

PALLBEARERS

Nephews
Deacons of Greater Mt. Carmel

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Men of Greater Mt. Carmel

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces and Womens Mission Ministry of Mt. Carmel

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Women of Greater Mt. Carmel



INTERMENT

Rose Hill Burial Park
6001 N. Grand Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Dr. Kary Gerone Free wishes to express their gratitude for the love and kindness shown to them during this difficult time.

WITH MUCH LOVE & SPECIAL THANKS

Words cannot exemplify my heartfelt thanks too so many who assisted in the care of Dr. K. Gerone Free. I greatly appreciate his physicians, Dr. Jesse Samuels and Dr. Jerome Mathias, for providing him with excellent healthcare throughout the years.

For those who sat with him at the hospital, caring for him, I am forever grateful. Thank you, Dr. Lee Cooper, Von and Carla Gordon, Cheryl Ponder, Connell Fuller, Rev. Jimmie Moore, Corneil Walker, Jonah Johnson, Delonte Chapman and Anthony Johnson. Your kindness, support, and love is forever appreciated.

HEAVEN SENT
MAY 4, 1954

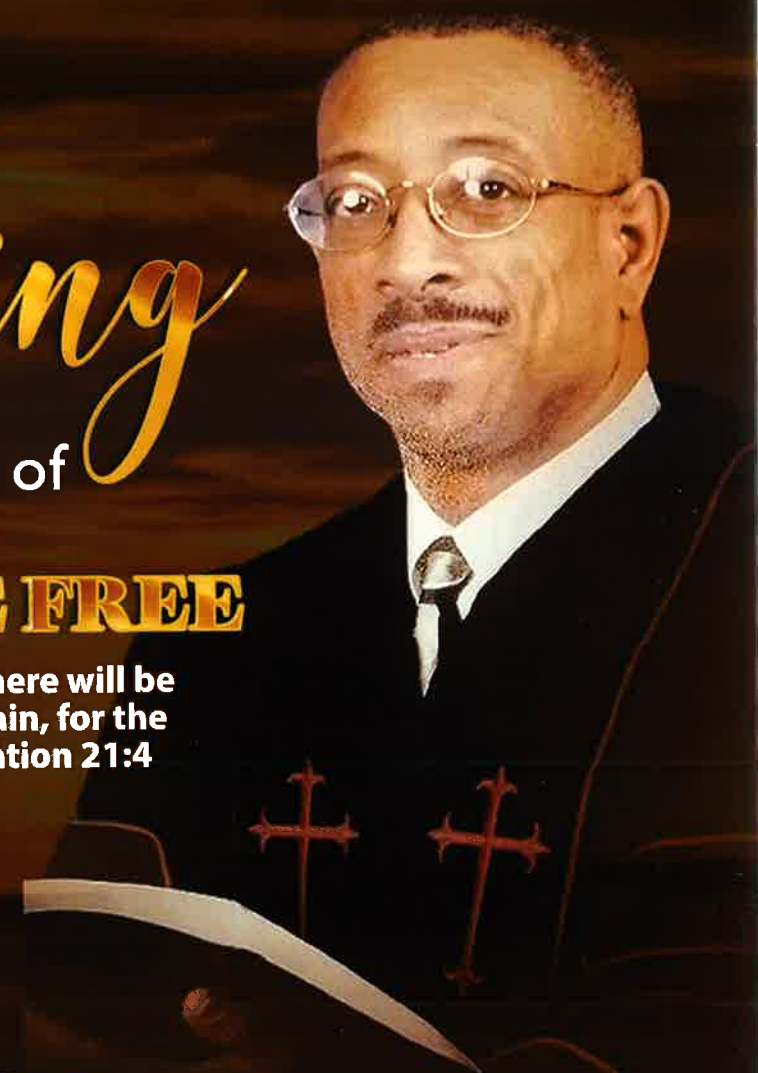
CALLED TO GLORY
OCTOBER 31, 2020

Celebrating

The Life and Legacy of

DR. KARY GERONE FREE

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of this has passed away." Revelation 21:4



THE SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020
11:00 AM

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
1700 N.E. 7TH STREET
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73111

DR. JOHN REED JR.
PASTOR GREGORY NEWHOUSE
DR. LEE E. COOPER, JR.

SENIOR PASTOR
OFFICIATING
EULOGIST



A Letter to My Husband, My Love, My Best Friend

Intreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee for whither thou goest I will go and where thou lodgest I will lodge thy people shall be my people and thy God my God where thou diest will I die and there will I be buried the Lord do so to me and more also if ought but death part thee and me. Ruth 1:16

Nineteen and a half years ago we started a new journey gether in Holy Matrimony trusting in God and His promises. I pledged to you then the words from the Book of Ruth and those words have stood true only death has separated us, the enemy tried many times to destroy what we knew God had placed together and through faith and trust in almighty God we survived and once we survived we thrived! Kary G. Free it's been an absolute privilege of being your wife, your confidant, your companion, your friend.

Even in death you exemplified your faith and trust in God. I wish I could share with the world the amazing man you were in this life. We've had mountain highs and valley lows yet your faith never wavered. I have no doubt that you are walking the streets of gold and laughing in that wonderful laugh that only you could do.

It has truly been my honor to love you, care for you, pray with you and yes even cry with you. I'm forever grateful that you were my husband, (boyfriend), my love, my bestfriend.

Rest well with Jesus and I look forward to seeing you in the morning.

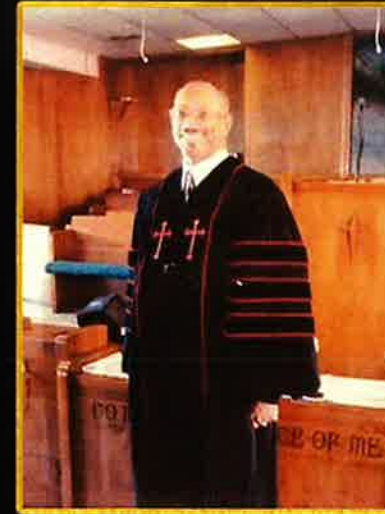
Brown Sugar



Dr. Kary G. Free visited the Holy Land during his younger years and was baptized in the Jordan River.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even until the end of the world.

Matthew 28:19:20



I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Tim. 4:7-8



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Dr. Kary Gerone Free was born May 4, 1950 in Memphis, TN to Willie Free and Eva Ponder Free.

Dr. Free accepted Christ at an early age as well as his call into the ministry. He preached his initial sermon at the age of 18. He continued to learn and grow in the Lord. Growing up in a military family, he was blessed to attend school in Spain and many other places throughout the United States. This allowed him to establish a plethora of lifelong friendships. After graduating from Rancho High School, he attended the University of Nevada at Las Vegas where he earned his undergraduate degree. He later earned his Master's degree from Virginia Union in Richmond, VA. He also received honorary doctorate degrees from both the Determined Biblical Theological Institute of Baltimore and from the Fellowship Bible Institute.

Earlier in life he met and married Yvonne Robinson and to this union two children were born; Kari Yvonne and Erika Alexis. Later in life, he united in marriage with the lovely Velva Fuller. They were married for over 19 years.

Dr. Free dedicated his life to preaching, mentoring, and pastoring. He first pastored in Susan, VA at the Antioch Baptist Church. Later he pastored the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Norristown, PA before accepting the call to Greater Mount Carmel in 1988. He believed strongly in prayer. He introduced his congregation to the book *Could You Not Tarry One Hour* by Dr. Larry Lea and instituted early morning prayer along with 24-hour prayer prior to revivals.

He was an active member and leader in the Progressive Oklahoma Baptist State Convention (POBSC) and the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. (PNBC) on both the regional and national levels. Dr. Free served as Vice-President at Large of the Southwest Region of PNBC, Inc. He served as Chair of the PNBC Evangelism Board, PNBC Congress of Christian Education instructor, PNBC Executive and many other leadership positions.

His affiliations included the Baptist Minister's Association in Oklahoma City, One Church One Child of Oklahoma where he served as President. He served as Regional Vice President of the National One Church One Child. He was also a member of the NAACP, the Oklahoma City Concert of Prayer and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Dr. Free was preceded in death by his daughter, Kari Yvonne; stepfather, Harold McGough; father, Rev. Willie Free and mother, Eva McGough.

He transitioned from earth to eternity on October 31, 2020 at Integris Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

He leaves to cherish his memory his dedicated wife, Velva, his daughter, Erika; Son, Delmar; granddaughter, Kaylen; brother, Kevin, (Olga), Willie and William; sisters, Robyn, Tonya (Kenneth aka Will) and Cindy; special aunt, Bessie; special uncle, Dr. Henry Ponder and special cousin, Dr. Lee Cooper, Jr.; mother-in-law, Kathryn Fuller, Greater Mt. Carmel Church family along with a host of other relatives and friends.



Farewell Dr. K. Gerone Free

TO EVERYTHING, THERE IS A SEASON AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN: Ecclesiastes 3:1

After 32 years of leading, the Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Pastor K. Gerone Free left us and crossed over into eternity. He left us so soon without saying goodbye and maybe he did say goodbye and we just were not listening.

Thirty-two years of teaching, preaching, leading and praying is a lifetime to some but to us, the members of the Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 32 years feels more like 32 months. We know you were ready to meet the Lord on the other side because you always told us to be ye also ready. You taught your sons and daughters in the ministry to always have a sermon ready to preach.

You often said that some glad morning you would take your wings and fly away. You definitely fought the good fight of faith. You finished your course and you finished well. Now that you are living in your new home, the spiritual side of us are happy for you but the human side of us are heartbroken. We will strive to make you proud of us. We will stay together and do what you taught us to do and that is fast and pray!

Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for teaching us. Thank you for helping us raise our children. Thank you for bringing in dynamic preachers during revival time. You were very cautious about who you allowed to speak from the pulpit. You wanted to make sure we were receiving the correct teaching. You introduced us to awesome men of God such as, the Late Great Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr., the wise Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., Dr. Carroll A. Baltimore, Bishop B.A. Huggins, the late Dr. Ronald Barton, Dr. Harold A. Carter, Jr., the Late Bishop L. Daniel Williams who taught us in depth from the Song of Solomon and so many others. We thank you for your vision and we thank you for your wisdom.

Although you are gone, you still live in our hearts and the works from your labor are evident. You have sons and daughters in the ministry who now pastor their own churches. Many whom you visited and ministered to in prison are now productive citizens, some who are business owners. Many children are in great foster homes and some have been adopted because of your vision and your heart for young people.

There is so much more to say but not all can be told in one letter. We are happy that we told you thank you when you were in your physical body. Mt. Carmel is a better church because of your obedience to God. Since this is not the end, we will not say goodbye. We will say farewell. See you on the other side. Take your rest! It is well deserved. WE WILL MISS YOU and we will LOVE YOU ALWAYS!

With A Sincere Heart,

The Members of the Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

Funeral Directors, Clergy and Family

OPENING SONG

Blessed Assurance

OLD TESTAMENT

Minister Jimmie Tre Moore

NEW TESTAMENT

Minister Lamar Dewberry

PRAYER

Dr. John Reed Jr.

SOLO

Sis. Karen Browner

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Sis Barbara Harris Grayson

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Dr. Larry Foster SW Region, Progressive National Baptist Convention
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Rev. Delmar Boone Son
Curtis Richet

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Erika Free, Daughter Robyn McGough, Sister

SOLO

Minister Kim Jackson

EULOGY

Dr. Lee E. Cooper, Jr.

VIDEO TRIBUTE

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