

SHERMAN - Eugene Kelly was born February 19, 1934 to the parentage of Ernest and Irene Kelly and passed from life to glory Feb. 04, 2016. He was a graduate of Terrell High School in Denison, TX. On June 16, 1957, Eugene married the beautiful, Ms. Juanita Toodle. He and Juanita were blessed to parent seven beautiful children and share 39 wonderful years together before her passing. He worked as a Forklift Operator for Johnson & Johnson Medical and retired after 33 years of service.

Eugene was ordained in the ministry in 1979 and pastored at LeHigh Baptist, Pleasant Grove Baptist, Community Baptist and Bethel Bells Baptist Churches over his nearly thirty-year pastoral tenure. He faithfully served and held several offices with the Sherman Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He enjoyed bowling, playing a good game of dominoes, reading, and watching TV (especially the Price is Right). He was a humble man with a big heart and a giving spirit. He always had a song in his heart after his sermons. He will be remembered for his untiring service to God and this community.

A Celebration honoring his life will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at Fellowship Baptist Church, in Sherman. Reverend Arnold Baker will officiate with Reverend C.E. Evans, eulogist. Interment with military honors will follow at West Hill Cemetery. You may visit Reverend Kelly today from 10-6 at the funeral home followed by family night from 7-8 at Fellowship church.

His parents, wife Juanita, sons Eugene II and Joel Luis, three brothers and three sisters, all preceded him in death.

Left to cherish his memory are children, Jene Michelle Kelly of Sherman; Darryl Kelly and wife Alicia of Carrollton, Texas; Vincent T. Kelly and wife Elaine of Mableton, Georgia;

Toni Harrison-Kelly of Desoto, Texas; and Shawna Nelson of Sherman; siblings, Edward Kelly and wife Wilma, Geneva Fisher, Shelia White, Ernestine Randle and husband Henry; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Pauline Harrison; and a host of other loved ones and friends.

The Kelly Family is Under the Personal Care of the Cravens Funeral Home. Condolences can be made online at http://www.cravensfuneralhome.com.

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