



William Smith Kelley Jr.

October 25, 1939 - December 26, 2021

William Smith Kelley Jr. was called home by his Heavenly Father on December 26th 2021 at Norton Audubon Hospital.

Smith was born in Floyd County Kentucky, October 25th 1939 to his late mother Ruby Alice Stratton. After graduating from Betsy Layne High School he married his darling wife Barbara Sue Hagans and went on to proudly serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After completing his service, he became an upgrader for Ford Motor Company, retiring after 27 years.

Smith enjoyed fishing, traveling, gardening, basketball, going to church, he was an expert checker player, was an avid UK fan, he loved telling jokes and cherished the time he spent with his family and grand-pups Teddy-O and Fred. Smith was the best husband and dad and was known for his kindness and outgoing personality. To know him was to love him!

He was preceded in death by his father William Smith Kelley, mother Ruby Alice Stratton, son Timothy Wayne Kelley, brother Ray Calvin Webb.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife Barbara Sue Kelley of 61 years, daughters, Kimberley Rane Kelley- Chaffee, and Paula Dawn Bewley; grandchildren, Zachary, Jessica, Keirsten, Christian, Jacob, Jonah and Hannah.

Visitation will be held Sunday, January 2nd, 11:00am-8:00pm at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, Louisville KY, 40216. Services will be held Monday January 3rd, 1:00pm at Cloverleaf Baptist Church, 4401 Manslick Rd,

Louisville KY, 40216. A brief visitation will be held from 11:00am until time of service at the church. Burial at Louisville Memorial Gardens West to follow.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Oh how I loved this dear man!! Bill you were one of the kindest men I have known. You were not only adored by your sweet family, but by many others. You will be missed by many. So happy you're not suffering and in pain anymore. You were so strong for your family and your beautiful family was also there for you taking care of you each step of the way. Rest easy now my friend in the arms of Jesus. Only JOY NOW!! I will see you soon!!

Mary Jo Irvin - January 02, 2022 at 01:38 PM

BC

“ I talked with Bill so many times about prayer requests for others, and we got to know each other through those conversations. We would always share prayer requests for our family members who were struggling with various issues. There is a bonding when you have that common thread of praying together. His sweet spirit will be missed by everyone. Love and prayers for the family. Until we meet again, "so long"
Your friends,
Bea and George Cundiff

Bea Cundiff - December 30, 2021 at 08:41 AM

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“ Dear Sue, Kim, Paula and family! My heart breaks for you at the passing of Bill. He was such a blessing to know in Sunday school and to see in church. I was always so pleased to see you and Bill there getting such great hugs. I'm so glad he's now in the loving arms of his Savior Jesus Christ and not in the grips of pain. He fought a great battle for a very long time and was a great testament to his faith that God was in control . Bill will be missed greatly until we meet again on Heaven's shore's!
All my love to you!
Bobbie Davis Gregorich.

Bobbie Davis - December 30, 2021 at 12:46 AM