



Arthur "Art" Kelly

December 5, 2020

Arthur "Art" Robert Kelly, 93, passed away to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 5, 2020. He was born to Edward and Sadie Kelly on August 13, 1927 in Bridgeton. Art was a four-letter athlete and graduated from Bridgeton High School in 1945 and from the University of Pennsylvania in 1964. He was employed as an industrial arts teacher and coach at Bridgeton High School until his retirement in 1987. Art was active in the church serving as a preacher to congregations, Sunday school, and in local jails. He was a skilled craftsman and true artisan by constructing and building the family home, furniture, and other things made from wood. Art also enjoyed painting, traveling, and camping with his family. He was a Marine and baseball player who was a part of the Philadelphia Athletics minor league organization in the 1940s. Art was inducted into the All- Sports Museum of Southern Jersey in 2013, as well as the Bridgeton Sports Hall of Fame.

He is survived by wife Margery Kelly (nee Garton) of 73 years, son Michael (Marylou) Kelly of Bridgeton, daughters Barbara Kelly of Pasadena, Maryland and Jill (John) Hughes of Salem, sister Kay (Edward) Ott of Bridgeton, brother Don (Cindy) of Bridgeton, 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by son David, daughter in law Charlotte, daughter Jackie, great-granddaughter Laina and brothers Jack and Rayfield.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 12 noon at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Elmer.

Cemetery Details

Chestnut Grove

Elmer, NJ 08318

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Elmer, NJ 08318

Tribute Wall

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“ God only created one Art Kelly. He was the most dignified gentleman I ever met. Always soft spoken with a kind word and quick smile. He was the best brother in law I ever had. I loved and respected Art. He will and is sadly missed. His family will forever be in my prayers. Staycee Ortholf Kelly Castelein.

Staycee Ortholf Kelly Castelein - December 12, 2020 at 09:10 AM

JH

“ The nicest man you would ever know. A great athlete and educator. It was an honor to know him. Joe DeLuca (all Sports Museum Of Southern New Jersey) and Dorothy Hankins

Joe DeLuca & Dorothy Hankins - December 11, 2020 at 01:57 PM

BK

“ I first met Art. As the school bus driver for Elmer students going to Bridgeton Junior High School. He was always departing on time, however, I was not. He taught me how to follow a diagram and make many wood items. I'll miss him.

Bill Kean - December 09, 2020 at 08:05 PM

BB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Kelly's death My thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Kelly, Mike, Barb and Jill. and their families Mr. Kelly brought so much joy to everyone that met him.
Barbara Brown

Barbara Brown - December 09, 2020 at 04:40 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Art's death. Sending prayers to the family.

JoAnn Musso - December 08, 2020 at 04:24 PM

GD

“ Sorry for your loss.

Gary Denby

Gary Denby - December 08, 2020 at 02:04 PM

JC

“ With deep sympathy to Mr. Kelly's family. I remember him well as a wonderful athlete and person.

John A. Casarow, Jr.

John Casarow - December 08, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ I remember Art Kelly as someone I looked up to. He was a godly, humble man. He loved Jesus with his whole heart and was devoted to the Lord's work. He and Margie were very good friends with my parents, and often would come to our house for him and my dad to take care of auditing the church records. Dan Fratto

Dan Fratto - December 07, 2020 at 01:48 PM