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Walter Ray Kelly, Jr. died peacefully, surrounded by family on April 21st at the age of 85 following a courageous battle with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He was born in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma December 15, 1926 to Walter Ransom Kelly and Reba Holdridge Kelly. Service will be at University United Methodist Church, 10:00 AM Wednesday, April 25th with interment at Floral Haven. There will be a reception at the Floral Haven Family Center from 12 -2 pm. Walt is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Coriene, his son Stuart and his wife Pam, grandchildren Kristen Donnell and Sara Gilbert husband Grant, great-grandchildren Hannah and Cooper Donnell and Gabe and Wyatt Gilbert; and his daughter Karen Kelly and grandson Clayton Kelly. He is also survived by his sister Dorothy Jean Hinckley, his nieces Deede Cauly, Debbie Dillard, nephews David and Jim and all their children. He was also survived by a host of lifelong friends that meant the world to him. He was preceded in death by his parents and older sister Norma Lea, who passed away at the age of nine. Walt graduated from Will Roger High in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1945 & served his country during WWII, stationed in Guam. On his return he attended Tulsa University majoring in business & graduating from Denver University specializing in the lumber business. He worked for his Dad at Hope Lumber in Tulsa for many years, then sold wholesale for Broadview Lumber out as Carthage, Missouri. He then went into partnership with his dad and purchased a unique Hardwood company in Tulsa which they ran for many years. He was a lifelong member of the Will Rogers Rotary Club, serving as its president 1966-67, and also was a 32 Degree Mason & member of the Royal Order of Jesters, & also was appointed State Deputy Snark of The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, a Rather fun lumberman's association, Promoting health, Happiness, & Long-life, which he certainly enjoyed. Walt dearly loved and was lifelong member of the University United Methodist Church in Tulsa, where he met and married his beloved wife. He also dearly loved the University of



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Tulsa and was an avid fan and Supporter of the athletic Dept. especially, Football, Basket Ball & Golf. He was an active bowler and Golfer and was very competitive at both. Walt dearly loved & was devoted to his family and many friends and never met a stranger, and he will be deeply missed.



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GR

Gary Reynolds posted:

I was very saddened to hear of the passing of Walt Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are longtime friends of our family. The last time I saw either of them was at our mother's funeral service and I was so glad to see them both. Our parents and the Kellys were friends from church and from many years of playing in a bridge club. When I think of Walt Kelly I think of his hearty laugh and how he always had a friendly word for anyone and everyone. My brother Greg and I send our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Kelly and all of his family. May his soul rest in peace.

April 29 at 11:04 AM

MB

Michelle Bilanzich posted:

I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my Uncle Walter. Every memory I have of him is a good one because I seriously can never remember him being anything but happy and smiling or laughing. He was a good man, an honest man, a dedicated, loyal and religious man, and I can sincerely say that there are not a whole lot of those kind of men left in our world. I am so very sorry that I didn't get to spend more time with him, living far away kept me from doing so. However, I can truly say that I loved him dearly, and can feel peace in the fact that I know he is in a wonderful place. I am proud to have had him as my only Uncle. Aunt Coriene, Stuart and Karen, I love you. Rest in peace, Uncle Walter.

April 27 at 11:40 AM

DH

Dfaniel Harkness posted:

i will miss you walt you and your wife were one of my many friends at the manor where you lived.. you to soon taken from us.. the worlds a lonely place with out you.. rest in peace walt... you were a great friend. god bless you..

April 25 at 7:23 PM

LK

Linda Kester Kester posted:

I am so lucky to have known Walt. Wonderful memories of his humor and smile. Prayers are with you all.

April 25 at 1:56 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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