



R.D. Kelly

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R. D. Kelly, 88, died Thursday, April 3, 2014 at Parkview Hospital - Randallia, Fort Wayne. Born in Savana, TN, he was the son of the late, George Kelly and Creasie Spear. He owned and operated Kelly Heating and Air, worked for the Allen County Sherriff's Dept. for 23 years. He was a member of St. Michael Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. A Life Member of the American Legion #241, VFW Ft. Wayne, Eagles Waynedale, Shriner's Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, and GWRRA. A member of the Quiet Birdmen of America and the EAA. R.D., also proudly served his country during WWII in the Army, 70th Division, in Europe and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

R.D. Kelly is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth; daughters, Joan Morin of Elkton, KY., and Judy (Bud) Bratten of Bradenton, FL., sisters, Dean Dove of Michigan City, and Clara (John) McGill of Albion; nine grandchildren, twenty six great grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son, Calan Kelly, and brother, Robert Spear.

Funeral service is 1 p.m. Tuesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven with calling one hour prior. Calling is also 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with a Masonic Service at 7:30 p.m. Preferred memorials to the 70th Division Association.



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JM

Joan Morin posted:

To my dad. Thank you for teaching me to enjoy life, to care about family & friends, to find humor everywhere, to give freely, to be stubborn. Thank you for giving me life. Thank you for a lifetime of wonderful memories that I will cherish forever. We had fun together. I'll miss you more than you would have imagined.

August 20 at 6:40 AM

SD

Sue Drewfs posted:

So many years have passed since I have seen you, but the memory that has and will survive is that wonderful smile that brightened every room you entered and every life you touched. You will be missed.

August 20 at 6:40 AM

DG

Dee Gazarek posted:

Ruth and Family, I was so sorry to hear R.D.'s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dee Gazarek

August 20 at 6:40 AM

MC

Mark And Jenifer Claxton posted:

My husband, Mark, and I met R.D. at the St. James Restaurant in Avilla, IN, about a year ago. He was attending one of his Quiet Birdmen meetings and we were dining at the restaurant. R.D. was the kindest, sweetest, and one of the most interesting men we have ever met. Not only did he share my love of flying, he was/is also a quiet hero of WW2. Thank you R.D. for your service to our country and for taking the time to get to know my husband and me. You will be greatly missed by a grateful country, friends, and most of all your family. Strength and Honor

August 20 at 6:40 AM

CW

Carolyn L. Wells posted:

Kelly Family Members, I want to express to each one of you my heartfelt condolences in the loss of your loved one. I know your family has experienced many losses in recent months, and I want you to know many friends are thinking of your family during this difficult time. With sympathy, Carolyn L. Wells

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NS

Nancy Suter posted:

HE was A GREAT guy who Would help anyone and he often helped me. I will truly miss him. My condolences to the family as we all will miss him.

August 20 at 6:40 AM

DC

Doug Wolfe & Clara posted:

Butch helped my mom & I on several occasions- he was a guy who'd help anyone anytime if he was at all able. He was quick to smile & tell a joke or story. He will be missed by all his friends at Arbor Glen.

August 20 at 6:40 AM

DP

David Pratt posted:

R.D. was a man's man, a proud veteran, a classic Quiet Birdman, and my friend. Thoughts to his family; We will miss him.

August 20 at 6:40 AM

DT

Daniel Tannas posted:

Many years ago it was my good fortune to be employed as RD's instrument instructor at Fort Wayne. It quickly became apparent that this gentleman was teaching me a lot more than I taught him--and not just about flying. RD was truly one of a kind, and it is an honor to be counted among his friends.

August 20 at 6:40 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring R.D. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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