

‘Nightmare’: Family Looking for Hope Amid Tragic Wildfire Loss

The granddaughter of a 95-year-old woman killed in the California wildfires is honoring her beloved “best friend” and standing strong amid such profound loss.

“I have to be strong,” Dalyce Kelley, granddaughter of fire victim Dalyce Curry, told CBN News. “She taught me how to be a strong woman, and I just live on her principle that she taught us, and that, no matter how tough life gets, nothing is as bad in it as it seems—even at its worst.”

As CBN News previously reported, Dalyce Curry was found deceased Sunday after she went missing for days. Her family spent most of last week attempting to find her after an inferno destroyed her Altadena home.

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The discovery has rocked the family. Kelley, who reflected on her grandmother’s life and legacy, said she had the “best upbringing,” with Curry teaching her many valuable lessons.

“[She] instilled such great values in me,” Kelley said. “And I wouldn’t be the woman I am to this day without her.”

The grieving granddaughter said Curry “prayed a lot” and helped introduce her to faith.

“She instilled some serious Christian values in me,” Kelley said. “And I know where she is. ... And I just have to pray that I can continue to live a life that’s pleasing to her and our Father, and that I pray that I end up where she is—and that’s in heaven.”

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Kelley was a caregiver for both Curry and her sister. Before the fires broke out, she had taken Curry to the hospital for some appointments and to get checked out due to some heart-related issues.

“We were there the entire day,” Kelley said, explaining they didn’t know the extent of what was happening with the fires. “So, we really didn’t know what [was] going on [in] the news.”

Later that night, Kelley brought Curry back to her home in Altadena. At that point, the lights were still on and no flames were directly near the house, she said.

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