



In Loving Memory Of

Kenneth "Ken" Kirkland

January 26, 1963 ~ June 23, 2015

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And He delighteth in his ways. Psalm 37:23*

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Overwhelming love for family describes Kenneth “Ken” Kirkland, 52, who transitioned to his heavenly home on June 23, 2015. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God sustained him and ultimately gave him peace. *The steps of a good man are ordained by the Lord: and He delighteth in his ways (Psalm 37:23).*

Kenneth Kirkland was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on January 26, 1963, to Charles Kirkland Jr. and Annette Kirkland. He was active in his church community, Calvary Church of God, where he served as an usher. He was a graduate of Bloomfield High School. Ken built a reputation as a hard worker and among his several jobs, he worked for 12 years as a School Resource Officer at Capital Preparatory Magnet School. In this role, Ken received several awards and recognitions, including a City of Hartford Official Citation from former Major Eddie A. Perez, for courageous effort in ensuring the safety of the Hartford Public High School students in a time of crisis.

Kenneth Kirkland was blessed with a loving family. He married Meranda Mills on September 2, 2000. He helped raise three children and his grandson with love, patience, and discipline. He was an exceptional provider for his family and is dearly missed by all, including his friends, whose lives he touched.

For those who knew Ken well, they understood that his favorite color was white which signifies purity. He loved football and his favorite team was the Chicago Bears. He and his grandson Maurice enjoyed watching the games and discussing various plays. Ken loved the State of Georgia, his grandmother’s home. Another favorite and enjoyment for Ken was his wife’s cultural dishes. Finally, Ken’s favorite pastime for intellectual stimulation was visiting his hometown library and in giving back to the community. He volunteered at the local fire department, the Police Explorers, and the Ambulance Services. Ken’s closest childhood friends, Mark, a Police Officer and Robert, a Fireman, remember fondly their high school days as well as their continued years of friendship.

Kenneth Kirkland is survived by his wife, Meranda Mills-Kirkland; his son, Kenneth Kirkland, Jr.; his daughter, Saige Kirkland; his mother and father, Charles Jr. and Annette Kirkland; his grandson, Maurice Gordon; his brothers, Charles Kirkland III, and Gregory Kirkland; his sisters, Pamela Kirkland-Kelly and Monica Murray; and two nephews and five nieces. His daughter, Fiona G. Mighty, predeceased him in 2012.

In the closing chapter of his life, Ken shared words of inspiration as a parting legacy for his family: of and to his wife Meranda, he said, "Meranda is a fantastic and outstanding wife. Continue to love and care for the family." To his son Kenneth Jr., with whom he always had fun discussions about cars, he said, "Remain strong and be genuine and never give up." To his daughter, Saige, he said, "Remain strong, make the best choices and always listen to your mother's instructions." To his grandson, Maurice, he said, "Maurice was a good, helpful and a joyful kid to be around and he must continue to stay on track." To all children and the scholars attending Capital Preparatory Magnet School, he said, "Stay focused on your studies and hold your heads up at all times."

The Calvary Church of God family will miss Kenneth Kirkland's welcoming presence in his role as usher. Pastor David Lee speaks not only of Kenneth Kirkland's love for his family, but also his love for the church.

Kenneth Kirkland will no longer be with us in his physical form, however, in the words of Kenneth Jr., *"Dad's presence will always be around."*

Kenneth Kirkland was memorialized in a wake service on July 2, 2015, at Calvary Church of God, 770 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Viewing took place 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; the service began at 7:00 p.m. The home-going service was held on Friday, July 3, 2015, at the church with viewing at 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; the service began at 10:00 a.m. Interment took place at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut, at 11:45 a.m. Pastor David Lee officiated the services.

Memories Management LLC gratefully appreciates being entrusted by the family to capture and preserve the legacy of Kenneth Kirkland.



