



Franklin B. Turpin Kellum

September 13, 1913 - January 1, 2003

Franklin B. Turpin Kellum, was born on September 5, 1913 to the late Lucinda Turpin and raised by adoptive parents, Helen and Solomon Kellum. He was called to Glory on January 1, 2003. He received his education at Unionville Elementary School and Robert Russa Morton Jr. and Sr. High Schools in Easton, MD. He later relocated to Baltimore at the age of 32, where he worked as a Master Chef at Towson State College until his retirement. He married the former Assolita Mitchell, and out of this union six children were born; Ernesto, Errol, Carlos, Elena, Ricky and Lola. Being a dedicated family man, he and his wife also opened their home on Homewood Avenue, as second parents to many family members, including Theresa Maheia Cunningham who preceded him in death and Aaron Green, Raymond Patten, Wellington Mitchell, Denver Moss whom also preceded him in death, Gilda Arnold, Magna Avala, Clementine Fisher and Sister Claudina Sanz. Affectionately known by everyone as “Daddy” and “Uncle Frank,” he made friends easily with his sense of humor and quick wit. Known for his sayings such as, “one day at a time...6 in one ½ dozen in the other... Too much of anything is not good for you...Once a man twice a child”, and many more helpful words of wisdom that have guided us through life. As he was so dedicated to his late wife, Frank, never remarried and has always been known as a devoted family man and true friend. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving children, Irma Riddick, Franklin Ernesto Kellum, Errol F. Kellum, Dolores Elena Kellum, Assolita Lola March; sister, Virginia Fisher, brother-in-

law, William Fisher twelve grandchildren, Franklin, Troy, Tonja, Cory, Natalia, Victor Jr., Carmalita, Tecla, Carla, Janelle, Eric, and Maya; nine great grandchildren; two daughters-in-law, Dianne Kellum and Roslyn Kellum; one son- in law, Victor March Sr., nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by son Ricardo "Ricky" Kellum, neice- Theresa Maheia Cunningham, and son- Carlos Kellum.

Tribute Wall



“ *Franklin B. Turpin Kellum*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Franklin B. Turpin Kellum*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of the Harbor Bank of Maryland, please accept our sincerest condolences on the loss of your father, Franklin B. Kellum. We understand that this is a difficult time and we will pray that God's blessings will bring some comfort to you and your family. Sincerely, Joseph Haskins, Jr.##imported-begin##Joseph Haskins, Jr.##imported-end##*

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“ *To the entire Kellum family, please accept my sincere condolence in Mr. Kellum's recent passing. His legacy lives on in each one of you. "I look to the hills from whence cometh my help"; and I see the Lord and His heavenly host of angels; Assolita, Coochie, Theresa, Ricky, Carlos and Franklin.##imported-begin##Delores A. Moore##imported-end##*

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“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU DURING YUR GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT. THE GOD THAT WE SERVE HAS PROMISED TO BE WITH US ALWAYS...TRUST IN HIS PROMISE. I REGRET THAT I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL MASS, BUT I WILL KEEP YOU IN MY HEART AND IN MY PRAYERS. MAY GOD FOREVER BLESS YOU, KEEP YOU, AND ALWAYS HOLD EACH OF YOU IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS HAND.##imported-begin##JOE B. CUTCHINS, JR.##imported-end##

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“ Dear Victor and Lola. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorry. I am sure he is in a very good place now keeping an eye on you. We wish you the best through these difficult times##imported-begin##Jim Stitt##imported-end##

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“ Lola-it is with deepest sympathy that I send this message. I still fondly remember your dad when he lived across the hall from my father in the Ecumenical Apartments on York Road. It is with sincere regret that I could not be present at his homegoing service. I again offer my sympathy and continued prayers to you and your family.##imported-begin##Janet Hall##imported-end##

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“ Lola, you have my deepest sympathy! I'm sure that your faith will sustain you in this your hours of sorrow. My best to you, Vic, the children, indeed your entire family! Love, Mickey##imported-begin##James A. Morton, III (Mickey)##imported-end##

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“ *Lola, I only learned of your loss, today. My Prayer is that God will strengthen and comfort you during these trying times.##imported-begin##Juanita G. Morton##imported-end##*

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“ *It is always difficult to lose a loved one. It is especially challenging for a family such as ours which has lost so many members within the last decade or so. But let us not forget and be comforted in knowing that the patriarch of the Kellum family will now be with God and his family in heaven. Granddad: Your "grandaughters", as you affectionately called us, will miss you. Please say hello to Daddy and tell him Dianne, Tecla, and Carla love and miss him.##imported-begin##Dianne, Carla, and Tecla Kellum##imported-end##*

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“ *I have a lot to thank you for Grandad. Thanks for extending your love and family to me. I will most remember you for the times I saw you on the porch on Homewood when Grandma Kellum was here. Smoking your pipe and giving me some money to go to the corner store..smile. I also remember the times when I would see you on the steps at Nesta's house and I would stop the car and speak with you. Please Give Grandma Kellum My love Much Love. I will miss you. Frankie and family##imported-begin##Franklin Kellum (frankie)##imported-end##*

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“ My deepest sympathy to Lola & Vic.##imported-begin##Chester Cary, II##imported-end##

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“ Lola - Your father was an extraordinary man and it is evident by the grace, strength and love that you possess. May your memories of him console you at this time. My prayers are with you. Regards to your "brother" - Victor! (smile) T.E.##imported-begin##T. E. White, Sr.##imported-end##

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“ To The KELLUM Family, sorry to hear about the loss of your father.##imported-begin##The Johnson Family##imported-end##

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“ LAST OF THE OLD GOOD FRIENDS##imported-begin##BILL BLAKE##imported-end##

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“ I am deeply saddened to hear of a departure of a great man who loved so many and was loved by so many. My the Lord keep you and strength you as you celebrate the life of Mr. Franklin Kellum. My love and prayers to you Lola.##imported-begin##I Simone Scott##imported-end##

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“ To the entire Kellum family: I know that when you lose a loved one it is never easy, but to lose a loved one during the holiday season it makes it all the more difficult to deal with. Just remember that GOD will bring your family comfort at any time of the year, whether it be Christmas or Arbor Day. GOD knows when you are feeling your lowest and in the nick of time he'll bring you back up. He will take care of your family in your time of need. Trust in him and lean on him. He'll see you through. You're in my prayers.##imported-begin##Trish Johnson March West Receptionist##imported-end##

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“ The death of a much loved parent sometimes leaves us with the feeling of abandonment. Know that your friends and colleagues mourn your loss with you and offer their love and support.##imported-begin##Patricia Latimore##imported-end##

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“ This message is for granddad. I'm going to keep this one short and I'll write again later. We are taking it one day at a time down here. We love you and have missed you for some time now. I'm so happy for you. Give grandma, Choochie, Theresa and Ricki, Carlos, Lady and my other grandfather my love. You have always been the boss and I'm the hoss. When you say get up and go, you know what I'll say. I love you. ~Carma##imported-begin##Carmalita March##imported-end##

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“ *Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Lola and Victor please know that our thoughts, prayers and support are with you in these sad hours.##imported-begin##David W. Akins ,District IV Governor,NFDMA##imported-end##*

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“ *All of the members of The Presidents' Roundtable extend condolences at this hour of your loss. We hope the good memories will be a joy for all of your lives.##imported-begin##Brenda Goburn Smith##imported-end##*

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“ *May knowing you are in the hearts and thoughts of others help you and yours through this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Miriam E. Pipes/The Purple Directory##imported-end##*

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“ *Mrs. March, So sorry to hear of your loss. I will place your family name at the altar of our church during Sunday morning altar call and say a special prayer for you. My regards to Vic and hope to see you in St. Louis. Danny##imported-begin##Danny Percell##imported-end##*

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“ To The March & Kellum Family. The Lord keep you throughout this time of mourning the lost of your loved one. You are in my prayers. Rev. Delavago Scruggs Senior Program Officer and Director the Institute for Community Capacity Building, Associated Black Charities##imported-begin##Rev. Delavago Scruggs##imported-end##

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“ Deaer Lola: I was very sorry to hear of the death of your father. I am very well aware of the special link between father and daughter, and so I know you will miss your father terribly. His bio indicates what a wonderful and dedicated life your father lived, and I hope these treasured memories will sustain you. You are in the thoughts and prayers of all my family. Edith Churchman Newark, NJ##imported-begin##Edith Churchman##imported-end##

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“ To my dear friends, Lola and Victor...In the quiet moments, when the hurt is hard to bear. May love become your shelter and may the beauty of precious memories be your comfort. You are held in gentle thought and prayer. Roz##imported-begin##Rosalind O. Mitchell##imported-end##

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“ Lola, our prayers go out to you and your family at this time of the loss of your father. Although we may never have met him, we are certain he was a fine man as witnessed by the fine person you are. Victor, we are thinking of you, too. Peace & love, The Moore Family##imported-begin##Dana and Ralph E. Moore, Jr.##imported-end##

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“ To The Kellum Faimly: May God our father continue to keep each one of you under the protection of His wings in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Claudia S. Waters##imported-end##

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“ To the Kellum family, I am deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Mr. Kellum. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of need. Sincerely yours, Karl Malloy##imported-begin##Karl Linard Malloy##imported-end##

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“ The tears that dampen our eyes in time of mourning are tears of homesickness, tears of longing for our loved ones. But it is we who are away from home, not they! Death has been for them a doorway to an eternal home. They are still with us, lovingly and tenderly waiting for the day when we, too, will enter the doorway of our eternal home. It is such a mistake to see death as separation and nothing more. For us who believe, death is a preparation for eternal union with those we love, in peace and in joy.##imported-begin##The March Funeral Home Staff##imported-end##

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“ As one of "children" who is always welcomed at Homewood Avenue and now in Towson, my heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to the entire Kellum family. God loves you and I love you, too.##imported-begin##Bobbie Jean##imported-end##

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“ To Sister Lola and the entire Kellum family, we extend our deepest condolence. Please know that we love you and will continue mention your name in prayer. As Brother Kellum eternally rest, may God's promised comfort sooth you --"One Day at a Time."##imported-begin##Pastor Wm. David Boyd & New Elizabeth Baptist##imported-end##

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“ It is with deep regret that I learned this morning of the passing of your father, father in-law. My staff and I wish to convey our deepest sympathies.##imported-begin##Michael Brennan##imported-end##

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“ To Lola and entire Kellum Family. We cannot know what lies ahead from day to passing day What changes God is planning In His wise and loving way;etc.. We cannot not know- but we can trust and faith can help us find, our way to those tomorrows that will bring us peace of mind. Continue to be encouraged, as we lift the family in prayer.##imported-begin##Ms. Rebecca Rose, LFD##imported-end##

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“ *Lola & Family, Our thoughts & prayers are with you, may God continue to give you strength. He always take the good ones. Take care.##imported-begin##Pamela Smith-Loney##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Victor and Lola, My deepest condolences are with your family in this time of loss.##imported-begin##David Morton##imported-end##*

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