



Edward J. Kelly

December 8, 1935 - March 5, 2017

Edward J. Kelly, **Ed**, of Catonsville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 5, 2017 surrounded by family. Ed is survived by his wife, Barbara M (Alling) Kelly; his son Kevin, spouse Trudy, daughter Maureen, spouse Ron, daughter Margaret, spouse Mark, son Brian, spouse Kristina, and daughter Michele and spouse Tim. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward J. Kelly, Sr, and Ruth B. Kelly and sister Mary Ruth Kelly (Nivens), and survived by his brothers Terry and Larry Kelly. Ed is also survived by ten grandchildren: Stephen, Stephanie, Alex, Brendan, Erin, Madeline, Aidan, Declan, Reagan and Liam, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Ed Kelly was born in Leadville, CO in 1935. He was the second child of Edward J. and Ruth Berry Kelly. Ed's love of music started at the very early age of 4, both singing and playing instruments. Ed attended St. Mary's elementary school, Leadville High School and then Regis College where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in accounting. Upon graduation from college, Ed entered the military, causing his musical career to be put on hold at that time. Three years later Ed was discharged from the Army and met the love of his life, Barbara M. Alling and they were married in July 1960. He was a traveling auditor for ASARCO Smelting and Refining Co. for 25+ years. In 1963, Ed Kelly and his family settled in Staten Island, NY until his departure as an accountant for a small medical practice and eventually his final job at the IRS. Ed and Barb were also heavily involved in Marriage Encounter (ME) . They presented weekends for about twenty years and attempted to retire as county coordinators on Staten Island but because they were so talented as coordinators for SI, they took over coordinating Lower Westchester County in the Bronx. Another BIG part of Ed's life was his involvement and leadership of the church choir at St. Clare on Staten Island. Ed and Barb moved to Crofton, MD. It was in Crofton that Ed's real estate agent discovered his musical talents and encouraged Ed to sing with the Annapolis Chorale. Through the chorale, Ed was able to sing at both Carnegie Hall and LaScala in Milan Italy. In 2007, Ed and Barb moved to Charlestown where he sung with the church choir (Our Lady of the Angels) and with the community group identified as **The Harmonizers**. Ed was also involved as a member of the Finance Committee, the Chapel Concert, and a member of the K of C. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made out to the Harmonizers at the Charlestown Community, 719 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville, Maryland 21228.

Comments



“ I met Eddie Joe, who was a friend of one of my housemates, Lorraine Maich, who was also from Leadville,. around 1956. He was attending Regis College at the time. He was always in a good mood and full of fun. I lost contact over the years and am sorry that I didn't look him up years ago. It sounds like he had a good life and many friends. May he rest in peace.

Carolyn Anderson McDonough - April 06, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ This was the eulogy for our Dad, Ed Kelly: Our dad, Ed Kelly, grew up in Colorado, in a mining town, called Leadville. The elevation of this town, makes it North America’s highest incorporated city with a lofty perch of 10,430 feet above sea level. He was very proud of this fact. We heard countless stories about his home town and often visited Leadville as a family. We heard about how he had to walk to and from school in snow up to his knees, or maybe it was his waste, uphill and back, and never was a snow day called. We heard about how he loved to ski, but would only do it out West. He would be quick to remind us that despite a name like the Appalachian mountains, these were mere “hills”. Mountains, east of the Mississippi, where he lived most of his adult life, doesn't have mountains, again, only hills. And any snow that fell was ice. To ski you need powder and that can only be found in the Rocky Mountains. Growing up in a small mountain city helped build dad’s resilient and playful character. Some people would describe our dad as: Husband to ONE for more than 56 years Father to 5 which grew with each marriage to 10 Grandfather to 10 Brother to 3 brother in law to many Cousin Uncle Godfather Friends with countless others A life long learner Musician Historian Army veteran Accountant and NYC executive and later on civil servant for the IRS Catholic servant leader Volunteer “The ultimate chocolate hater” Ice cream lover and a jokester with a good sense of humor We would like to elaborate a little on some of these: As a jokester, dad had a lifelong accomplice, our mom, Barb. Mom, as we go on with our story, we are glad you are in the front row and that there is more than an arm’s length between us. Because you might get the urge to poke or elbow us over the next several minutes, just as you would poke dad when he would tease you. But if it makes you feel better, please feel free to poke _____, who is sitting next to you. So here we go... Dad has been described to us as a warm hearted, kind and respectful man who loved a good bowl of ice cream or anything with strawberries, but considered himself the ultimate chocolate hater, after all, he would say, “chocolate gives you freckles”. One story, that our parents often shared with us is about chocolate cake and our maternal grandparents. When dad first met his soon to be mother in law she served him a slice of chocolate cake. Respectfully, Dad ate it all, so grandma offered him another and he politely said yes. This continued every time he would go and visit. After Mom and Dad were married, she would also make chocolate cake for him at home, because she thought he really liked it. It wasn't until 6 months into their marriage when he asked mom if she could make anything else other than chocolate cake for dessert. Dad didn't come out and say it, at the time, but mom realized he never liked chocolate, in the first place. So Mom gave lemon meringue pie, a shot. But the first one was a challenge. It clumped up in the middle, but just like with the chocolate cake, he still ate it. Later, he teased her about it and called it “the gum ball pie” which became an ongoing joke throughout their lives. Would like to point out, mom did try again and with great success and this dessert became one of his favorite desserts mom would make. Another favorite story of ours brings us back to Colorado. Apparently, this state also has some interesting cuisines, in particular, a dish called, Rocky Mountain oysters. This can be confusing, since there is no nearby ocean. But we know someone who has tried this great dish and can share with you her experience as Dad had her try these “oysters” during her very first visit to CO with him. Dad was an avid reader and lifelong learner. He loved action packed spy books. He also had a passion for family and local history. As kids, most of our vacations would include a history lesson. A stop at some battlefield, a monument, or some other historic location coupled with

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Michele Kelly Young - March 13, 2017 at 09:38 PM



“ Dear Kelly Family, May Ed Kelly, Jr. rest in the peace of the Risen Christ. May you all know the peace from the Risen Christ, too. All of you are in my prayer. Sister Maureen Kehoe

Denver Colorado - March 12, 2017 at 10:35 PM



“ A Tradition and Splendor was sent on March 9, 2017
Condolences Michele, Tim and family on your loss. John Wooden said, "The most important thing in the world is family and love." If that is a measure of an amazing life, it is clear Ed hit it out of park. Remember the great times. Sincerest condolences, #BTE

Expression of Sympathy - March 09, 2017 at 06:06 PM



“ A The Color of Memories Table Arrangement was sent on March 9, 2017
Tim and Michelle - Our love and thoughts during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Nishita & Kevin

Expression of Sympathy - March 09, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ Wishing you peace at this difficult time but know that Ed is in a peaceful place surrounded by loved ones.

Peter & Carol Young - March 09, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ A The Color of Memories Table Arrangement was ordered on March 9, 2017

Expression of Sympathy - March 09, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ Eddie Joe and I were classmates at Leadville High School and I have many fond memories of him. He and Barbara came to one of our class reunions and I had a long visit with them. He has accomplished much in his life. He and his wife raised fine children, were involved in their community and he will be remembered for his good personality and will be missed.

Madalyn Videtich - March 08, 2017 at 11:11 PM



“ A The Color of Memories Table Arrangement was sent on March 8, 2017
We give thanks to God for being able to share the small encounters we have had with Uncle Ed and his family. He is not gone but has moved on to take his true place alongside the communion of Saints and those who have gone before him. We too hope to achieve that grace and hope. Love Tim And Tammy

Expression of Sympathy - March 08, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ I hope the love of family and friends will help see you through this difficult time, as you remember your loved one and say your final good-byes. My deepest condolences.

Linda Marie Baker - March 08, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ A Warm Smile was sent on March 8, 2017
Barb and family,
We are so very sorry to miss Ed's funeral and to see all of you! Our prayers have been storming heaven and God's merciful, abundant grace to envelope you in his loving embrace.
Love, Greg and Barb Salzman family

Expression of Sympathy - March 08, 2017 at 06:40 PM



“ To Barb and Family:Condolences from The Martin Family.Heaven has become richer by one.He will be the the subject of my prayers this evening from midnight to 1:00. a.m during the perpetual hour of adoration to The Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Martha, Mary and Lazarus Friends of Jesus Catholic Church, Kingwood, Texas.The peace of The Lord be with you and yours.Bill Martin

Bill Martin - March 08, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ A Spathiphyllum was sent on March 8, 2017
Margaret ,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. My deepest sympathy to you , Mark, Steph and the entire Kelly family. Sending Love, Jane Paul

Expression of Sympathy - March 08, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ Our warmest condolences go out to your family along with thoughts of peace and comfort. God is the ultimate source of all comfort and of hope that sickness, death and sorrow will be no more. (Revelation 21:4) May he be with you at this time.

L.N. - March 08, 2017 at 08:13 AM



“ Dear Barbara and Family,With love, prayer and sincere heartfelt condolences to all.

Irene & Bill - March 07, 2017 at 10:50 PM



“ Ed was one of the bravest individuals we have known. One would never know what he was feeling because he always had the most reassuring smile and kind greetings. It has been our personal privilege to know him. We send prayers to his family and know that his life was based on his faith that will surely be rewarded in the comfort of God's welcoming hands.

John and Pat Kasuda - March 07, 2017 at 08:47 PM



“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Erin - March 07, 2017 at 07:27 PM