

*Celebration of Life in Memory  
of  
Kevin Blanchard*



Sunrise: October 11, 1963      Sunset: December 2, 2023

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Family Hour: 10:00 a.m. – Service of Victory: 11:00 a.m.

In the Chapel of  
Joseph H. Brown, Jr. Funeral Home  
2140 N. Fulton Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217

Reverend Craig Lofton, Officiating  
Village Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD

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# The Obituary

*“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.” 1Thessalonians 4:15-16 NIV*

Kevin Blanchard, the youngest son of the late Herbert Blanchard, Sr. and Lillie Mae Blanchard was born on October 11, 1963 in Baltimore, Maryland. On December 2, 2023, God called out to Kevin and said; come to me my child; I have a prepared place for you to give you sweet rest.

Kevin received his education in the Baltimore City Public School System where he excelled in the mastery of carpentry.

Kevin was employed by the City of Baltimore, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water and Wastewater as a carpenter. He was a skilled carpenter and known for his impeccable style.

As a young man, Kevin joined the Cherry Hill Cherrettes Marching Band where he was a drummer. We had our own personal little drummer boy.

Kevin enjoyed music of all genres. He also enjoyed activities with the family such as bowling, dancing, playing cards and most of all the holiday dinners and cookouts.

Most of us can look around our homes and see the fruit of his labor in the creative pieces he crafted for us. He will always be with us through the pieces that he left with us.

Kevin, you bade no one a last farewell, not even a goodbye. You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why; rest easy Kevin, you're now safe in His arms. We will all see you again someday where we can all join hands again and walk around heaven together. Farewell Kevin... until we meet again.

Kevin is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Herbert, Jr. and Charles. He leaves to cherish his memory: daughters, Stephanie Randall Blanchard and Teanna Blanchard; granddaughters, Sanaa, Shiloh and Khylon; grandsons, Shai and Shyne; four sisters, Pearl Blanchard, Diane Blanchard, Barbara Blanchard Collins and Myra Blanchard; brother-in-law, Cleveland Collins; sister-in-law, Charlene Blanchard; aunt, Bonita Blanchard; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

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Invocation Reverend Craig Lofton

Scripture Reading Reverend Craig Lofton  
Old Testament – Psalm 23  
New Testament – St. John 14:1-6

Musical Selection Lia (Songbird) Lynch  
*“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*

Condolences/Remarks  
*(2 Minutes Please)*

Acknowledgements/Poems/Obituary Hope Maddox

Congregational Selection  
*“I'll Fly Away”*

Eulogy (Good Word) Reverend Craig Lofton

Benediction Reverend Craig Lofton

Recessional

## *Rest in Peace*

In the hearts of those who loved you Kevin, you will always be there. As you were, you will always be treasured forever in our memories. We will keep in our hearts the love of the past, for there it was planted forever to last. Your presence will be missed, your memories will be treasured, loving you always, forgetting you never.

With Love,  
Your Sisters

## *In Loving Memory*

Daddy, you are at peace, your soul at rest, but that won't stop the tears, as we remember the special times we shared over the years. Your life was a blessing, your memory leaves lessons. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Lovingly,  
Your Daughters

## *To All of You from the Best of Me*

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one! I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when my life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave when this life is done.

Kevin

## *Acknowledgement*

With sincere appreciation, we wish to thank you for your kindness, love, expressions of sympathy and concern shown to us during our time of bereavement. We acknowledge with sincere appreciation any and every act of kindness shown to us. We have felt every prayer. May God continue to bestow His richest blessings upon each of you!

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## *For Our Uncle*

We have so many memories  
Of the times we spent together,  
And even though you are no longer here,  
We will cherish them forever.  
We miss your laughter so much  
And the mischief in your smile.  
When we feel the sadness welling up  
We will remember it for a while.  
For though you are no longer here,  
You will never be truly gone.  
So long as we have these memories,  
Your spirit will carry on.  
So, until we see your smile again,  
We will hold you in our hearts and mind.  
A shining example, our uncle  
Of the best of humankind.

Love,  
Your Nieces and Nephews

## *“I’ll Fly Away”*

1.

Some glad morning when this life is over,  
I’ll fly away;  
To a home on God’s celestial shore,  
I’ll fly away (I’ll fly away).

Chorus

I’ll fly away, Oh Glory  
I’ll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,  
I’ll fly away (I’ll fly away).

2.

When the shadows of this life have gone,  
I’ll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,  
I’ll fly away (I’ll fly away)

Chorus

3.

Just a few more weary days and then,  
I’ll fly away;  
To a land where joy shall never end,  
I’ll fly away (I’ll fly away)