

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to
see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears
for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to
understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by
the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much
at home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great
golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for
the past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're
far apart,
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your
heart.*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Gary Russell Kirland, Sr., would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love, and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of

MR. GARY RUSSELL KIRKLAND, SR.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025
1:00 P.M.

PROGRESSIVE CHURCH
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
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Obituary of Mr. Gary Russell Kirkland, Sr.

Mr. Gary Russell Kirland, Sr. was born in Columbia, South Carolina on February 3, 1955, to the late Thomas Alfonzo Kirkland, Sr. and Alice Young Kirkland. He departed this life on Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Gary was educated in the public school system of Richland County, South Carolina (District One), and graduated from Lower Richland High School, in 1973. After graduating from high school, Gary participated in an apprenticeship for television repair. He later attended Midlands Technical College, where he earned a degree in electrical technology. Gary later became a self-employed electrician, working until his health declined.

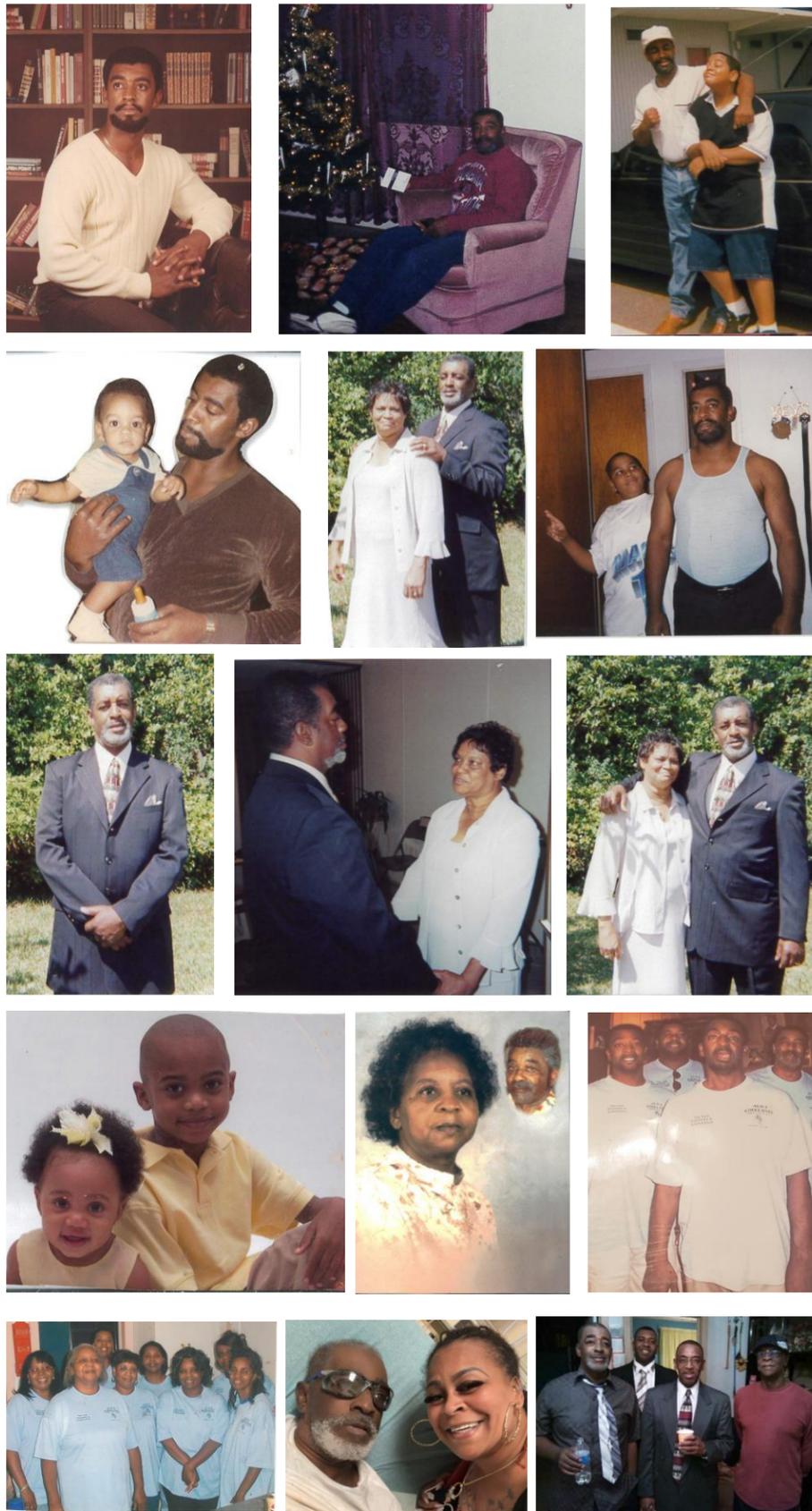
He was married to Eugenia Cowan Sims, together they had one son, Gary, Jr.

Gary was a quiet soul, with a very caring and giving heart. He loved his family dearly. Gary joined Mill Creek A.M.E. Church at an early age, and later joined Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in Hopkins, South Carolina, where he attended and served faithfully until his death. His favorite scripture was Psalm 23.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his wife, son, and three brothers, Robert Earl Fisher-Kirkland, Willie James Kirkland, Sr., and Michael Jerome Kirkland.

Mr. Gary Russell Kirkland, Sr. leaves to cherish his precious memory: seven sisters, Phoebe (Jack) Finley of Bear, DE, Shirley (James) Bradshaw of Jamaica, NY, Gwendolyn (Frank) Guthridge, of Morrow, GA, Dorothy Kirkland, Barbara Wilson, Brenda (Robert) Kershaw, and Peggy (Frank) Kirkland-Karsten all of Columbia, SC; brothers, CSM (Ret) Thomas (Chilufya) Kirkland, Jr. of Pittsburg, PA and Bruce Tyrone Kirkland, Sr. of Columbia, SC; four sisters-in-law, Charlotte Fisher-Kirkland, Felicia Kirkland, Valerie Boles, and Teresa Kirkland; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Progressive Church Praise Team
- Old Testament.....Deacon Trevor Charlton
- New Testament.....Minister Lewis Taylor
- Prayer.....Deacon Julius Williamson
- Musical Selection.....Progressive Church Praise Team
- Remarks.....Bishop David Johnson, Sr.
Sister Wygeana McQueen
- Poem.....Brother William Golston, Jr.
- Acknowledgements
- Musical Selection.....Progressive Church Praise Team
- Words of Comfort.....Minister David Johnson, Jr.
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ Cemetery
6844 Lower Richland Boulevard
Hopkins, South Carolina