magnolia, DE, Jahmon Lunan of Raleigh, NC, Vance Daniels, III of Lincoln, DE and Vanasha Daniels of Lincoln, DE; one great-granddaughter, Majesty Hazzard of Dover, DE; three sisters, RosaLee Handy of Selbyville, DE, Maeola Waters of Frankford, DE and Diane (Charles) Lillard of Frankford, DE; four brothers, Thomas Marshall of Philadelphia, PA, Charles (Peggy) Marshall of Roxana, DE, Alvin (Karen) Marshall of Georgetown, DE and Marvin (Sissy) Marshall of Frankford, DE; and a host of family and friends.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am truly sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. There are many words of comfort I would like to say; however, it has often been found that the best source of comfort is found in God's word. God is aware of your pain. "He is healing the broken hearted ones, And is binding up their painful spots." Psalms 147:3 Death was never meant to be (Genesis 2:17). Therefore, "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord will certainly wipe the tears from all faces." Isaiah 25:8 May the hope of being reunited with your deceased loved one bring you a measure of comfort and joy.

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**M. Starke** - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for the passing of your loved one; please accept my sincere sympathy. While you are grieving your loss, I hope you can find some comfort in Jesus' promise of the resurrection(Acts 24:15) when those who have fallen asleep in death, will be raised up and restored back to life, with the hope of eternal life, on the renewed Paradise earth.-John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. Until that blessed promise is fulfilled and you are reunited with your loved one again, may GOD(Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now, during this time of sorrow.-Matthew 5:4.

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**M Jones jw.org** - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM