



William J. Kelly

August 19, 1957 - April 21, 2015

William (Bill) Kelly passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015 after a short; but fierce battle with cancer. He was born in Queens, New York to Thomas and Marian Kelly and moved to Longwood, Florida when he was 17. Bill graduated from Lake Brantley High School. He met and married (27 years) his wife, Cindy Mackin in Yellowstone National Park where they worked for years together. They went on to the Florida Keys and ultimately Orlando where they graduated from UCF. Bill was known for his practical jokes, non-stop puns, and booming laugh. He was loved by many and will be missed greatly. He is survived by his wife Cindy, mother Marian, and siblings Tom, Jim (Barbara), Annie (Sean) & Marian.

There will be a memorial service for Bill this Sunday, April 26 at 10am, at DeGusipe funeral home in Maitland. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at:

The American Cancer Society <https://donate.cancer.org>

or the Humane Society in Orlando <http://petallianceorlando.org>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
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<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Reception

APR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ Ode to Bill Kelly

*Bill's mind always worked...he always played games -
Like new uses, for fireworks, and making nicknames.
He thought up so many, but we'll tell, just a few
And, we hope that you're laughing...when we get through.*

*When we stop laughing, we'll have to give thanks
For the stories that came...from all his phone pranks.
When phone calls came in, the phone, went to Tom...
And, remember the times when he used a stink bomb?*

*When a dog bit James, no time did Bill waste...
He bit it right back, and he gained some good taste
In choosing his dogs, both Morgan and "Gus,"
To whom Bill...was trilingual...in front of us.*

*He'd speak English, of course...and a little of German
And, was fluent in Spanish, thanks to his friend Herman.
So fluent, his teacher, to Bill, he did tell
Of concerns about cheating... 'cause he spoke it...so well.*

*And...our Bill...oh, how he did...like to drive.
Which started around the young age of five.
Jimmy and he...while down here in DeLand
Rolled down a driveway, and into some sand.*

*After Dad chewed them out, he stopped for a while,
But, later he drove...out West with a smile.
Thanks to Bob Swanson, on a new phase of his life,
Bill moved...to Yellowstone...and met Cindy, his wife.*

*Bill was a husband...a friend...a brother;
He was unique...and like no other.
He always made people, just laugh right out loud -*

To have known you, Bill...makes all of us proud.

Sean P. Hurley

April 25, 2015

Sean Hurley - April 30, 2015 at 04:29 PM



“ *Colleen Kelly lit a candle in memory of William J. Kelly*



Colleen Kelly - April 26, 2015 at 03:16 AM



“ *Our Uncle Billy was amazing. He already had a funny story tell or a new prank (new to us at least) to teach us. He was the kind of person who had an infectious smile that would make all of the bad of the world melt away. Even when we were not around he would make us laugh through the stories our father would tell us about their adventures as children. The two of them were quite the little trouble makers (although if you asked our dad he would always say, "It was all Billy, I was a good boy!"). Uncle Billy was a wonderful Uncle and Godfather. We will miss you very much!*

Colleen and Meghan Kelly

Colleen Kelly - April 26, 2015 at 03:14 AM

PA

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Cindy & the entire Kelly family. I first met Bill about 30 years ago through my first husband Andrew Catron. It was his infectious laugh that will always be one of my fondest of him. He always had a way to light up the room as bright as that yellow Dodge he drove. He was kind, generous and an all around stand up guy. May the family find comfort in knowing that he made a lasting impression on everyone he met. God Bless.

Penny Catron Ackerman - April 25, 2015 at 10:33 PM

BE

“ Annie: Bill and I were roommates and worked together for a few years in Yellowstone. We had some good times/laughs at the expense of the night guards around OFI and some great trips up to Bozeman to get supplies. Never forget wrecking his Toyota, flipping it back over right before Montana Highway Patrolman came by after reports of a wreck. That was a close one. He was one helluva story teller and great friend. I will miss him.
Billy Joe English
billy.j.english@afghan.swa.army.mil

Billy Joe English - April 24, 2015 at 10:17 PM

MS

“ I was very shocked and very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have a lot of fond memories of Bill and remember what a kind soul he was, full of laughter and wit. He was a good friend to many and I know he will be greatly missed. I would like to be there on Sunday but sadly will not be able to attend the services for Bill. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mary (Catron) Stepanek - April 24, 2015 at 06:50 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry. I won't be able to attend the services I would really like to be there for bill. It really grieves me to here of his passing . He was a very good and dear friend . You meet a lot of people in your life some become friends some don't but I was fortunate enough to meet bill in my life and was proud and honored enough to been able to call him my friend . Now there is one more empty chair in the hall of the clans . The clan McGregor that is . Ann will know what I'm talking about. I hope he finds the peace and rest he deserves . In that great big shrom city in the sky.

james MacGeen - April 24, 2015 at 05:37 PM

LA

“ Lisa Ayers-Ziegler lit a candle in memory of William J. Kelly



Lisa Ayers-Ziegler - April 24, 2015 at 05:31 PM

TR

“ Dear Jimmy, Barbara, Colleen, Meghan and the entire Kelly family:

We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers and please know if you need anything we are only a phone call away.

All our love,

Tina, Jim, James and William Ryan

tina ryan - April 24, 2015 at 09:49 AM

TR

“ Tina Ryan lit a candle in memory of William J. Kelly



tina ryan - April 24, 2015 at 09:45 AM



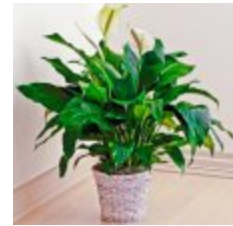
“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of William J. Kelly.



April 24, 2015 at 07:13 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of William J. Kelly.



April 23, 2015 at 07:31 PM

TK

“ Recounting stories from childhood, I remember Jimmy Billy's first attempt at driving a car. It was in 1961. Jimmy was 6 an Billy was 4 years old). We were staying at our grandfather's house in DeLand Fl. I don't remember who was the pilot and who was the co-pilot. They had released the parking brake from my parent's car which was parked in the driveway. They had backed the car out of the driveway into the street and were headed for a wooded area. My father, who was inside the house saw the car in the middle of the street ran out to stop it. He was successful in stopping the car before it went into the woods. I never saw my father move that fast. Needless to say, he really let them know they were misbehaving. - Tom Kelly

Tom Kelly - April 23, 2015 at 05:02 PM

BK

“ Cindy, we are so very sorry for your loss.

Billy never failed to keep us laughing. He had such a love of fun and practical jokes. He had his brother laughing so hard this past January Jimmy was crying. He recently sent Fig Newtons to New York knowing what they did to Jimmy's digestive system. Almost as good as the stink bombs sent in the past.

Billy will always live on in the stories of the pranks he masterminded.

*Our love to you!
Jimmy and Barbara*

Barbara & Jimmy Kelly - April 23, 2015 at 03:23 PM

TW

“ Very sorry for the loss of your brother .

Tommy Wawryk - April 23, 2015 at 12:55 PM

TW

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Tommy Wawryk - April 23, 2015 at 12:53 PM