



James "Jim" Edward Kelly

May 20, 1927 - July 14, 2022

James "Jim" Edward Kelly, age 95, of Branson, MO passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at the Manor at Elfindale in Springfield, MO. He was born in Pierce City, MO on Friday, May 20, 1927; the son of A. Kelsey and Sarah (Putman) Kelly. He was a graduate of Pierce City High School. Mr. Kelly served in the US Navy from 1946 -1948 on the USS Redfish off the shore of California. Mr. Kelly married Helen Rowe on Tuesday, April 26, 1949, in Bentonville, Arkansas. He later retired from KAMO electric as a lineman. Mr. Kelly loved people. He served as a deacon and was a member of The Branson Christian Church. He was also a member of the Kiwanis. Mr. Kelly had donated over 90 gallons of blood with the American Red Cross with his goal being 100. He loved to garden and always looked forward to sharing the produce with neighbors and friends. He enjoyed playing with his grandkids, especially baseball. He attended games at the Springfield Cardinals and enjoyed watching the Kansas City Chiefs. Mr. Kelly hunted, sold hides, and used money for Christmas gifts when he was younger. He loved to give to and spend time with his family.

Surviving are the following: two daughters, Sherry McWhorter of St. Louis, MO and Debi and her husband, Jim, of Branson, MO; one son, Ted and his wife, Carol, of Leawood, KS; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mr. Kelly was preceded in death by his parents, A. Kelsey and Sarah Kelly; his wife, Helen; an infant son, Tommy; a daughter, Janet Nokes; three brothers, Tom, Curt, and Keith; and five sisters, Thelma Shnake, Imogene Endicott, Mary Jane White, Rachel Jackson, and Sarah Kelly.

The family will receive friends at Branson Christian Church in Branson, MO on Monday, July 25, 2022, from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Funeral services will be at Branson Christian Church in Branson, MO, on July 25, 2022, beginning at 11:00 AM with Pastor David Patrick officiating.

Burial, with full Military Honors, will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, MO. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 Southwood Road
Springfield, MO 65804

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

Branson Christian Church
Branson

Funeral Service

JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Branson Christian Church
Branson

Graveside Service

JUL **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Edward Kelly*

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