



## James "Jay" R. Kelley

December 19, 1932 - March 10, 2013

James "Jay" R. Kelley, 80, of Murphysboro, passed away and went to heaven at 3:29 a.m. Sunday, March 10, 2013, at his residence in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Gilbert and burial will be at Murdale Gardens of Memory. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday until 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

James was born on December 19, 1932, in Union County, Illinois, to C. M. Kelley and Lilly (Dawes) Kelley.

He served in Alaska from 1953 to 1955 in the U.S. Army.

James had worked at the former Brown Shoe Company in Murphysboro, and retired from the Duplicating Department from SIU-C Printing Services.

Mr. Kelley was a member of the American Legion Post # 127 in Murphysboro.

He married Mary Maynor on December 20, 1952, in Carbondale, Illinois, and she survives, his wife of 60 years.

Other survivors include one son and daughter in law Steven and Delores Kelley of Murphysboro;

two grandchildren Eric Kelley and his friend Tina Mezo, and Sheila Myers and her husband Brandon Myers;

one step granddaughter Sheila Pritchett,

two great granddaughters Allie Myers and Zoe Myers;

one step great grandchild Kyle Brown;

ten brother in laws and 3 sister in laws and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers Rex Kelley and Walter Kelley, one sisters Imogene Modglin, one step granddaughter Heather Layton, two nephews Cole Kelley and Jessie Howell and his parents.

Jay was a wonderful husband, father, and grandpa to his granddaughter Sheila and grandson Eric. He was so loved by his great granddaughters Allie and Zoe. He was a great brother in law, and he always joked around with them. Jay loved to dance to country music and the family has many fond memories with lots of laughs.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jay" R. Kelley*

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“ *I was shocked when I heard of Jims passing. I worked with him for many years before he retired from SIU Printing/Duplicating where Jim and I worked together. Jim and I had many good laughs together!! God Bless Jim and His Family.....we all know that Jim is in Heaven. Bless You All!!*

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