

Congregational Hymn

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

<u>CAcknowledgement</u>

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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A Celebration of Life for Kenneth Dwight Baldwin September 9, 1967 - June 7, 2020



Viewing: 10:00 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries_® DC Expansion Location 24 Kennedy Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary

On Sunday, June 7, 2020, Kenneth Dwight Baldwin entered into eternal rest. He was born September 9, 1967, in Washington, D.C., to the late Ronnie Clay Baldwin and Anita Evans Robinson. He was raised as an only child; however, he grew up sharing good times with his cousins and many friends.

Kenneth was educated in the DC Public School System. He continued his education at the University of the District of Columbia, and the Catholic University Metropolitan School of Professional Studies where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. In 2017, Kenneth received the Outstanding Continuing Education Student Award for the Mid -Atlantic Region from the University Professional and Continuing Education Association. He went on to earn a Master of Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and Mental Health Counseling.

Kenneth completed the Catholic Charities Institute Professional Counseling Education Program (PCEP) and became a certified addiction counselor. His work at PCEP earned him an award for academics and professional achievements. As an addiction counselor, he helped individuals who were dealing with addiction and other challenges such as homelessness, domestic violence, and mental illness. Whether he was running a group counseling session, a one-on-one session or heading up a critical thinking group session, he truly enjoyed every moment of it. This significant work gave him an opportunity to give back to society—giving a message of hope to so many. Kenneth was honored with three separate awards from the White House for his service to society: the President's Volunteer Service Award, the Unsung Hero Award, and the Honor Drum Major Award respectively.

Kenneth had many goals in life, one of which was to help people. He was the founder and CEO of Discovery Consultants LLC; and he engaged in enriching human potential. This transformation process was achieved through mentoring, motivational speaking, and convening critical thinking focus groups. Kenneth was employed as a mental health counselor with the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency in Washington, D.C. The organization serves offenders on parole and probation, and helps returning citizens to integrate back into their communities. Kenneth was also a part of Momentum Education, and Mighty Men, two independent powerful and encouraging support groups.

Kenneth loved words of wisdom. In fact, he often quoted great writers and eventually began writing his own wise words, which he termed "Baldwin Building Blocks." Moreover, he was a contributing author to the book titled *Triumphant Overcomer*. His testimony in the book was written to encourage Christians who face the daily struggles of life. Kenneth also loved encouraging and building up others, he always said, "education is the key;" and he frequently used the phrase "each one teach one."

In 2015, Kenneth joined From the Heart Church Ministries, DC Expansion Location, where he served in the Intercessory Prayer Ministry. His family takes comfort in knowing that he gave his life to Jesus Christ earlier in life.

Kenneth was a faithful member and Masonic brother of Victory Lodge #23 of MWPHGLDC. He was proud to be a part of that organization. Kenneth touched so many lives in the short time he was here on earth. There clearly was something special and unique about him. He was different, unusual, and uncommon in so many ways. He will be greatly missed, and lovingly remembered by all who knew and loved him. Rest on Kenneth—and those of us in Christ will see you again.

Kenneth leaves to cherish his memory his two sons, Kenneth Dwight Hollonquest and Terrance Ellerbe; brother, Ronnie Clay Baldwin Jr.; sister, Donna Wiggins; six aunts; two uncles; one great-aunt; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

