



Joseph William Kelley

November 2, 1945 - May 6, 2020

“Joe” Kelley, 74, passed away on May 6, 2020. He was a man of great Christian faith. He was born November 2, 1945, the son of Lloyd and Gladys Kelley. Joe was a graduate of Edgewater High School, attended Orlando Junior College, served his country in the Army and spent 14 years in the National Guard Reserves.

It all started with, “How Sweet It Is to be Loved by You” - Joe married his perfect match, Linda, and for 41 years, he never missed an opportunity to celebrate their wedding anniversary, an FSU win or his Valentine. He loved a good game of golf with his buddies.

He demonstrated to his children, Rob and Ashley how to be “blue collar” which to Joe meant to work hard, be honest and always be fair. Joe was a mentor in the community and never missed an opportunity to influence young folks' lives. He coached basketball and improved their basketball skills as well as their life skills. He was always there for them and provided a safe place for advice, quiet time or just a space to talk and think.

To say that Joe never met a stranger would be an understatement; his reputation always preceded him and he put everyone he met at ease and became instant friends.

Joe loved sports from Nascar to College Football and when he wasn't rooting for Dale Jarrett #88 he was cheering on FSU.

Joe loved southern home cooking and some of his favorites were fried catfish and key lime pie. To share a meal with his family and friends brought him true joy.

Joe held many titles in his life. He took none for granted and excelled at all. To list but a few: Husband, Best Friend, Son, Brother, Father, Uncle, Father-In-Law, Grandfather, Mentor, Neighbor, Gift Giver and Coach. Of all, he most enjoyed being a partner to Linda, best friend to his daughter Ashley and son Rob. Joe had a special place in the hearts of his 8 nephews and 2 nieces and he will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Kelley; son, Rob and daughter Ashley; grandchildren, Alexis and McKenzie; sister, Emily Chambers and her husband Don, Dan and Dotty Gammage; Faithful pal Lucy and Granddog William.

Following COVID-19 restrictions a Memorial Service will be held at: DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL, May 13, 2020 between 1:30 - 3:00 PM (EST) To view the services you must log into a Facebook account and search for the DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory page here: <https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Following the service Joe will be laid to rest at the Oviedo Cemetery and at 4:00 PM (EST).

You are invited to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in Joe's memory for his family.

Donations to assist with the final funeral expenses for Joe Kelley are sincerely

appreciated. Please follow the link below. Payments will go directly to the DeGusipe Funeral Home.

<https://www.fundafamily.com/Family.aspx?ID=491>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

Oviedo Cemetery
Oviedo, FL

Tribute Wall

HC

“ I WAS A CLASSMATE AT EDGEWATER
BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR JOE AND HIS FAMILY
HELEN BLACKWELL CRAWFORD

HELEN CRAWFORD - May 16, 2020 at 05:45 PM

SC

“ Sandra Carter lit a candle in memory of
Joseph William Kelley



Sandra Carter - May 13, 2020 at 04:16 PM

SC

“ So many wonderful memories of you Joe . You were larger than life
. You once said “The bigger they are, the harder they fall “. Well our
hearts are broken , sending love to Linda, Ashley and Robbie .
Robbie was a student of mine back at Bishop Moore , we hit it off
both being huge Kentucky Fans! That’s what connected our families
forever . Love you guys .

Sandra Carter - May 13, 2020 at 04:14 PM

DM

“ On behalf of the Guardian ad Litem Program, our hearts go out to
you, Ashley and your family. We are all so sorry for your loss. We
send our deepest and heartfelt condolences.
Deborah Moore

Deborah Moore - May 13, 2020 at 01:56 PM

TS

“ I have so many fond and wonderful memories with your beautiful family. I would often describe and see Mr. Kelley as a gentle giant, he was larger than life but with the softest and gentlest heart. He loved his family fierce and you could see pride beaming off his face anytime he spoke of them. I'm so thankful for the years of memories, friendships, vacations, and so much we shared together. I know he is resting safely in our Lords loving arms. Continued prayers for you all and I will always be here for your family. Ashley I thank God for the gift of our friendship and I know God is watching over all of you today and always. Much love, Theresa

Theresa Soistman - May 13, 2020 at 12:42 PM

PK

“ Joe Kelley. You we'll be missed 😞
Your smile was killing. You also put smile on everyone's face that knew you! You were a wonderful MAN!! I promise I will be there for Linda Rob and Ashley. And I know you watching over them right now and for ever. Rest In Peace!! 😞

pashka kitaj - May 13, 2020 at 09:48 AM

KS

“ Karen and I were blessed to meet Joe and Linda and family in the early 90’s when our youngest daughter Theresa met Ashley in 2nd grade and she became the best of friends. We have so many fond memories during that time. The Kelley’s were just plain fun to be around. We are truly grateful for that time. Simply stated “Joe was a GOOD man”. We loved his wit and wisdom and the world is a much better place because he lived. Linda, Ashley, and Rob we will continue to pray for you and support you in any way we can. We wish we were not so far away that we could be with you personally. We will stop by when we return to Florida. May God surround you with His peace, love, and strength to assist you in this difficult time. In Christ love,
Karen and Mike Schuermann

Karen and Mike Schuermann - May 12, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph William Kelley.



May 12, 2020 at 09:29 AM

JW

“ Mr. Kelley made growing up in our neighborhood safe and so much fun! Especially his Halloween silliness. Everybody knew everybody. The streets felt safe, we stayed out until the streetlights came on. You didn’t have to go far to find a playmate or basketball game. It was a nice time to grow up and Mr. Kelley was apart of every memory. Rose Mont Crew. <3

Jennifer Wright - May 12, 2020 at 07:56 AM

DH

“ Al and I are so sorry to hear of Joe’s passing. We spent 12 years ‘in the neighborhood’ and our son Adam spent lots of time hanging out with his friend Ashley. Our prayers go out for the entire family.
The Hunts

Debra Hunt - May 11, 2020 at 08:03 PM

AS

“ So sad to lose such a good man loved by all. Prayers up for strength to start the journey through life without Joe ❤️
Linda I will come visit when things calm down with this Covid 19.
Love

Ann Sullivan - May 11, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph William Kelley.



May 11, 2020 at 04:34 PM

SS

“ Joe was always highly regarded at EHS! A football star and high achiever. 50 years later, we chatted often during the reunion committee meetings. We shared some laughs about flying as I was a 40 year TWA Flight Attendant. Another sweet memory, my younger sister named her daughter Kelly. She was 3 years behind us in school and didn't know Joe, however, admired his legacy! I will remember Joe with a smile on his face and pleasant personality!

We'll always be Eagles!

*Warmest Regards,
Sandra Stafford*

Sandra Stafford - May 11, 2020 at 12:47 PM

LL

“ I Just Am Very Sad At Joes Death. Martha And I Visited Him And Linda In January in His Hospital Room. He Was Very Sick But Alert And Happy To See Us. He Was A Special Man And Husband To My Cousin Linda And Fantastic Father Do Their Daughter Ashley. I First Met Joe In The 80's With Linda. He Traveled Through The State Of Florida And Actually Stayed With Me In Tampa One Weekend. I Cooked Him A Big Steak and We Had A Great Time Talking. A Kind Hearted Soul and A Gentleman. Rest In Paradise Joe 🙏😊. Larry And Martha Logue

Larry Logue - May 10, 2020 at 08:59 PM