



Sekou Toure Kelley

March 28, 1962 - March 6, 2024

Mansfield, Sekou Toure Kelley, 61, passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at home from an extended illness.

Sekou was born March 28, 1962, in Mansfield, Ohio to Priscilla Mae Kelley and the late John Campbell Jr.

Sekou was baptized at an early age. He stayed committed and was God fearing. Although he lived his life as he knew best, he always kept his faith in the Lord.

Sekou went to school in Mansfield, Ohio, graduating from Malabar High School in 1980. He had a passion for cooking and attended Culinary School earning him a degree in Culinary Arts in St Louis MO. He worked at a few restaurants such as Angelos and Charlie Gitto's. He was known in the family for making a few of his specialty dishes with his stuffed duck being a crowd pleaser. There were times he often thought he was the only one who knew how to cook.

Sekou also was a music lover to the core. He was in a group called "Just Us" with his best friend Michael Daniels since elementary school and a group of friends from high School. Not only could he sing but he also made history in Mansfield as the first African American to play a timbale drum for the Mighty Malabar Falcon Marching Band. He and Michael cooked and made great music together and remained best friends until today.

Sekou lived in St Louis as he continued cooking for a living. He and his then mate Darlene White-Rice, from St. Louis, MO gave birth to a beautiful daughter Selena in 1982. In 1993 Sekou married Nicola Saine. One daughter, Shaniqua Kelly came from this union. Sekou and Nicola later divorced.

Sekou leaves to cherish his sweet memories, his mother, Pricilla Jefferson, of Mansfield, OH; daughters, Selena (Gerard) Robinson, and Shaniqua Kelly all of St. Louis, MO; siblings, Terry(Jimmy) Gordon, Morgiana Lindsay, Rena(Roosevelt) Harris, Amir(Beth)

Lindsay, and Cephas Lindsay, all from Mansfield, OH; aunts, Nonia Jackson and Ardis Kelly all of Mansfield, OH, and Annie Edwards, of St. Louis, MO; a dear friend, Brenda Pope, of St Louis, MO; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Campbell Jr.; grandmother, Ar'Razzaaq Shakir, uncle's, Jerry Kelley, William Kelley, Patrick Kelley, and Abubakr Kellsey; an aunt, Leatha Gardner.

The calling hours will be Sunday, March 10, 2024, from 3 – 5 pm, at Small's Funeral Services, 326 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, Ohio.

The family has entrusted Small's Funeral Services with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Small's Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Sekou Toure Kelley*



Small's Funeral Services - March 07, 2024 at 07:41 PM

BB

Gone to soon you will

Gone to soon rest easy until we meet again.may the peace of God rest rule and abide upon the family during a time such as this

Bruce Bond - March 07, 2024 at 11:09 PM

CJ

My condolences to the family. I have known Sekou for many years ever since I grew up on Hedges St. and he was living on Superior Ave. May he rest in PEACE.

Charles Scruggs, Jr. - March 08, 2024 at 05:36 PM

IC

My cousin what things I can say, we'll we were the first two grandchildren n grew up together. I have so many memories of him that I cannot write all of them, but the one thing I can say is it hurts to see him go but I know he is in a better place n he hurts no more. Sekou I know I was your favorite cuzin many times u use to tell me, and my heart is broken cause you left to soon, we were suppose to see each other grow old, but you had to go. I will miss you ,your jokes your smile n you just being you. So rest up cuz I will truly see you again. Love indra n family

Indra kelly 1st cuzzin - March 09, 2024 at 02:16 AM

MF

Our sincere condolences to Sekou entire family. We are praying for you all.

Minister Behavior Bryant & Family - March 10, 2024 at 04:10 PM

DC

My deepest condolences the Kelly family. So sad.

Doug Caldwell - March 10, 2024 at 05:59 PM

CS

My condolences 🙏 to the family. Sekou was one of my childhood friends. We grew up in the same neighborhood. Attended school together, elementary, jr high, & highschool. I didn't get a chance to see him after we graduated from high school. I left for the military, & he left for st Louis. He was always in my thoughts. Got a chance to speak with him on the phone, several years ago. It was a blessing to hear his voice. We shall meet again, my friend! Clarence 'jerry' ross Sr.

Clarence j ross Sr - March 10, 2024 at 06:12 PM

LS

My condolences to the family. He was a good brother. Rest in peace my friend.

Link Briggs Sr. - March 10, 2024 at 06:20 PM

GD

Prayers to the family. RIP my friend. Greg Dorsey

Greg Dorsey - March 10, 2024 at 08:11 PM

WM

“ *My condolences to the family*

Wayne McDonald - March 11, 2024 at 10:58 PM

MB

“ *Minister Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Sekou Kelley*



Minister Behavior Bryant - March 10, 2024 at 04:11 PM

JH

“ *Sending my condolences and prayers to the Kelly family.*

Juanita Harris - March 08, 2024 at 12:14 AM

JH

“ *Juanita Harris lit a candle in memory of Sekou Kelley*



Juanita Harris - March 08, 2024 at 12:11 AM



“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Small's Funeral Services - March 07, 2024 at 07:14 PM

JW

A limb has fallen from the family tree that says Grieve not for me. Remember the best times. The laughter the song the good life I lived while I was strong. The Vincent and Jeannie White family send you our love and prayers

Jeannie White - March 10, 2024 at 10:01 PM