



Robert F. Kelly Sr.

October 15, 1941 - November 30, 2020

Robert F. Kelly, Sr., 79, of Delmar, passed away on Monday, November 30, 2020 at TidalHealth at Peninsula Regional Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born October 15, 1941 in Bivalve, a son of the late Roland Lee Kelly and Anna Rebecca Messick Kelly.

Bob graduated from Wicomico High School with the class of 1959 before proudly serving his country in the U.S. Army. In his early days his career started in sales for the R.D. Grier & Sons Co. in Salisbury before moving on to work in management for DEMCO and East Coast Supply in Salisbury for many years. He was a member of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Delmar and the American Legion Post 0297. Bob was a skilled craftsman who could build or fix anything and whose strong work ethic was second to none. He had a special place in his heart for dogs and enjoyed feeding the squirrels and birds. He will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and as a true family man, a friend to everyone, and a real-life hero to his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by the love of his life, Christine Kelly, whom he married on September 27, 1964; a daughter, Kim Miles and husband Christopher; a son, Robert F. Kelly, Jr. and fiancée Polly Baker; grandchildren, Jenna Marquez and husband Eddie, Brett Miles, Brittanie Kelly and Bradley Kelly; a God-daughter, Amanda Mullins; a sister, Ellen Bromley; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William

Kelly, and a sister, Loretta Smith.

A walk-through visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Masks and social distancing will be required due to current COVID-19 restrictions. A graveside service will follow at 11:30 at Springhill Memory Gardens in Hebron.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Humane Society of Wicomico County, 5130 Citation Dr, Salisbury, MD 21804 or by visiting <https://www.wicomicohumane.org/donate/> or to the American Heart Association by visiting <http://www.heart.org/>.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Springhill Memory Gardens

27260 Ocean Gateway
Hebron, MD 21830

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525
info@shortfh.com

Service

DEC 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

Springhill Memory Gardens
27260 Ocean Gateway
Hebron, MD 21830

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert F. Kelly Sr.*



Short Funeral Home - December 05, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Robert F. Kelly Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *I grew up with stories of you and then I got to spend time with you. You are so much better than a story could have ever been, thank you Lord for Blessing me with my Uncle Bobby 🙏❤️*

Nikkie Lester - December 05, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ *Mark and I met Bob and his wife many years ago during numerous yard sales we held in the park before they became our neighbors. We shared similar interest in vintage items as well as keeping the yard looking good! He later extended that same reasoning to the park during his time as Manager, not an easy task but he was Excellent at it. Needless to say he will be missed. Our Condolences to his wife Chris and all family members.*

Richard Mendoza - December 04, 2020 at 12:56 PM

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“ I met "Bob" when we moved here from NYC, he was always a very pleasant and friendly neighbor, we will miss him and are very sorry to have heard of his passing.

Sheila Jerez
Maria Mendoza

Sheila - December 04, 2020 at 12:39 PM

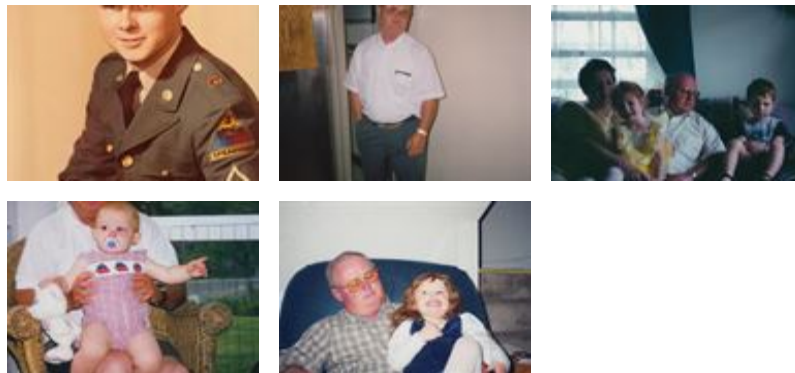
BJ

“ I remember being a young kid he actually saved my life once. We were at the cove and a car lost it brakes (supposedly) and drove straight into the river. The fortunate thing was uncle Bob noticed I was standing right in the path of that car and snatch me up at the very last second. Oh yeah and let me say he gave the guy in the car more then he wanted for doing it. I don't remember if we ever mentioned it again. However I have always remembered it and can say I am proud to have shared the name Robert (Bobby) with him my whole life. Rest in Peace Uncle Bob

Bobby Jones - December 03, 2020 at 04:37 PM



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Short Funeral Home - December 03, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Kim and Mrs. Chris,
I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Bob's passing. You all were very
important to mom and I in my early years and were great friends.
Keep the memories close to you always.*

Dee Evans Phillips - December 03, 2020 at 03:35 PM