

Wow! I can hardly believe that the second love of my life left me to go be with the first love of our lives... Jesus! Honey, every day with you was a day to celebrate God's goodness and I thank Him for creating you. Those special qualities that made you who you are, made your life such a blessing to me and so many others. You were His perfect choice for my husband. Even now today, I want you to know that I have loved and respected you and was truly honored to share in your life. I'll see you in The Glory! With all my love for all your life... when you were here and beyond.

Pat



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# Celebrating The Life Of Beauford Kelley, Jr.



Chapter 1  
February 24, 1951

Chapter 2  
August 25, 2021

## Services

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.

Church Of Tomorrow  
6800 North Bryant  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Pastor James Fortune - Officiating

# Obituary

I was born in 1951 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. My birthday is February 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Yes indeed! I was fearfully and wonderfully made! My school records said the 26th. My mother, Margaret Walker Kelley, said it was the 25<sup>th</sup>, but my wife Pat looked at my birth certificate and it said the 24<sup>th</sup>. I still believe Mother is the most credible cause she was there, never mind the epidural. I was a happy, cute little kid. I was named after my father Beauford Kelley Senior because after the birth of my three elder sisters, I was the first born boy. Yep! Numero four out of eight children.

I graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma and continued my education in Edmond, Oklahoma at Central State University, now named University of Central Oklahoma, or (UCO). That's where I received my Bachelors and Masters degrees in Business Administration. While at UCO, I was initiated into the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1969. I had the privilege of serving as Keeper of Exchequer and then I hung around long enough to receive my 50 year membership award in 2019.

After working for Westinghouse Electric, UARCO Incorporated, and PENNCORP FINANCIAL SERVICES, I eventually landed at Millwood Public Schools where I served as Business Manager for 21 years before retiring in 2010. I have really enjoyed watching basketball, as well college football but the thing that made me the ABSOLUTE happiest was when I could make a little kid laugh and smile. I tried to make adults laugh but I really had a hard time finishing my jokes before uncontrollably laughing myself. So they never got the punch line. Sigh. Kids are much easier to entertain!

Life changed for me TREMENDOUSLY in 1990, when I met the beautiful, kind, wonderful, Proverbs 31, gracious, slim, caring, compassionate, hey WAIT A MINUTE...who's writing this now??? I think there's been a hijacking. Nevertheless, we married in 1994. And up until the day I went to heaven, would you believe she still kept reminding me that I owed her a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance from 2 years prior? Sheesh. Mother, Daddy, and my big sister Pat came to heaven before me. But here I am, waiting for the arrival of my loving wife Pat; my siblings, Marva Mabry (Robert), Pauline Howard (Royce), Grace Alexander (Earl), Mark Kelley, Sr. (Cheryl), Michael Kelley (Barbara), Rodney Kelley; a host of relatives, and all of you friends. Please be sure to confirm your reservation! Love you all to life.

# Order of Service

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- Welcome & Opening Prayer ..... Pastor Charla Goss
  - Playing of Worship Video
  - Reading of Obituary & Resolutions ..... Pastor Charla Goss
  - Video Reflections from Family & Friends
  - Personal Memories ..... Pauline Howard, Reggie Sims, Michelle Cook
  - Video Compilation Honoring Beauford Kelley, Jr.
  - Eulogy & Closing Prayer ..... Pastor James Fortune

## *1 Thessalonians 4:13 AMP*

*Now we do not want you to be uninformed, believers, about those who are asleep (in death), so that you will not grieve (for them) as the others do who have no hope (beyond this present life).*

## Acknowledgment

The family of Beauford Kelley, Jr. wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.