



William "Bill" Gerald Kelley

February 2, 1950 - October 18, 2021

William "Bill" Kelley of Carbondale, passed away Monday evening, October 18, 2021 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born on February 2, 1950 in St. Louis, MO to Robert and Geraldine (Weaver) Kelley. He grew up in Carbondale graduating from Carbondale Community High School in 1968. He received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1972. While working on his Masters he was elected onto the Jackson County Board, where he served for eight years, the latter four as a Chairman. He was the youngest to be elected to the board at 22 years old.

On July 1, 1982, he married Cynthia MacDonald.

Bill took pride in all he did, from being CCHS class president to coaching his kids softball and baseball teams. Bill started protecting the community from mosquito borne diseases in 1966 and he continued that till his death. He enjoyed raising greyhounds and watching them compete at different race tracks across the country. Most of all, Bill enjoyed his family and friends. He loved traveling and planning vacations from attending Rose Bowl Parades, to Disneyland at New Year's, to magic shows in Las Vegas, and the beach. He wanted everyone to be together to create long lasting memories.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Kelley of Carbondale; daughter, Shaunna Kelley of Nashville, TN; sons, Robert Kelley and Mark Kelley of Carbondale; sister, Nancy (Chuck) Zimmerman of Mishawaka, IN; niece, Jenny Zimmerman of Mishawaka, IN; nephew, Don (Katie) Zimmerman of Mishawaka, IN. He also leaves three brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews with happy memories.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 1:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Rev. John Annable officiating. Entombment will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Visitation will be from 11:00 am until the hour of service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to University Baptist Church of Carbondale, IL and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Gerald Kelley*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was always fondly remembered as my son's baseball coach. I appreciated his patience and desire to help each child learn the game of baseball. He had a real passion to work with the boys no matter their age or skill level. Those end of season parties at Bill's house were awesome! May God give your family great peace and comfort during this difficult time as we continue to pray for your family.*

Bill, Christine and Brad Laser

Bill Laser - November 02, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Randy & Darlene Finegan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Gerald Kelley.*



Randy & Darlene Finegan - October 28, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Gerald Kelley.*



October 27, 2021 at 02:54 PM

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“ *From Becky and Scott MacDonald purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Gerald Kelley.*



From Becky and Scott MacDonald - October 26, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Gerald Kelley.*



October 25, 2021 at 11:51 AM