



John Edward Kelly

May 26, 1925 - April 26, 2021

Albany-On Monday April 26, 2021 John Edward Kelly was reunited with his wife Marie, their son Robert, parents Mary and John, sister Mary Tholl, and Our Lord.

John was born on May 26, 1925 in Albany, New York. He attended Blessed Sacrament School, Vincentian Institute, and Albany College of Pharmacy. He began working for his father at the soda counter at Kelly's Pharmacy during high school. Upon graduation from Vincentian Institute in 1943, he enlisted in the United States Merchant Marine.

John was very proud of his service and was always anxious to share his exciting tales from around the world. After training to work in the engine department on Liberty Ships, he served for three years, circling the globe twice. During this time, he survived two wars, three revolutions, violent storms at sea, V-1 bombings in London, and the delivery of troops and supplies to Normandy for the invasion on D-Day. His interests in travel, politics and world history would last a lifetime.

In 1948, John was hired by General Electric in Schenectady. At "the invention

factory”, he worked on the research and development of vacuum tubes, liquid crystal displays, man-made diamonds, and CT scan and MRI technology. His enthusiasm for his work was evident in nightly lectures at the dinner table on the many thrilling facets of life on “the razor’s edge of science.” These lectures, complete with expressive arm gestures and sound effects, instilled the belief in all his children that they too could contribute to monumental accomplishments. John’s pride in his own achievements was exceeded only by his pride in his children and grandchildren.

On June 23, 1951 he married Marie Ruth Weinman. Together, they encouraged wonder and curiosity, demonstrated the power of humor and laughter, and fostered strength and courage in their children and all those who joined their family. John’s lifelong passion for photography, the tens of thousands of photographs he took of his family and the places he loved, reflected his desire to capture his awe in fleeting moments and his overwhelming gratitude for each one. Their children and grandchildren will remain forever grateful for these exceptional moments, vacationing on Lake George and Cape Cod and celebrating magical Christmases, and also for those scattered day-to-day moments in the home that made them who they’d become.

John’s legacy includes children Susan Marie (Steve Shepherd), John III (Honey-Jo), Jim (Nancy), Annie (Bill Flaspohler), Margie Amodeo (David), and Mike (Susie Nagengast); grandchildren John E. Kelly IV (Alissa), Matthew Kelly (Heather), Tim Kelly, Nicholas Kelly (Kristen), Zachary Amodeo (Julie), Benjamin Amodeo (Johanna), and Kevin Kelly (Grace); great-grandchildren Declan, Finnegan, Sawyer, and Faye; and so many others whose lives he touched.

The Kelly family would like to express their profound gratitude to Linda McTague, Lisa Cook, Anita Peregrim, Cindy Seay, Michelle Martino, Laurie Decker, Catherine Duffy, Toni Patel, and Kolbe O'Neil. Their exceptional medical care allowed John to remain in his home and their kindness and compassion brightened his days.

Funeral services Friday, April 30, 2021 at 10:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave. (Father John Bradley Way) Albany, NY 12206 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated by their close family friend, Father John Bradley. Please only enter the church from the Hunter Ave. Parking Lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; 150 visitors at a time will be allowed in the church.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Anyone wishing to honor John's memory may make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Service

APR 30 (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Kelly*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dear Jim and Nancy Deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. He and Marie were very special people. Jack and I always enjoyed our talks with John, and Marie and I had so much fun volunteering together at Blessed Sacrament school library. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family. Joan H., Gary, Kathyann*

Joan Heffernan - April 29, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ *Dear Mike and Family, Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved father, what a wonderful life he led. Mary Jean Nagengast*

MJ Nagengast - April 29, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Kelly Family, So sad to see John passed. I work at Applebees and waited on him and Marie for years. She was so sweet and he was a riot. Lots of tales to tell. I had been wondering about him. because we had not seen him for a long time. Prayers for your families. Mary Ellen Toma .(Mel)*

Mary Ellen Toma - April 29, 2021 at 09:50 AM

CD

“ Catherine Duffy lit a candle in memory of John Edward Kelly



Catherine Duffy - April 28, 2021 at 02:49 PM

BR

“ My name is Ben Record I was a manager at Latham Applebee’s John used to come in with his nurse and it would always make my day! He was the most interesting guest ever and we would talk about everything! I met several of his sons and they were all awesome too. I have to work Friday or I would attend his service. My family is from Ireland also and I was born in the military so we had an instant connection Mel would always wait on him and they had a great relationship also!

Ben Record - April 28, 2021 at 11:23 AM

LM

“ Annie and Family,
Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your Dad.
The gifts he shared with his children and grandchildren will live on forever. We also, Thank him for his service to our country.

Lisa (Mazza) and Rick Carter and family

Lisa Mazza - April 28, 2021 at 10:38 AM

LB

“ *Jim, Nancy, and Family,
I am truly sorry for the loss of your dad. John (and your mom, Marie)
were wonderful people. I fondly remember them both from my years
working at the Church.
My thoughts and prayers to you and your family.
Lisa Bonomo*

Lisa Bonomo - April 28, 2021 at 10:03 AM

SO

“ *John,

Offering my sincere condolences and a prayer to you and your
family at this time. He appeared to have lived a wonderful and quite
full filling life, leaving behind a treasure trove of wonderful memories
to enjoy.

With deepest sympathies,
Stan O'Brien*

Stanley B O'Brien - April 28, 2021 at 09:53 AM

MM

“ *My sincere condolences for your loss. Maura Farrell Miller, BSS
Class of 1969*

Maura Farrell Miller - April 28, 2021 at 12:23 AM