



Kemp Bernard McCray

June 13, 1935 - November 1, 2003

Kemp Bernard McCray, son of the late Dennis McCray and Lucy Gutman McCray, was born on June 13, 1935. He departed this life on November 1, 2003. On 1941, Kemp began his education at Samuel E. Taylor School #122 and later received his diploma. At the age of eleven, he was baptized at Camden Baptist Church. As a young man growing up, his mother taught him the proper way to address a lady. With that in mind, the tipping of his hat and his greeting of "Hi Maam, Good Evening Maam." He won the heart of the lady he went on to marry. In 1957, he was joined in matrimony to his "African Queen" Margaret. His queen had four daughters whom he thought very highly of – Patricia his fair lady, Cecilia his black pearl, Darlene his ruby and Kim his diamond; also one adopted daughter, Janice his sapphire. Nineteen years later a son was born, Kemp II, his pride and joy! "Mr. Style," he was known as due to his sharp attire. The Kangol hat, the cane, and toothpick were truly Mr. Kemp B. McCray, affectionately known as Kempo, Poppa, Kemp, Grandfatha and Pop-Pop or Pete. Forever the gentleman, he will be missed by all who knew him. To the breakfast crowd at Lexington Market and Cherry Hill Crew, Baltimore Hilton and the Poplar Grove Crew, he says "Avitasay" until we meet again. Family meant a lot to him. He leaves to mourn: his wife, Margaret; daughters, Patricia, Kim and Janice; son, Kemp II (two daughters preceded him in death, Cecilia and Darlene); grandchildren, Antwan, Jermaine, Dawn, Corey; De'Ernie, Shannon, Nick, Keith, Andre and Ronnie. He also leaves eleven great-grandchildren, two extended great-grandchildren, four sons-in-

law, Cornell, Elbert, Richard and A.B. Gilmore; one uncle, Willie Sheppard; one brother-in-law, Teddy Smith; sisters-in-law, Doris, June and Margie; half-brother, Leo Graham; one half-sister, Marjorie Lewis; cousins, James, Toni, and Marie; nephews, Dennis McCray, LeRoy, Maurice, Clifton McCray Jr.; one niece, Tammy.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Bernard McCray*

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“ *Kemp Bernard McCray*

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“ *Grandfather Im sitting here thinking about when we used to put the pedal to the metal!! Who Love YOU!!! your seniorita sure do!!*



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“ *"Grandfather" will always be a well respected man and a positive person in my life!! "WHO LOVES YOU BABIE"##imported-begin##Seniorita##imported-end##*

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“ *Poppie, you will always live in our hearts. We love you.##imported-begin##Delores and Deon##imported-end##*

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“ Thank you Mr. Kemp for welcoming me into your family. May God Bless you and your family eternally. Rest well.##imported-begin##Andrea##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. McCray and family, it is written that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. May our gracious and loving Father keep you in perfect peace. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Glynis B. Keke, Funeral Director##imported-end##

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“ SORRY WE NEVER MET.##imported-begin##MS.BROWN##imported-end##

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“ GRANDFATHER, IT WAS VERY NICE KNOWING YOU AND TO HAVE YOU AS THE GRANDFATHER I NEVER HAD. A JOY TO HAVE HAD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS MY FAMILY. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE. MAY GOD BE WITH THE FAMILY. PEACE AND BLESSING! DONNA##imported-begin##DONNA ALBRITTON##imported-end##

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“ *In this time of grief, may the glow of God's love light your way, and may the warmth of His embrace give you peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Deacon & Mrs. Keith Blake##imported-end##*

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“ *My condolences to the family. May you take comfort in the words of John 5:28,28- "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life." May this give you added solace in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##*

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“ *THAT ENEMY DEATH HAVE STRUCK AGAIN AND AS A RESULT OUR DEAR FRIEND IS NO LONGER WITH US, HOW GLAD TO RETAIN IN OUR MINDS THE MEMORIES OF HIS GOOD MANNERS AND RESPECT. BRING TO MIND THE SCRIPTURE AT PS. 133 "HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BROTHERS TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY" THIS MR. MC CRAY DID AND WE WILL REMEMBER HIM FOR IT.##imported-begin##EDGAR STRAND##imported-end##*

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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