



## Maxine E. Kelly

December 22, 1939 - July 9, 2023

Maxine Lena Ellis Kelly was born on December 22, 1939 in Baltimore, Maryland to Lawrence Ellis, Sr. (deceased) of Petersburg, VA and Annie Esther Ellis (deceased) of Baltimore, Maryland. She was their third child of 5 born to the couple. Maxine was 6 years old when her mother died as a result of childbirth complications from her 6th pregnancy.

Her father moved back to his hometown of Petersburg, Virginia to raise his remaining children and maintain all five of them in one household. Maxine graduated from Union Grove Elementary School and Carver High School in Petersburg.

Ms. Kelly moved to Washington, DC in the 1960's where she started working in childcare. She later got a job at Freedmen's Hospital (now Howard University Hospital) where she was employed as an Operating Room Surgical Technician. She later transferred to the Respiratory Therapy Department as the Unit Secretary. During her tenure at Howard University Hospital, she pursued her Associate Degree in Business Administration at the University of the District of Columbia. She retired from Howard University Hospital after 30+ years of service.

Her hobbies included cooking, baking, crocheting, bowling, dancing and singing. Her calling and mission in life was service to others. Her mottos were

“If I can Help Somebody” and “I’m so Grateful” She loved to “help the seniors”.

Maxine devoted her life to caring for family, friends and acquaintances. She expressed her commitment to her family by making frequent trips to Baltimore, Maryland to care for her ailing sister, Marie. She always made sure that the children in the family were well prepared for school by organizing their clothes for the week, providing them a daily breakfast as well as a safe trip to and from school. Maxine helped to raise generations of children.

Although Maxine was devoted to her lifelong friends; Charlene Holmes, Phyllis Sinclair, Gwendolyn Shaw and Mary Hughes, her real love was Rock Creek Baptist Church. She became a member in 1962. She sang in several choirs over the years, including the Chancellor Choir and the Senior Choir. She was a member of the Usher Board, the Senior Usher Board, and the Missionary Board. She was the Church Secretary for a while as well. She remained an active member of the church until her recent long-term illness.

Ms. Kelly is survived by her family and leaves to cherish her memory: Dear Brother, Charles Lawrence Topping Ellis of Petersburg, Virginia; Dear Sister-in-Law, Annie Mae Ellis (Horace), Nieces: Sylvia R. Medley (Gregory Phillips) of Washington, DC and Susan Ellis Porter (Terry) of Fort Washington, Maryland; Nephews: Benson D. Medley (April Medley) of Silver Spring, MD and Vernon Augusta, Jr of New Orleans, LA; Grandnieces: Sierra Medley, Morgan Medley; Grand nephews: Benson Medley-Childs, Malik Medley, Miles Medley and Marlon Medley.

Maxine was preceded in death by her Father: Lawrence Ellis, Sr, Mother: Annie Esther Ellis; Sister: Marie Irene Ellis Medley; Brothers: Lawrence Ellis, Jr and Horace Ellis. And her two ex-husbands: John Roberts and John Kelly.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

4111 Pennsylvania Ave  
Suitland, MD 20746

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County  
4308 Suitland Road  
Suitland, MD 20746  
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## Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Maxine E. Kelly*



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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - July 20, 2023 at 02:41 PM

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*Maxine and I met and became friends at Carver High School in 1955. I'll always remember how nice and helpful she was. Shortly after our graduation in 1960 I visited at her home in Petersburg Va. Many years later I spent time with her at class reunions and I'm glad I had a chance to tell her that I love her and have never forgotten her kindness in high school and how much it meant to me. Maxine has fought a good fight and is now at peace. Condolences to her brother Charles and all other family members. May God hold you close and ease your sorrow during this difficult time.*

*Wilma Hubbard Swann*

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**Wima Hubbard Swann** - July 21, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ *Maxine E. Kelly*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

HW

“ So sorry to know that Maxcine is no longer with us, but she is in a better place. She was a nice quiet person with a big, beautiful smile and fun to be with. Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be, a resting place along the road, to sweet eternity. MY sympathy to her family.

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**Hazel Walker-Hobson** - July 20, 2023 at 09:13 PM

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“ Once again God has called one of his precious Angels home with Him where there is nothing but Joy, Peace and Happiness. We her Carver High School Chester, Virginia classmates are sorry to hear of her passing but know that she is no longer suffering and has a brand-new body. Sleep on Maxcine and take your rest, we loved you, but God loved you best. May God Bless her family and give them strength to endure.

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**Carver High Class of 1960** - July 20, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - July 20, 2023 at 02:24 PM