



Robert "Jack" J. Kelly

June 21, 1931 - May 4, 2015

Mr. Robert J. (Jack) Kelly

Jack Kelly was born June 21, 1931 in Okmulgee County and longtime resident of Bartlesville, OK passed away at 7:15 P.M. on Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Cornerstone Hospital in Broken Arrow. Jack was the son of Etta (May) and Robert J. Kelly Sr.

He grew up in the Liberty-Morris community and attended school there. He graduated from Okmulgee High School in 1950. In 1951 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Woodson, USS Compton and USS Stoddard during the Korean Conflict. He was discharged in 1955.

After serving his country he enrolled at Northeastern State University and earned his Bachelor of Science and Master Degrees in Education.

While at college he met Joan Basham and they were married in 1958. Jack then began a successful career in teaching which led him to several area schools, Wann, Childers, Oglesby, and finally Bartlesville. He had a warm heart for children and encouraged them to do their best. After retiring from teaching he accepted the position of Bartlesville School Transportation Supervisor.

Jack was of the Baptist faith and was an avid fisherman, hunter, and loved camping. His hobbies were working in his shop and gardening.

He approached each day anticipating an adventure full of excitement, love and joy. Always quick to give us his smile and uplift us with his fun-loving attitude. These memories will remain forever in our hearts.

He was a member of the Oklahoma Education Association, Washington County Education Association, Bartlesville Sportsmen's Club and Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; son, James Kelly and wife Jeannie of Little Rock, Arkansas; sister, Peggy Cox of Titusville, Florida, brother, Rev. Gerald Kelly and wife Iva of Shawnee, OK; grandson Kyle Kelly; two granddaughters Ginger and Tracy Smith. Preceding him in death were his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services are planned for 2 P.M. on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tom Cox and Rev. Lonnie Hoelscher officiating. Interment will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery where full military rites will be accorded by the Ceremonial Detail of the James H. Teel American Legion Post # 105.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Harmony Baptist Church, 22050 North 4015 Road, Bartlesville, Okla, 74006 or to the Agape Mission, P.O. Box 1085, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74005.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Jack" J. Kelly*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Robert "Jack" J. Kelly*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *May your many fine memories of Jack bring you comfort during this difficult time and also find comfort in the words found at Psalms 46:1*

gc - May 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Kelly, I just found out about Mr. Kelly and I am so sorry. He was always such a happy person with a smile on his face. I know he will be missed. I was out of town and we don't get the Bartlesville paper so I rely on emails. God Bless*

Valerie Morgan Blevins - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Kelly's family. I had the wonderful privilege to have Mr. Kelly as a teacher while attending Oglesby. He encouraged children to do their best and also encouraged them. One of the best coaches I had. He made learning fun and interesting. He will be missed.*

Charlene (Holden) Bredel - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mr. Kelly and his wife Joan were great teachers at Oglesby Elementary, Oglesby, OK. He made teaching fun and liked to see students do well. He always greeted everyone with a smile, even when he filled in as our bus driver. I'm not sure how he survived teaching our 5th & 6th grade class how to play the Flutophone, but he did! My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Thank you, Mr. Kelly for being my teacher!

Cheryl Sumpter - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Steve & I have many fond memories of the Kelly's as our teachers and coach at Oglesby. Mr. Kelly always had a smile and was such an encourager. He will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with Mrs. Kelly, James, and the family. Mr. Kelly will live on in our many wonderful memories.

Carol (Billbe) Stephens - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Mr Kelly was my 5th grade teacher at Jane Phillups in 1981. He was one of the best. After moving back to Bville several years ago, I ran into him and Mrs Kelly many times. He always remembered my name and they both were so encouraging. Our prayers are with the family. May God bless you during this time of loss. I know heaven is rejoicing.

*Dr Darryl Wootton
Pastor*

Darryl Wootton - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Wonderful person. He will be missed.

Vickie Young Sigler - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *The world has lost a truly wonderful man and educator, sad for us, but I bet he has the angels in heaven smiling! Praying for comfort for the family.*

Teresa Moreland Diller - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *What a honor to have had Mr. Kelly as a teacher at Oglesby . Many fond memories of this great man. My prayers are with the family at this time.*

Terri Wofford Wilson - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Mr. Kelly was one of my favorite teachers and a genuinely nice person. I am sad at his death but he lived life to the fullest. My condolences to the family.*

Janice Ward - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I have been sharing the news of Mr. Kelly's death with my fellow Wann Alumnus. EVERYONE has commented on how fond they have always been of Mr. Kelly, that he was their favorite teacher, and what a nice man he was. We have some great memories of his time at Wann and I am so grateful we were able to spend some time with him in the past few years. Our love and sympathy to Mrs. Kelly, James and the rest of his family.*

Kathy King Seigel - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM