



# Haywood Burton Kelly SR.

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**K**elly, Haywood B. Sr., 85 of Tulsa, OK. Received the promise of his heavenly body on September 12, 2011. He was born on September 6, 1926 in Clayton, North Carolina to William and Myrtle (Wilder) Kelly. He was very proud of his service in the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Beckham from 1944-1946 serving in nine battles including Iwo Jima. After his service to his country, he earned a Bachelor's from East Carolina Teachers College, played professional baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers, and served as a professor and dean at Campbell College. He also published several books and worked for relief organizations including Feed The Children and World Vision. He led 37 tours to the Holy Land. He shared his love of tennis by collecting and donating over 27,000 tennis balls to area schools. Those who knew him will miss his unique sense of humor and strong viewpoints and opinions. He will be greatly missed by all knew him. Haywood is preceded in death by one son. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Jeanette (Mahan) Kelly and two children Haywood Burton Kelly Jr. and daughter Wanda Fennell and four grandchildren. A graveside celebration of his life will be held on Friday, September 16, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be made at [floralhaven.com](http://floralhaven.com). (918)252-2518.



## Tribute Wall

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TP

**Ted Pearson** posted:

I know that all of us who attended American Christian College, were supporters of Christian Crusade and read the Christian Crusade Weekly really appreciated Haywood Kelly!! He will be greatly missed. Praying for the family, I know how hard this can be, lost my mother last month...God bless you all. Thank God that he is now with his saviour Jesus Christ!

September 23 at 12:25 PM

JD

**Janet Ayers Decocq** posted:

My mom and I, along with my hometown pastor and his wife, went on one of Haywood's Holy Land tours. What fun we all had! He was such a fun person and will be missed by all who knew him. We have such fond memories to hold on to. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. May God bless and comfort each of you. -Janet DeCocq

September 23 at 11:28 AM

CW

**Chris White** posted:

Jeanette:Sorry to hear of Haywood's passing. I have many fond memories of my dealings with him throughout the 1960s and into the 1970s at Christian Crusade, including a number of indoor tennis matches with Haywood and David Nobel at ACC's gymnasium. Haywood was an ardent competitor in just about everything from a simple handshake (ouch!) to fast-pitch softball to tennis.Our prayers are with you all.Chris and Ann White

September 16 at 8:21 AM

TD

**Tom Donaldson** posted:

I met Haywood in 1969 at the tennis court at Hale High School. It was a pleasure discussing these matches and world events via telephone throughout the years. My wife Dorothy and I will miss the many telephone conversations we enjoyed with Haywood.Tom and dorothy

September 15 at 11:20 AM



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**Steve Sadler** posted:

It was a pleasure to meet Mr. Kelly during his stay at a skilled nursing facility where I am a therapy assistant. He shared wonderful stories with me about his life and his love of the Lord. I praise God that Mr. Kelly knew Jesus as Lord and Savior and now is living the life that we who are left behind can only imagine. I pray that God will bless his family and friends and bring them peace at this time of sorrow. This pain will pass and you will be able to reflect on him someday with smiles instead of tears. Proverbs 3:5-6

September 14 at 6:35 PM



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