

### *To Those I Love & Those That Love Me*

When I am gone, release me, let me go; I have so many things to see and do; you must not tie yourself to me with tears; be happy that we had so many years; I gave you my love, you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness; I thank you for the love you have shown but now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on so if you need me, call and I will come though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart, you will hear, all my love around you, loud and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you at Heaven's gate with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of the late **William Jerome Kirby** would like to express our gratitude for your many kind expressions as evidence in thought and deed for your presence at this service.

*~The family*

### *Flower Attendants*

Family Members and Friends

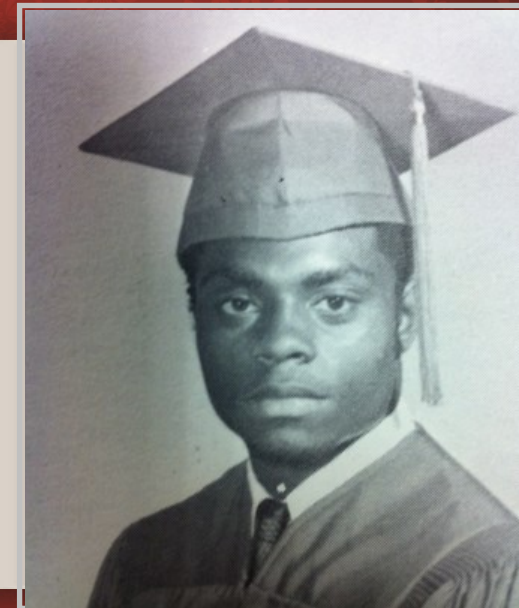
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# A CELEBRATION *of Life* for

## *William Jerome Kirby*



*Sunrise*

March 18, 1952

*Sunset*

April 26, 2018

*Service*

11:00 AM, Thursday, May 3, 2018

*Samuel C. Rogers, Jr. Memorial Chapel*

4315 N. Main Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

*Pastor Anthony Southward, Officiating*



# Obituary

**William Jerome Kirby** was born on March 18, 1952 in Pasco, Florida. He was the second son born to Odell and Ruby Kirby. Jerome received Christ in his early childhood years under the care of his uncle, the late Leroy Moody. Jerome spent his early childhood in Jesup and Brunswick Georgia. He moved to Jacksonville, in 1967 and attended the local schools graduating from William M. Raines High School, Class of 1971.

**William** moved to Chicago, Illinois shortly after graduation. He was employed with Packy Webb Ford and later became employed as a truck driver, he worked this job until his health declined.

**William** met and married Mrs. Shelly Houtz, from this union two beautiful girls were born, Tamara and Jenna.

**William** departed this life on Thursday, April 26, 2018. He was preceded in death by his father, Odell Kirby; brother, David Kirby; uncle, Leroy Moody; aunt, Honey Moody; three nieces, Wendy Ousley, Anita Jackson and Tanika Kirby.

**William** leaves to cherish his memories, two daughters, Tamara Kirby and Jenna Kirby; mother, Ruby Kirby; ex-wife but good friend, Shelly Houtz; brother, George Kirby; sister, Queen Rogers (James); two special nephews, Auja Rogers and Ausha Rogers; a special niece, Ellexia Taylor-Norris; a special friend, Cassandra; most helpful friend, Denise and many nephews, nieces, a host of cousins and many friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Scripture ..... Pastor Anthony Southward

Prayer ..... Dollie Byers

Selection ..... Philip Mercer

*"Amazing Grace"*

Obituary ..... *(Read Silently)*

Selection ..... Philip Mercer

Eulogy ..... Pastor Anthony Southward

Recessional

*Interment*

Private