

Honorary Pallbearers

Sons, Brother, and Nephews

Floral Bearers

Sisters and Nieces

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning,
that God was going to call your name.*

*In life we loved you, dearly,
in death, we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone;*

*For part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide.*

*And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.*

*But as God calls us one by one,
the Chain will link again.*

We love and miss you ever so much.

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*Homegoing Service
In Loving Memory
of*

MR. KEVIN MAURICE DARDEN



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023
11:00 A.M.

LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

ELDER KEVIN GRIFFITH
-OFFICIATING-

Obituary

Mr. Kevin Maurice Darden, Sr. affectionately known as “KK,” was born on December 24, 1966, in New Rochelle, NY to Melvin Darden, Sr. and Madeline E. Darden. He was raised and educated in New Rochelle until the age of 12 when his family relocated to Mount Vernon, NY where his education continued.

Kevin played football as a youth for the New Rochelle Youth Tackle League and Mount Vernon High School. His love for the sport led him to become a coach for the New Rochelle Youth Tackle League for over 25 years. He was known to all as “Coach KK,” a title he proudly wore. After high school, Kevin worked in the construction field as a laborer and was later employed with the Mount Vernon School District as a Custodian, until his medical retirement in 2017.

In 1991, Kevin married Rashaye Stevens. He was a super proud father of six children Leonard, Alysha, Eboni, Erica, Kevin, Jr., and K’yana. Kevin loved being a dad and grandfather more than anything else. He also loved cooking, the NY Giants, dancing, cold beer, and having a good time with family and friends. Kevin joined Kingdom Life Ministries soon after moving to Columbia, SC. His love for the Lord led him to give his life to Christ, and he was baptized in the name of Jesus on January 10, 2016. Kevin loved life, his hometown of New Rochelle, NY, and all the thousands of friends he was blessed to have.

Kevin departed this life peacefully in his home on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at the young age of 56. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Tony and Amy Jane Darden, and Charlie and Rev. Katie Haile; his parents, Melvin, Sr. and Madeline E. Darden; and his oldest niece, Nyesha Darden.

He leaves to cherish his memory, six children – Leonard Callands of the Bronx, NY; Alysha Darden of Stamford, CT; Eboni Darden of Lexington, SC; Erica Darden of New Rochelle, NY; Kevin Darden, Jr. of Columbia, SC; and K’yana Darden of Columbia SC; three grandsons - Kameek, Keegan, and Kobi; four siblings - Diane Gatling (Steve) of Columbia, SC; Gloria Griffith (Kevin) of Mitchellville, MD; Melvina Darden of Columbia, SC; and Melvin L. Darden, Jr. (Lanalle) of Columbia, SC; his aunts and uncles - Charleen Fleming, Azilda Sauls (Eddie), Shirley Rowson, and Ronald Haile; a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will all miss him dearly.

Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funereal Directors
- Opening Selection
- Old and New Testaments.....Elder Kevin Griffith
- Musical Selection.....“Total Praise”
Recording by: Richard Smallwood
- Remarks.....A Family Member
A Friend
- Musical Selection.....“Let The Church Say Amen”
Recording by: Andre Crouch
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Kevin Griffith
- Committal
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Kevin Maurice Darden, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.