



Robert "Bob" Steven Kelly

October 10, 1957 - May 13, 2017

Robert "Bob" Steven Kelly was born October 10, 1957 to Earl and Ruby (Strand) Kelly at Mercy Hospital in Valley City, North Dakota. He attended school in Valley City, graduating from VCHS in 1976. Bob graduated from North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, North Dakota in 1978 and went on to graduate from Moorhead State University, Moorhead, Minnesota in 1980. He returned to Valley City to work in the family business, the Ben Franklin Store until 1998. In 1997, Bob bought what would become Kelly's Crossing at Lake Ashtabula. He retired in 2013.

He is survived by his sisters, Barbara (Paul) Henke, Valley City and Susan (Barry) Schuchard, West Fargo; a brother, James (Donna) Kelly, Salt Lake City, Utah; his longtime partner, Mona Hennel and son Brad (Lori) Hannesson; nieces and nephews, Carmen Sorensen, Nicholas Henke, Adam Kelley, Jennifer Phillips, Brittney Hoverson, Rylee Schuchard, Katie Kelly, Matt Kelly, Amy Welsh, and Jacob Kelly; and eight great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Ruby Kelly, a brother, Michael Earl Kelly, and a great niece, Nora Kelly Henke. Bob died May 13, 2017 at Essentia Health, Fargo, North Dakota with his family by his side.

The funeral service for Bob will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be 5-7 pm Monday at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, with a prayer service at 7 pm in the chapel. Visitation will continue one hour before the service in the church.

Burial will be in Woodbine Cemetery, Valley City.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Prayer Service

MAY 15. 7:00 AM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Visitation

MAY 16. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Bob was a great friend, I truly enjoyed working for him at the Ben Franklin store. I will never forget that hardy laugh! My thoughts and prayers go out to Barb, Sue and the rest of the Kelly family. He will be missed.

Deb Sandness

Deb Sandness - May 19, 2017 at 11:12 AM

SJ

“ I have had much difficulty finding the words to even begin to reflect my many special memories of Bob. From the time I became his "new neighbor" south of Valley City we shared so many laughs, good discussions and special times. I think often of his spirit, energy, and huge heart - always bring a smile to my own heart. Soar free with the eagles, my dear friend...

Shelley Doherty Johnsen - May 19, 2017 at 02:03 AM

SS

“ Sue Schuchardd sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" Steven Kelly



Sue Schuchardd - May 17, 2017 at 04:33 PM

LR

“ *The Kelly family attended Our Saviors Lutheran Church when my family were also church members. I attended high school with Bob too. I remember chatting with him many times at Ben Franklin after he took over the business. Bob was a unique individual and he made me chuckle many a time. Condolences to his family.*

Lori Hanson Ritchey - May 16, 2017 at 10:59 PM

MB

“ *OMG! What can I say at a time like this to comfort a family who has just lost one so full of life? I pray Gods comfort surround you and keep you close to His heart during this time of grief. May you find comfort in knowing that there are many of us praying for your healing comfort. I cannot imagine your grief at such a huge and sudden loss.*
Prayers for all of you during this sad time.
Meryem Bentz

meryem bentz - May 16, 2017 at 09:00 PM

BB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Bob's family, we enjoyed our visits with him at Kelly's Crossing. He will be remembered as always having a warm smile. Ben and Jill Bjornson, Ham Lake MN*

Ben Bjornson - May 16, 2017 at 09:14 AM

TB

“ *we sure had some fun times together . sorry for the loss .*

terry bevins - May 16, 2017 at 08:57 AM

RJ

“ *Mona~You are on my mind & in my prayers. You & Bob always have a sparkle and an amazing life. I cannot imagine what you are going through right now. Hugs & Love, Rachel*



Rachel Johnson - May 15, 2017 at 04:16 PM

TM

“ *what a great loss. I was shocked when I heard that Bob had passed away. Many prayers and thoughts for his entire family, I will unfortunately not be able to attend the Funeral but know that Bob and all of you will be in my thoughts Tuesday..*

Tim Matzke - May 15, 2017 at 03:27 PM

AM

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Mona and the family.*

April Mack(Weller) - May 15, 2017 at 10:58 AM

TG

“ *Dear Family
My sympathy on the passing of Bob. I remember him as as a good "Taitwister" in Lions Club. He would humorously fine members for trivial things at meetings.*

Tom Goven

Tom Goven - May 15, 2017 at 10:51 AM

R"

“ Rick, Sandy and Butchie..& the "Wisconies" purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert "Bob" Steven Kelly.



Rick, Sandy and Butchie..& the "Wisconies" - May 15, 2017
at 10:40 AM

BK

“ I had some of my best memories growing up hunting with Bob, friends and family in the Dakotas throughout the years. Bob was always fun to be around, and he will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mona & the rest of Bob's family during this difficult time.

Ben Koehler - May 15, 2017 at 09:42 AM

RL

“ Sincere sympathy to Mona and all of Bobs family. Love & Hugs Mona.

Rick, Sandy and Butchie....and the rest of the "w'sconies"

Rick Lasko - May 15, 2017 at 09:30 AM

GJ

“ I have so many good memories of Bob. We used to hunt ducks a lot in high school days. Bob always conveniently forgot his waders and would let me know once we got to the slough. I got used to being Bob's bird dog. He will be missed greatly.

Gaylen Jensen - May 15, 2017 at 02:26 AM

CM

“ We will miss Bob, our Wildlife meetings, auctions won't be the same without Him !! He was a Good Guy, a Fun Guy !! Carrie Maresh

carrie maresh - May 15, 2017 at 12:05 AM

RS

“ Rylee Schuchard lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Steven Kelly



Rylee Schuchard - May 14, 2017 at 04:49 PM

DF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Deb Feuerherm



Deb Feuerherm - May 14, 2017 at 12:56 PM

JD

“ Great friend in high school, Bob and his family took me in and let live with them the summer after we graduated. will always be grateful for that. Sorry for your loss, may God comfort you in this difficult time. Jeff Davis

jeff davis - May 14, 2017 at 09:37 AM