

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF

MOTHER

Eula Kirkland

SUNRISE
NOVEMBER 15, 1942

SUNSET
NOVEMBER 22, 2025

STATE TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
16-18 FESSENDEN STREET MATTAPAN, MASSACHUSETTS 02126

FRIDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE

VISITATION HOUR | 10 AM
CELEBRATION SERVICE | 11 AM

OFFICIANT
MOTHER VERNESSA FOUNTAIN

EULOGIST
BISHOP JOHN M. BORDERS, III
MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH



Order of Service

OFFICIANT

MOTHER VERNESSA FOUNTAIN
MASSACHUSETTS FIRST JURISDICTION

INVOCATION

PASTOR WILBUR SMART
RESTORED CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

HYMN OF CONSOLATION

CHOIR
"IT IS WELL"

OLD TESTAMENT
PROVERBS 3: 1-6

ELDER FRED ODOM
STATE TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

NEW TESTAMENT
1 THES. 4:13-18

ELDER FRANK KIRKLAND
ANTIOCH APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES, MOLINO, FL

PRAYER OF COMFORT

PASTOR TROY SMITH
A NEW DAY HOLINESS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

CHOIR
"I TRUST IN GOD"

****STATE TEMPLE CHURCH FAMILY****

PASTOR PAUL E. ODOM
SISTER CAROL ALLEN
DEACON MELVIN BROOKS

SONG OF PRAISE

CONGREGATION
"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"



Order of Service

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE
(2 MINUTES REMARKS)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

CHOIR
"THERE IS NO WAY"

****FAMILY TRIBUTES****
MISSIONARY ANNIE KENDALL
GRANDCHILDREN

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & OBITUARY LADY CHARLYNNE SMART
RESTORED CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

CHOIR
"THE GOODNESS OF GOD"

EULOGY

BISHOP JOHN M. BORDERS, III
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FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

DAVIS FUNERAL HOME

THE RECESSIONAL

Her Story

THE TITLE "MOTHER" HOLDS DEEP MEANING — IT'S A GREAT REVERENCE FOR THOSE WHO BEAR IT. OUR MOTHER REPRESENTED THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE WORD "MOTHER."

MOTHER EULA KIRKLAND, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "NAN OR NANNY," WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 15, 1942, IN MUSCOGEE, FL, TO THE LATE CURTIS R. KENDALL, SR., AND LAURA WILLIAMS KENDALL. IN 1952, THE KENDALL FAMILY RELOCATED TO CANTONMENT, FL., MUSCOGEE ROAD, WHERE SHE ATTENDED GREATER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF REVEREND COTTON. SHE ATTENDED RANSOME HIGH SCHOOL, 1ST THROUGH 12TH GRADE. MOTHER KIRKLAND WAS A MAJORETTE LEADING THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND. SHE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 1960.

MOTHER KIRKLAND RELOCATED TO BOSTON MA, IN 1965 AND JOINED 3 REGENT STREET CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, ROXBURY MA, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LATE BISHOP L.C. YOUNG. IN 1972, SHE RECEIVED THE LORD AS HER PERSONAL SAVIOR AND WAS FILLED WITH THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST.

UPON HER NEW BIRTH OF SALVATION, HER NEW LIFE BEGAN. MOTHER KIRKLAND WAS CALLED TO MISSION WORK. UPON RECEIVING HER MISSIONARY LICENSE, THE LORD INFUSED HER WITH A LOVE, DESIRE, AND COMMITMENT FOR HIS PEOPLE, TO VISIT THE SICK AND SHUT-IN AND TO BRING JOY AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THEIR SOULS IN PRAYER, SONG, AND SCRIPTURE. MOTHER SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ANGELIC CHOIR, AN ANOINTED GROUP OF SINGERS; AS FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LATE MOTHER ESSIE ODOM; AN ADVISOR OF THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT; AND ORGANIZER OF THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES. MOTHER ALSO SERVED ON THE NURSING UNIT, AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, AND CONTINUED THE WORK OF BEAUTIFYING THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

WHILE RENDERING SERVICE UNTO THE LORD, MOTHER KIRKLAND WORKED TWO JOBS: THE BUBBLE GUM FACTORY AND TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT. UPON WHAT NAN CALLED HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CORPORATE WORLD IN 1984, SHE MOVED INTO ENTREPRENEURSHIP. SHE EMBARKED ON A NEW CAREER, OPENING UP WHAT HER



CHILDREN CALLED “KIRKLAND UNIVERSITY,” ATTENDED BY A SELECT GROUP OF STUDENTS HER GRANDS, GREAT-GRANDS AND FAMILY; DEMARCUS, DEREK (MOOT), LYNNAE, BRI, CULLEN (POOH), QUAN, DEONTE, SHAY, PITA, DEMETRIUS, ZOEY, BRYCE, RILEY AND THE LAST GRADUATE MS. BLAIR.

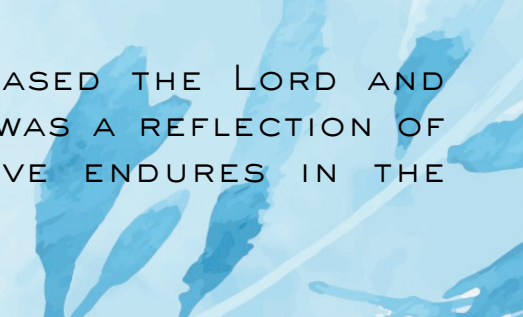
IN 2010, MOTHER KIRKLAND WAS APPOINTED AS THE CHURCH MOTHER OF STATE TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST UNDER THE LATE BISHOP L. C. YOUNG. MOTHER SERVED THE LORD UNTIL HE DECIDED TO GIVE HER REST. THE LORD CALLED HER HOME ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025.

MOTHER KIRKLAND IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER PARENTS, BROTHERS, AND SISTER: JAMES KENDALL, CLAYTON KENDALL, THOMAS MOORE, AND PROPHETESS DOROTHY MAE KENDALL. HER LIGHT LIVES ON IN THE LIVES OF HER CHILDREN: CARLOS (BERNADINE), CAROL, DEMETER (DAVID), AND CHRIS (MELANIE). SHE’S REMEMBERED BY: HER SISTERS; SISTER FLORA KENDALL (CANTONMENT, FL), MISSIONARY ANNIE KENDALL (BOSTON), LADY SANDRA BORDERS (BISHOP JOHN BORDERS)(BOSTON), HER BROTHERS; LARRY KENDALL (CAROLYN) (TEXAS), AND EDDIE LEE MCBRIDE (BOSTON) 10 GRANDCHILDREN: DEMARCUS, DEREK (MOOT), DEONTE, BRIANA, BRITTANY, MACKENZIE, DEMETRIUS, LYNNAE, JASMINE, & ZOEY, 11 GREAT-GRANDS; JUELZ, DEMYAH, FRANNIE, AALIJAH, LUCIA, BRYCE, BLAIR, BRAVE, BLISS, RILEY, AND ELINA. SISTERS-IN-LOVE: MARY KIRKLAND, FIRST LADY CYNTHIA MOORE (PASTOR WILLIAM MOORE), KIMBERLY JEFFERSON (CURTIS), KATHSYA KIRKLAND, VANESSA MCNEAL, (FLORIDA). BROTHERS-IN-LOVE; DONALD KIRKLAND (BOSTON), MINISTER FRANK KIRKLAND (AVARIELL), KELVIN KIRKLAND (FLORIDA), AND A PLETHORA OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, CHURCH FAMILY, AND FRIENDS.

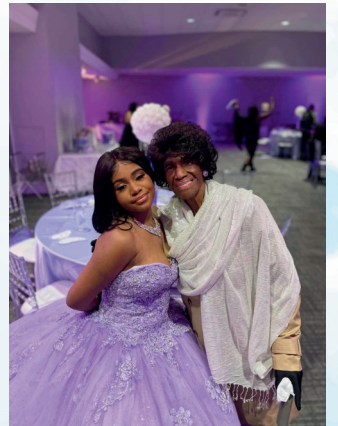
SPECIAL SONS: DIMITRI ROSS, DARRYL ODOM, PEE WEE, GLYNE, GRAYSON, ROY, KEITH, WAYNE, ALONZO, AND A HOST OF OTHERS

SPECIAL DAUGHTERS: CHERYL BROOKS, SHERRY ROSS, CAROL ALLEN, SOPHIE, MALIKA, AND A HOST OF OTHERS

MOTHER KIRKLAND’S PRAYER WAS THAT SHE PLEASED THE LORD AND LIVED A LIFE ACCORDING TO HIS WILL. HER LIFE WAS A REFLECTION OF GRACE, PERSEVERANCE, AND PURPOSE. HER LOVE ENDURES IN THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO KNEW HER.







Acknowledgements

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR THE KINDNESS AND LOVE WE'VE RECEIVED DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. YOUR THOUGHTFUL GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT, ALONG WITH PRAYERS AND WARM WORDS, HAVE BROUGHT COMFORT, LAUGHTER, AND JOY. THE MANY STORIES SHARED ABOUT OUR MOM AND HOW SHE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES. HER LIFE AND LEGACY WILL LIVE FOREVER THROUGH US ALL. LET US HONOR HER MEMORY BY STRIVING TO LIVE IN A WAY THAT LIFTS OTHERS AS SHE DID, ENSURING THAT HER SPIRIT REMAINS WITH US, INSPIRING US TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE.

THE KIRKLAND FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANKS TO MALIKA LINDSEY-ANDERSON FOR THE SPECIAL CARE, SUPPORT, COMPASSION, AND LOVE SHE HAS SHOWN OUR MOM AND FAMILY THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME. HER SERVICE TO OUR MOM MADE THE LAST TWO WEEKS EASIER FOR HER AS WELL AS US. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT. WE LOVE YOU!

"JESUS SAID UNTO HER, I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE: AND WHOSOEVER LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE."

JOHN 11:25-26A (KJV)

Palbearers

DEMARCUS KIRKLAND

DEREK KIRKLAND

DEONTE SMALL

DEMETRIUS KIRKLAND

GRAYSON WATERS

ALONZO MCNEIL

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