



# Wesley Charles Kemp Jr.

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## **Wesley Charles Kemp Jr.**

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**W**esley Charles Kemp Jr. was born on November 29, 1947 in McGregor, TX. He was the son of the late Wesley Sr. and Rosie McCloud Kemp. He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Gilbert and brother, Vernon Kemp.

He spent his early years in McGregor, TX. He grew up serving at Roberson Chapel AME Church with his family where he gave his life to Christ at an early age. His first job was delivering papers and he was an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. He enjoyed and excelled in academics and sports, attended George Washington Carver and graduated from Mc Gregor High School in 1966.

Shortly after graduating, he moved to Ft. Worth, TX and was employed at General Dynamics. He bought his first car and on his road trip to McGregor to show it off, it broke down! He selflessly chose to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Air Force on May 14, 1967 and retired as a Sergeant on May 18, 1971. He was stationed in Thailand when he met the love of his life, Boonthai (Nit) Ruamsilp and they were married in 1970 in McGregor, TX. To this union, one daughter was born, Selena Kemp.

He was employed for over 38 years for Lucent Technologies (formerly SW Bell & AT&T). While employed at Lucent, he was transferred from Texas to New York and resided for over 20 years until he retired in 2005. He was working in downtown Manhattan only a few blocks from the Twin Towers when they were hit on 9/11. He was an active member of Bethel AME Church in Copiague, NY where he served on the Steward Board, Finance Committee, and Male Choir. When he wasn't serving, Wesley enjoyed working in his beautiful garden, making Chow Chow for family and friends, BBQ'ing, listening to Jazz and Christian music, and he was a diehard fan of the Dallas Cowboys. He loved attending family reunions, taking his Mother to a Broadway show in Manhattan on her first trip to NY, and traveling with his beautiful wife of over 51 years and he collected elephants wherever they went.



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He relocated to Mansfield, TX where he united with Bethlehem Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Michael Evans Sr. He loved whenever his grandkids would come to visit in Texas and have fun excursions with Papa and YaYa. When they misbehaved, all he could do was swing at them with the PaPa stick (back scratcher). During COVID, he thoroughly enjoyed watching his Pastor and church family online until God called him home.

He leaves to cherish and honor his memory his loving and devoted wife of 51 years, Boonthai (Nit) Kemp, loving daughter: Selena Kemp (Donavan) of Randallstown, MD, 4 grandchildren: Israel, Sienna, Princeton, and London of Randallstown, MD. 5 sisters: Virda Pyburn, McGregor, TX, Shirley Clark, Ft. Worth, TX, Deborah Stanfield, Oxon Hill, MD, Rohelen Hicks, Mansfield, TX, and Owedia Kemp, Hamilton, TX, aunt: Mrs. Geneva Eastland, Spring Branch, TX, close friends: Ivory Jackson, Charles Graham, Jimmy Gatling and Jerome Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A very special thanks to Donald Hartsel and all of Wesley's Thai friends and family.



## Events

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### Viewing while Social Distancing

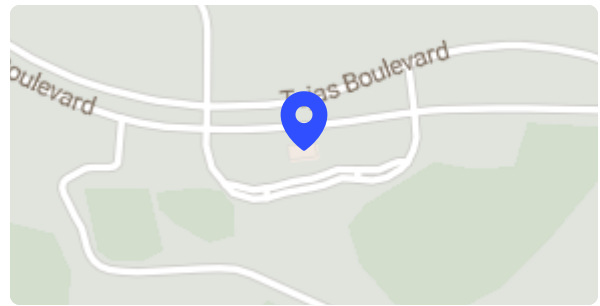
 **Monday**, December 21, 2020

 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM CT

 **Bethlehem Baptist Church**  
1188 W. Broad Street, Mansfield TX 76063

### Cemetery Details

 **DFW National Cemetery**  
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas TX 75211





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kemp family.

December 19 at 12:49 PM



**Annette & Doyle Henigan** sent a Sweet Liberty to the Kemp family.

December 18 at 8:26 AM



**Bethlehem Baptist Church-Mansfield, Tx** lit a candle in honor of Wesley.

Dr. Michael A. Evans, Sr., Rev. Leonard Hornsby, Executive Pastor, Staff and the members of Bethlehem Baptist Church-Mansfield, Texas offer our condolences to Sis. Boothai Kemp and Sis. Rohelen Hicks in the passing of Bro, Wesley Kemp. We pray GOD's comfort and peace on you during this very difficult time. God bless and keep you is our prayer.

December 16 at 11:24 AM



**Len Holmstrom** posted:

My kids never met Westly, but they knew him through his Kemp Sauce. He touched many people in many ways and will be missed. Thanks Westly. Len Holmstrom

December 15 at 5:27 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Kemp family.

December 15 at 4:41 PM



**Donald Hartsel And Family** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Kemp family.

December 15 at 6:46 AM





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PF

**Prapit Hartsel And Family** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Kemp family.

December 15 at 6:46 AM



PW

**Piengpen Williams** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kemp family.

December 15 at 5:05 AM



WD

**Walnut Creek Dental** lit a candle in honor of Wesley.

December 14 at 11:16 AM



NH

**Nuvaree Hartsel** lit a candle in honor of Wesley.

My deepest condolences to the Kemp family. Prayers and love 🙏❤️

December 12 at 8:08 AM



SH

**Shariyfa** posted:

May the highest cover his body and soul! Sleep peacefully.

December 12 at 5:35 AM

MR

**Mary Reed** lit a candle in honor of Wesley.

December 11 at 6:37 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wesley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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