



## Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV

September 25, 1970 - February 29, 2020

Lieutenant Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV a native of Louisville, KY and graduate of Manual High School, Western Kentucky University, Kansas State University and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, passed on 29 February 2020 in Arlington, VA at the age of 49. Marvin was a highly decorated Army Officer who served for over 30 years, completed two combat tours, while leading and training hundreds of military personnel and civilians. Marvin was a consummate mentor, advisor, and giver who thrived on helping others. Marvin began his military career as an enlisted Soldier in the United States Army Reserves, earned a commission and became an Air Defense Artillery Officer, transitioned to logistics and commanded a maintenance company at Fort Carson, CO, and a Distribution Battalion at Corpus Christi, TX. Later Marv served as the Enlisted Ordnance Branch Chief for over 45,000 Soldiers and his last assignment was in Headquarter Department of the Army G-4 Maintenance Division (Pentagon).

Lieutenant Colonel Kellem is survived by his wife of 25 years Bonnie; children, Todne' and Cody; father, Marvin Kellem III (Vicky); sister, Erica (William) Beasley; brother, Carlo (LaToya); grandmother, Bobbie Edwards; stepfather, Jeffrey Gathright and a host of other family members. He was preceded in death by his mother, Caroline Gathright; grandmother, Alice Kellem and grandfathers, Marvin Kellem Jr. and James Edwards.

Visitation: 10am-11:30am Friday, March 20, 2020 at Stithton Baptist Church,

95 Park Ave., Radcliff, KY 40160, with funeral service to follow at 11:30am.  
Burial: Kentucky Veterans Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## KY Veterans Cemetery

2501 N Dixie Blvd  
Radcliff, KY 402160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Stithton Baptist Church  
95 Park Ave.  
Radcliff, KY 40160

## Service

MAR 20. 11:30 AM (ET)

Stithton Baptist Church  
95 Park Ave.  
Radcliff, KY 40160

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bonnie and Cody,  
Our deepest condolences to you and all of your family. I lost track of  
you all, but thought of you all often.  
May God give you his peace and comfort as you and your family go  
through this sad period in life. We miss you.  
The Bradleys  
Darryl, Virginia, Dara and Kara*

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**Virginia Bradley** - November 15, 2020 at 10:15 PM

 Dana  
Williams

“ *Dana Williams lit a candle in memory of Lt  
Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV*



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**Dana Williams** - March 22, 2020 at 11:27 AM

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“ *Barbara Groves lit a candle in memory of Lt  
Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV*



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**Barbara Groves** - March 20, 2020 at 10:30 PM

MM

“ Mike & Dee Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV



Mike & Dee Mitchell - March 20, 2020 at 10:24 AM

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“ Sending prayers and love to the Kellem families and friends in this time of need. Love from Spike & Tanya Davis.



Tanya Davis - March 20, 2020 at 09:40 AM

DS

“ Donald Simpson lit a candle in memory of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV



Donald Simpson - March 20, 2020 at 06:08 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.



March 19, 2020 at 07:56 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry to hear of this great loss to the family as well as to our community and country. To my niece Bonnie, my nephew and Marvin's extended family, be strong in the Lord and His mighty power. He will comfort you and strengthen you during this time and in the days ahead. While you are weak, God is strong. Praying much for everyone. We love you in Christ Jesus.

Martha Murrell - March 19, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.



March 19, 2020 at 05:40 PM

SN

“ Serge M Ngwanza purchased the Infinite Love for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.



Serge M Ngwanza - March 19, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.



March 19, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ LTC Kellem was a man of God. He taught me so much about life while he was the Branch Chief. He later became a great friend who I could confide in, have coffee with, and just message to say Hello. I miss him terribly but know that he is with our Lord and Savior, awaiting our entry. My thoughts go out to the family, especially Cody, who Marv loved to talk about. He was so proud of you, Cody, continue doing what you do best, and you will always have an angel looking over you!

RIP Sir 🙏 until we meet again.....

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**Sherri McGarigle-Hahn** - March 19, 2020 at 10:16 AM

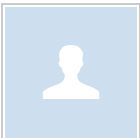


“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.



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March 19, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.



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March 18, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.*



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March 18, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Rev.Lena and John Carney purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.*



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**Rev.Lena and John Carney** - March 18, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *YOU WERE ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING MEN ON THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN. YOU HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTRY AND YOUR FAMILY WELL. WE ARE WELL PLEASED WITH THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE. YOUR LEGACY WILL LIVE FOREVER. HAVE FUN WITH YOU MOM IN HEAVEN AND THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY. RIP NEPHEW, LOVE YOU DEARLY AUNT VELVET*

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**AUNT VELVET** - March 17, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *You were One of the most amazing man on this side of heaven. You have served our country and family well. We are well pleased with the work you have done. Your legacy will live forever and you will be talked about until God call us home. Have fun with your mom in heaven. Now go RIP. Love you dearly your Aunt Velvet*

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**Aunt Velvet** - March 17, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.*



March 17, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ *My most sincere condolences to Bonnie and Cody. My our God continue to wrap his arms around you and Cody through this. You know that I love you both dearly. The Millner's.*



**kimberly millner** - March 16, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ *One of the COOLEST, NICEST, people I've ever known!!! We didn't get to spend a lot of time together but, he had that KINDRED spirit that EVERYONE LOVED. GLAD TO KNOW he's my cousin...*

**Kermit R. Smith II** - March 16, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lt Colonel Marvin D. Kellem, IV.*



March 16, 2020 at 03:27 PM