



Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum

May 11, 1948 - June 7, 2013

Our beloved, Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum passed away suddenly on Friday, June 7, 2013 at the age of 65 years. She was born May 11, 1948 to the union of the late Bernard and Dorothy Ann Porterfield in Saginaw, Michigan.

In 1966, Annette graduated from Saginaw High School. She received an Associate's Degree from Delta College and attended Saginaw Valley State College. Annette was the former wife of Woodrow Kellum, and from that union two beautiful children were born; Woodrow Romon Kellum and LaTara Kellum Brown.

In 1993, Annette retired from General Motors as an accountant. In her spare time she did bookkeeping and tax preparation. After retirement, she returned to the non-profit sector; an area in which she had worked in the 1970's. She worked for companies such as CAC and First Ward Community Center because she had a strong desire to serve the community. When her aunt and spiritual mentor, the late Betty Martin became ill, she assumed the role of Executive Director for the Betty J. Martin Restoration Community Outreach Center (RCO) for several years; a homeless shelter for men. Annette was an advocate for the homeless and those suffering from mental illness. She was very successful at writing non-profit grants for various organizations. She wrote the grant that funded the bed expansion at RCO. She had dreams of

becoming an author and always encouraged others to pursue their dreams. She began writing a book on mental illness in the African American community.

Annette understood the importance of a solid relationship with the Lord. In her early years, her search began at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She was baptized at Faith Harvest Church, but she eventually joined the Bethel AME Church family where she remained for many years.

Wonderful memories will always be cherished by her children, her son, Woodrow Romon Kellum of Lansing, MI; her daughter, LaTara Kellum Brown (Eric) of Canton, MI; her grandchildren, Jalen and Jocelyn Brown of Canton, MI and Isaiah Kellum of Lansing, MI; her sisters, Sandra Hill, Donna Porterfield and Diane Porterfield, all of Saginaw, MI; one brother, Ronald Porterfield of Grand Rapids, MI; a special uncle, Omowale Art Smith of Saginaw, MI; a special aunt, Maggie Oates of Saginaw, MI; a special niece, Ashaki Porterfield of Saginaw, MI; two special mentors, Lucille Porterfield of Detroit, MI and Elsenia Porterfield of Saginaw, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, James E. and Corrine Smith; parents, Bernard and Dorothy Ann Porterfield; brother, Bernard, Jr.; two aunts, Betty Martin and Mae Francis; two uncles, James Smith and Charles Smith; and one great-uncle, Charles Butler; two cousins, Kenneth and Rico Martin; and a special mentor, Nellie J. Brooks.

Annette was a very outspoken but compassionate person. She loved reading her bible and engaging in conversations about current affairs, education, business and politics. In her spare time, she loved going to the spa and swimming for relaxation. She also loved her family dearly and was very proud of her children and grandchildren.

Family hour will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 2013 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, with the memorial service commencing at 12:00 noon. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Family Hour

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum



Browne's Mortuary - June 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My prayers is late .I didn't know she passed away. This beautiful woman was the most fascinating beautiful smart educated i came up under her .In the late 60s she lived next door to me .I was 8,9,years old and admire this lady because she taught me so much towards kindness staying in school. But even though I lost contact with she lives within me .Roman latara were about 2 and 5 .Roman was older then he was .wish and bless you all well .Joey Hunt

Joey Hunt - January 19, 2023 at 06:16 PM

CV

“ porterfield family...It's been a long time. So sorry for your loss.We know she is with God. Clifford Aytch...Denver,Colorado

Clifford VannAytch - November 29, 2013 at 02:52 AM

TF

“ *The Finnel's And McNair Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum*



the finnel's and mcnair family - June 29, 2013 at 07:32 PM

LI

“ *Dear Kellum Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh, even with the passage of much time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress. (Psalms83:18,Psalms65:2) Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again.(Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace.(Phillipians4:7)*

Lisa - June 19, 2013 at 12:18 PM

LB

Thanks so much for your beautiful and comforting message, Lisa. We really appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 11:00 PM

DD

“ *Debra. Drake lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum*



Debra. Drake - June 17, 2013 at 08:17 PM

DD

A beautiful and faithful Angel has earned her wings

With deepest sympathy to the family.

Debra. Drake - June 17, 2013 at 08:20 PM

LB

Thanks so much for your beautiful message and expression of sympathy, Debra. The family really appreciates it.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 11:01 PM

DJ

“ *Please accept my condolences on the loss of your loved one. Take comfort in knowing that soon our Creator will remove all pain, suffering, sorrow, and death. May you be comforted by this promise as you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead. Revelation 21:3,4 Philippians 4:13*

D. Johnson - June 17, 2013 at 10:44 AM

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D. Johnson - June 17, 2013 at 10:44 AM

LB

Thanks so much for your heartfelt condolences, D. Johnson. The family appreciates it.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 22, 2013 at 07:25 PM

BS

“ *Betty Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum*



Betty stevenson - June 15, 2013 at 12:44 AM

BS

To Annette Kellum Family, so sorry for your loss, she will be missed. Annette was a wonderful person. In the recent years, we visited one another and she shared with me many positive things she wanted to do for the community. My prayers are and will continue to be with the family.

Betty Stevenson - June 15, 2013 at 12:56 AM

LB

Thank you so much for your heartfelt condolences and prayers, Betty. We appreciate your kind words and thoughtfulness.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 10:52 PM

RF

“ *Ms. Kellum and I became friends when she was volunteer chair for the READ program at Claytor Library in First Ward Community Center. She was passionate about helping young people read and to be successful. She was a sincere, caring, giving, and dedicated individual who went above and beyond when serving others, especially children. For the last few years we have rekindled our friendship while getting our hair done at Audrey's. May her spirited personality give peace during this time of adjustment to her children; grandchildren, Mr. Art Smith and the entire Kellum, Smith and Porterfield families. God Bless You! Rhonda Farrell-Butler*

Rhonda Farrell-Butler - June 14, 2013 at 07:36 AM

LB

Thanks so much for your beautiful message and your presence at the memorial service, Rhonda. Our mom would've appreciated your kind words and wonderful memories of her. Yes, she loved volunteering for the READ program and helping others. She meant the world to us and we love and miss her dearly. Please keep us in your prayers. Thank you.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 22, 2013 at 07:21 PM

LM

“ Lynn & Darin Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum



Lynn & Darin Moore - June 13, 2013 at 08:31 PM

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Lynn & Darin Moore - June 13, 2013 at 08:29 PM

LM

*LaTara & Roman,
We are so sorry to here of your loss. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Lynn & Darin Moore - June 13, 2013 at 08:31 PM

LB

Thanks so much for your heartfelt condolences, phone calls, messages, Lynn and Darin. Lynn, your mom's presence at the memorial service meant a lot to us. We appreciate the love and support during this very difficult time.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 10:31 PM

LS

“ I am very sadden to have heard of your loss and the loss of another classmate of SHS 1966.

Lois (Loyce Davis) Scott

Lois Scott - June 13, 2013 at 04:35 PM

LB

Thanks so much for your heartfelt condolences, Lois. The family really appreciates it.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 10:27 PM

TF

“ *Tony Carson and Trina (Carson) Floyd purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum.*



Tony Carson and Trina (Carson) Floyd - June 13, 2013 at 02:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum.*



June 13, 2013 at 11:18 AM

HJ

“ Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - June 12, 2013 at 11:23 AM

LB

Thanks so much, Houston and Elaine. The family appreciates your thoughtfulness.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 10:20 PM

AN

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Family. The loss of someone we love bring much grief and pain. And as you turn to Almighty God through your tears and sorrow, please bear in mind that He is the healer of the brokenhearted (Psalm 147:3).



Anne - June 12, 2013 at 05:39 AM

LB

Thanks so much for your heartfelt condolences and beautiful message, Anne. The family really appreciates it.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 10:17 PM

SM

“ Sarah Maynie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum



Sarah Maynie - June 11, 2013 at 09:19 PM

LB

Thanks so much for all the love and support, Sands Sarah.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 10:16 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum.*



June 11, 2013 at 08:53 PM

LW

“ *Dear LaTara and Family,
You all have my deepest condolences at the loss of your mom. Please know that you remain in my prayers. May God give you comfort, strength, and peace. And may you know with great confidence that she is face to face with the Master!! All is well! Heaven is our goal!! I love you dearly sister.*



*Love,
Soror Lori Wesby*

Lori Wesby - June 11, 2013 at 09:57 AM

LB

Thanks so much for your comforting message, the beautiful card, your phone calls, your presence at the memorial service, generous donation and prayers, Soror Lori. I really appreciate all your love and support during this extremely difficult time. Yes, I know she's in a better place and that provides much comfort and peace. Thanks again for everything. Love you too....

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:43 AM

SB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your mom, Annette's, passing. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. May your memories give you peace and comfort (and I know you have a ton of memories, knowing Annette). I will miss my friend Annette. She had such a huge smile. She was never boring. She was always smiling, talking, and praising the Lord. She loved to talk on the phone for hours.. She would say: H O N E Y..... talk talk talk. Lol. Shellie Bell

Shellie A. Bell - June 11, 2013 at 09:33 AM

LB

Thanks so much for the beautiful and comforting message, Shellie. My mom thought very highly of you and she really cherished your friendship. You brought so much joy and laughter to her life. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to her. Romon and I are forever grateful to you....

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:35 AM

SB

“ Shellie A. Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum



Shellie A. Bell - June 11, 2013 at 09:24 AM

LB

Thanks so very much for the GORGEOUS floral / plant arrangement, Shellie. You know my mom would've love it.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:26 AM

TT

“ *Tierra M. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum*



Tierra M. Thomas - June 11, 2013 at 08:33 AM

TT

Forever Rest In Peace Auntie

Tierra M. Thomas - June 11, 2013 at 08:34 AM

LB

Thanks so much for coming from GA to attend the memorial service. Your presence meant more than you'll ever know. Romon and I appreciate your love and support. Love you.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:25 AM

S1

“ *S.A.S.S.Y. 16 purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum.*



S.A.S.S.Y. 16 - June 10, 2013 at 08:01 PM

S.

“ *S.A.S.S.Y.16 purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum.*



S.A.S.S.Y.16 - June 10, 2013 at 07:52 PM

SM

“ Sam & Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum



Sam & Deborah Mack - June 10, 2013 at 07:29 PM

LB

Thanks so much, Sam and Deborah Mack.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:11 AM



“ William Griffin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum



William Griffin - June 10, 2013 at 03:42 PM



Rest in peace sister Annette. Job well done.

William Griffin - June 10, 2013 at 03:44 PM

LB

Thanks so much, cousin William. The family appreciates your expression of sympathy.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:11 AM

BF

“ *Banks Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum*



Banks Family - June 10, 2013 at 03:35 PM

LB

Thanks so much, Bank Family.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:10 AM

DS

“ *Annette....what a kind, loving, and christian friend...enjoy your rest and reward!*



Diana R. Simpson - June 10, 2013 at 02:32 PM

LB

Thanks so very much for your kind words, Diane Simpson. The family really appreciates your expresion of sympathy.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:07 AM

ES

“ *Erica Jordan (Latara's Line Sister) lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum*



Erica Jordan (Latara's Line sister) - June 10, 2013 at 11:36 AM

LB

Sands Erica, You have been my rock during this extremely difficult time. You cannot possibly know just how much your love and support have meant to my family and me. THANK YOU for everything.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:08 AM

VP

“*Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum*



Vyethel Kemp Peterson - June 10, 2013 at 11:29 AM

LB

Thanks so much, Vyethel Kemp Peterson.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:08 AM

MC

“*Sandra ,Donna,Darlene and other family members we the McDaniel family wish to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to each and every one of you..Although this is a difficult time; remember although we loved Annette GOD loved her best.Put your trust in HIM and HE will see you through..Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Ben as well as our other family members are there to greet her with open arms...Stay strong family : Annette has gone to her REWARD.....Aunt Martha's children*

McDaniel - June 10, 2013 at 10:56 AM

LB

Thanks so very much for your comforting message, McDaniel. The family really appreciates your expression of sympathy.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 21, 2013 at 12:08 AM

DK

“ Deacon Larry Kemp lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum




Deacon Larry Kemp - June 10, 2013 at 08:57 AM

LB

Thanks so much, Deacon Larry Kemp.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 20, 2013 at 11:53 PM

 Serita Hope-Oates

“ Serita Hope-Oates lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum



Serita Hope-Oates - June 09, 2013 at 11:24 PM

LB

Thanks so much, Serita. I hope all is well with you and Kim.

LaTara Kellum Brown - June 20, 2013 at 11:51 PM

RW

“ Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annette Marie (Porterfield) Kellum



rita williams - June 09, 2013 at 11:05 AM

RH

May God bless and keep you through this trying time.

Rita Hall - June 09, 2013 at 01:31 PM

KM

Romon and family may god bless you through this time. Kenneth (mouse) Morris

Kenneth Morris - June 16, 2013 at 12:49 AM

LB

Thank you so much for your condolences. The family really appreciates it.

LaTara Kellum Brown

LaTara Kellum Brown - June 20, 2013 at 11:49 PM

LB

Thanks so much for your condolences, Kenneth. Romon and the family really appreciate it.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 23, 2013 at 10:25 PM

LB

Thanks so much for your condolences and always being there for our family, Rita. We appreciate your love and support.

LaTara (Kellum) Brown - June 23, 2013 at 10:26 PM