



Celestine Clarice Braxton

May 8, 1953 - August 21, 2009

Celestine C. Braxton "Cherry" was born on May 8, 1953 to the late Theodore R. Kelly, Sr. and Catherine Price Kelly. She leaves to cherish her memories her devoted husband of 35 years Darryl E. Braxton, one daughter; Katherine Braxton Scarborough (Pastor Robert Scarborough) adopted daughter Anita Griffin, and one grandchild; Kamari Braxton Scarborough. She has three brothers; Theodore, Jr. (Felicia Kelly), Ricky Kelly and Eddie Kelly, adopted brother and sister; Deacon Frank Lee and Pastor Catherine Lee, adopted sister Jacqueline Sutton; three brothers-in-law; Thomas Tabb, Terrence and James H. Braxton, Jr., six aunts; Janice Jackson (SC) Robinette Allen "Sweet Pea" (Oscar), Audrey Kelly, Ronella Bookard (SC) Ernestine Herrin (SC), Joan Kelly (NY), two uncles; Ernie Kelly (SC) and Tommy Kelly (SC), a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Spiritual grandmother; Florence Cosby and spiritual children and friend. Celestine attended Richmond Public Schools and was a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. She was pursuing her associate degree in Child Care Development at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College prior to the onset of her illness. Celestine was employed with the YMCA where she fulfilled her passion of working and interacting with children. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at Shiloh Baptist Church at an early age. She later joined New Second Calvary Baptist Church under the leadership of her parents Rev. Theodore and Catherine Kelly, Sr. There she served as Sunday School teacher and Choir Director. In 2006, she joined the East Gate Baptist Church family where she also taught Youth Sunday School

and served as Choir Director. She enjoyed singing and was inspired to write songs as the Holy Spirit led her. She also enjoyed sewing, arts and crafts, cooking, helping others and giving of herself. Whatever the need she would always make herself available, even during times of illness. She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend to many. She held a very special bond with her loving mother. They were like "two peas in a pod" often expressing their love for one another by dressing alike. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 1:18-25 "This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it". To know her was to love her, and to love her was to know love.

Tribute Wall



“ *Celestine Clarice Braxton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Celest,
We still think of you and Miss you!
Rest In Paridise. Cuz
Love always Joe Joe*



Brenda Price - September 15, 2017 at 06:56 PM

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“ *Life will never be the same without you. It took a while for me to understand the will of God. Living without you have been hard day by day, it's been days I did not want to face alone, but with the help of Pastor Robert Scarborough III, I am able to live and face another day. I now know that God called you to rest until that day when Jesus will return for us all. Rest my Love, no more worries, sickness or pain. You have touched many lives that will carry your memory on. I don't think I will never Love anyone with the type of love we once shared, we were unique in that we knew each others thoughts. Rest my Love only God knows the love and desire of you will forever burn within my heart. I will always Love you*

Darryl Braxton - November 19, 2010 at 02:06 PM



“ To the Braxton Family May the Lord Bless you and keep you during this time. Our prayers are with you. What a MIGHTY woman of God, She will always be remembered in our hearts.##imported-begin##Robert/Shirley Scarborough##imported-end##

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“ I wish you could have stayed, but God needed you more. I will always hold your sweet memory in my heart, And Darryl will be ok.##imported-begin##Anita##imported-end##

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“ To loved ones of Mrs. Braxton: Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that God continue to strengthen you and comfort you during your time of bereavement and loss. May God Bless You.##imported-begin##Jontille and David Ray##imported-end##

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“ Darryl: My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family today. GOD have chosen to pick another beautiful flower for his glorious garden. I pray God's strength to keep you all through this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Brenda Casey Jones##imported-end##

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“ To the family, I offer my sincere sympathy. I have experienced the sorrow of losing a family member, a sister, a friend and have experienced the profound sense of loss that comes with that. However, I have also experienced the comfort provided by “the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our tribulation.” (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4) If you “draw close to God he will draw close to you,” (James 4:8) and will become your source of comfort as well. Please allow yourself to do just this through a study of God’s Word the Bible and truly learn how God will fulfill the hope he gave to all of us at Acts 24:15, the hope of a resurrection.##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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“ Darryl, I am so sorry in your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Brenda Crewe##imported-end##

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“ I am truly sorry to hear of the passing of your love one. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers and may you continue to trust in God for strength during this difficult time. Find peace in knowing that she is now resting in the arms of Jesus, and you will one day see her once again.##imported-begin##The James Family##imported-end##

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“ Your family are in our prayers. God will see you through##imported-begin##Willie Nelson##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear loved. There was a kind, generous woman in the Bible named Tabitha (Dorcas). Tabitha fell sick and died. However, the Apostle Peter raised Tabitha to life. That account is found at Acts 9:36-41. Tabitha's experience was written to prove that many more will be brought back to life. Yes , Acts 24:15 declares- "There is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and strength from the wonderful hope found in the Bible. And may you draw closer to our heavenly father Jehovah God and his loving son Jesus Christ. (John 3:16)##imported-begin##Mrs. Hill##imported-end##

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