



Donald Kelly

April 5, 1942 - September 2, 2011

Donald Ray Kelly, 69 year-old resident of Mason Valley Community, Arkansas, went to meet his heavenly father, September 2, 2011 at John L. McClellan Veterans Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas. His wife Lynne, children and grandchildren were beside him. He was born April 5, 1942 in Plains, Kansas, to Homan and Anna Keefe Kelly. He lived in Beaver, Oklahoma until his family moved to Northwest Arkansas in March 1953. He attended Gentry Schools, graduating in 1960. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1960 and served until 1964 on the USS Bainbridge. Donald married Lynne Gentile in Pembroke, Massachusetts, on July 21, 1962. He returned to Northwest Arkansas from Massachusetts when he departed from the Navy, where he worked as an electrician. He owned and operated Kelly Electric in Siloam Springs from 1980 until his death. Donald loved his family, friends, working, hunting, fishing and his farm. Survivors include his wife, Lynne of the home; his children, Robin Delano of Rogers, Roxanne Handy of Fort Smith, Larry Silseth of Rogers, Billy Handy of Gentry, Kathi Roberts of Gentry, Mari Wimbish of Van Buren, Donna Kelly of Highfill, and Kim Handy of Pea Ridge; two sisters, Helen Allen of Elm Springs and Carol Chase of Rogers; several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Wasson Funeral Home, Inc., Siloam Springs, Arkansas with Pastor Bobby Bennett officiating. Burial will follow at Gentry Cemetery, Gentry, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, September 9, 2011 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Don was the kind of man that could light up the room with his huge smile! He was the stongest and hardest working man I think I have ever met! He will be missed by this community, his friends and especially his family.

Mike Coones - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JM

“ Hello Lynn and family, Shirley and I are so sorry to hear about Don. We had planned on coming tonite but my Dr. advised me to stay home. I am taking Chemo and my blood counts are way down, he didn't want me around people at this time. I also had a heart attack in June and very weak. You and the family will have our thoughts and prayers. We hope to see you soon. Don and I had some good times together, I will miss him. He had so many friends. God bless you and the family. Your friends Jim/Shirley Matlock

Jim Matlock - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

RH

“ I LOVE YOU AND I WILL MISS YOU AND YOU WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS EVERYDAY ALL MY LOVE YOUR DAUGHTER ROXANNE

Roxanne marie handy - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

K(

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Don was like the neiborhood Dad. Everyone just loved him. So easy going, Never got mad at us for running in and out of the house. Some of my best childhood memories were at your house. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family, Sincerly, Kim Myrick (Switzer)

Kim Myrick (Switzer) - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JN

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Don lots of times when he came to Simmons to do work for us. He was a swell person to be around. My prayers are with all of you. Joyce Neff*

Joyce Lee Neff - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

GE

“ *Where Donald is now I cannot say. My guess is that wherever he is, he is making the place better, probably by modernizing the electrical system. That was his skill and that was his way. Go Don.*

Gary Evans - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

SK

“ *Don always took care of my companies electrical needs. He was always so kind and would call me by my name when he saw me. I would ask him technical questions and he would always take the time to answer.
Very sweet gentleman.
He will be missed.
I'm very sorry for your loss.*

Susan Kelly - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

GW

“ *So sorry for the loss of your father, friend, husband, and brother. I work with Donna and she truly is a wonderful person so I can only imagine how wonderful you were!! Blessing to the family and may God comfort you in your sorrows!*

Gina Wright - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

MA

“ YOU WERE A GREAT DAD AND WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH. NOTHING IS THE SAME WITHOUT YOU. I KNOW ONE DAY WE WILL MEET AGAIN , BUT UNTIL THEN I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU. REST IN PEACE DAD .LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND FOREVER. YOUR DAUGHTER MARI

MARI - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

KR

“ I just want you to know how much I love you and miss you. You we're the rock in our family and you are greatly missed. Someday I know we will meet again just wish your we're still here. Thank-you for all that you have done for me. I love you Kathi

Kathi Roberts - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry for you loss, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Juanita Gilbert - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JN

“ This from a friend of Tyson. We are very sorry for your lost. Im praying and thinkg of you.

Jeannette Nida - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

LG

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Donald. He always had a friendly smile for everyone he met.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and may you find comfort knowing that he is resting in peace.

With Love, Lela and David Graham, Desi and Phillip

Lela Graham - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM