

***Celebrating the Life
of
Kenneth “Big Duke” Cole, Jr.***

***Sunrise
September 6, 1981***

***Sunset
December 1, 2020***



Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

***From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland***

Bishop John A. Cherry, II – Pastor

Obituary

Kenneth Cole, Jr., (also known as “Big Duke”) was born on September 6, 1981, to Kenneth and Vanessa Cole, Sr. He was the sixth of seven children. Kenneth was lovingly raised by his parents and grandparents. He grew up in Washington, D.C., and was educated in the DC Public Schools, namely Stanton Elementary, Winston Middle, and Eastern Senior High Schools.

Kenneth absolutely loved his work—selling cars and driving dump trucks and charter buses. He was an expert at what he did. In fact, he was such a good salesman that he could convincingly sell you the shirt on your back. Kenneth also loved animals. In his leisure, he enjoyed going to the beach, traveling, watching the New York Giants play, attending family gatherings, and eating seafood with his wife LaToya, the love of his life. Kenneth loved his family—and life itself. He was a fun-loving big trash talker who enjoyed joking around with people. Additionally, the well-groomed Kenneth took great pride in his appearance—always looking good and smelling good or what he called “fresh.”

Kenneth a man of faith, gave his life to the Lord Jesus Christ as a child while attending Spirit of Faith Christian Center. In 2014, he joined From the Heart Church Ministries during a New Year’s Eve service. He was actively involved in the life of the church; and was a faithful member of the Special Services Ministry and Men’s Fellowship. Kenneth was a good man who loved God and was unashamed of the gospel! He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Kenneth leaves to cherish his memory his wife, LaToya Cole; daughter, Kennethia Matthews; stepdaughter, Tyler Smith; stepson, Chicquelo Smith; mother, Vanessa Cole; father, Kenneth Cole, Sr., mother-in-law, Janice Waynes; father-in-law, Jeffrey Waynes; father-in-law, Richard Smith; siblings: Jerrold (Sheila), Linwood, Kendrick, Malcolm, Kenneil, and Kendra; grandmother, Cathleen Fouché; cat, Meow; a host of other relatives and friends; as well as his From the Heart Church Ministries family.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his grandfather, Roscoe Suggs.



Order of Service

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-8
New Testament: II Corinthians 5:1-8

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Mr. Aaron Davis, Cousin
Ms. Latonya Williams, Cousin
Ms. Vanessa Cole, Mother
Mrs. LaToya Cole, Wife

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Bishop John A. Cherry, II*

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

To My Handsome Husband:

God knows I miss you deeply! I love you deeply! My heart aches deeply! My Kenneth, my KC, my Big Daddy, my King! I've cried all the fluids out my body—and now it turns to smiles because you were loved, and I know that you loved me. When I think about your beautiful smile and those beautiful eyes, it warms my heart. When I think about all your dreams, all our plans for next year, and our milestones, it starts to warm my heart even more.

Bae, thank you for always being the calm in the storm—you knew just how to keep your cool and analyze things. Thank you for protecting me, honey! I'm gonna miss the spontaneous road trips that we loved so much, our Waffle House breakfast dates, sitting on our balcony with the infamous speaker box and listening to our music, us laughing at you trying to dance with no rhythm (LOL). The thing that cuts me to my core is when I think about you getting annoyed with me when I wouldn't let you get comfortable in bed first before grabbing your arm so I could fall asleep. We argued over you having more pillows on your side of the bed—and Tyler was standing in front of our door like "you two are hilarious." You knew how much I hated scratching your back and yet you asked me to do it daily. The little things you did for me put the biggest smile on my face LITERALLY! Our love for the beach, our love for seafood, our love for each other—we were the best of friends! The funny thing about us was that as soon as we were apart from each other, we would be on the phone having a full-on-full conversation. OMG, I'm gonna miss that!

KC, rest in love my dear heart—I have memories forever and ever of you! You completed me, and I thank God that he allowed us to love each other for the time we had. I am grateful.

Love your Wife – Mrs. LaToya Cole

Father,

I know you didn't mean to leave me. You were all I really had. Nobody can ever give me the love that you gave me; no one can fill the void in my heart. You gave me the best 20 years of my life—but we had forever to go! I know that you loved me with all your heart.

God I miss you, and I love you so much – L4L and AFTER!

Love your daughter,

Kennethia "KeKe"

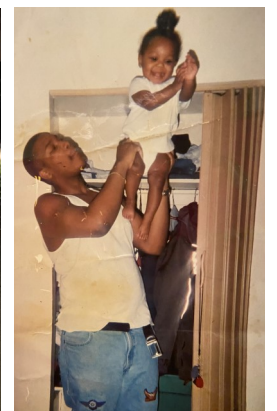
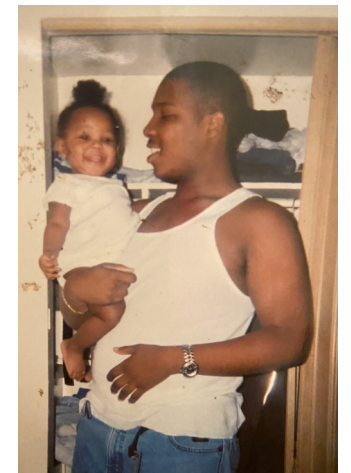
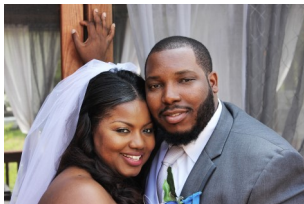


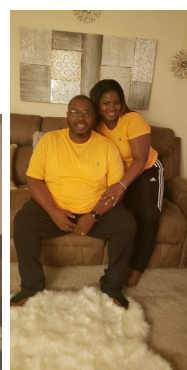
It hurts so-so-so much that you can't be here with me and the rest of the family. You meant so much to me, and I was so thankful to have a stepfather like you. You did so many things for me—came to all my dance recitals, competitions, took me to school, and was so proud of me for doing well. I feel like a part of me is missing because you are not here with me. I'm going to miss all the goofy times that we had together and all the big hugs that I gave you when you walked through the door. I'm going to miss the laughs and the fun things we did together. You made me so happy, and I thank God for giving me the best stepfather in the entire world. It's never going to be the same without you here. What hurts even more is that I didn't get to say goodbye and tell you how much I love and care for you. I know you're still up there looking over me; and protecting me. You are in a better place now and that is all that matters. I will always want the best for you—for you to be happy in any and every kind of way. I know how much you loved and cared for me, mom, KeKe, and the rest of the family. You will never be forgotten, and you will always be a part of the family. I will always love you. You will forever be a part of my heart.

It doesn't even seem real to me. You've been there for me since day one; and you've had my back since day one. Things will never be normal again because you're not here with me. I loved you so much, and it burns my heart to see and hear that you're gone and to see how much mom and KeKe are crying, unable to sleep at night. I've thought about you since the day you passed away. I can never stop thinking about how much you were in pain and how sick you were. I will never forget the fun things we did on our family vacations, how much fun we had, and how much you made me laugh. You were always there for me, always cheering me on in the crowd or in the audience, always making silly jokes, always happy with your beautiful smile, and always calling me "Tip Toe." The beautiful and funny memories that we made will always be in my memory. Thank you for all that you have done for me and this family. I will love you forever and ever.

Love Always,

Tyler





Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We thank you so much for all the kindness you have shown. For friendship's healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today.

Love, the family



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