



Richard Paul Kelly

April 28, 1939 - June 16, 2016

Kelly, Richard Paul ALBANY Richard Paul Kelly, 77, died Thursday, June 16, 2016, at St. Peter's Hospital surrounded by family.

He was born to the late Richard Patrick and Ellen Cully Kelly, on April 28, 1939, in Cambridge, Mass., and grew up in Waterbury, Conn. He married the late Judith Lockman Kelly of Albany in 1965.

Richard served proudly in the United States Army from 1956 - 1958 and the United States Marine Corps from 1958-1964. He served in Korea and was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. After his honorable discharge from the Marines, he became a United States Capitol police officer in Washington, D.C., where he served until 1970.

Richard joined W.W. Grainger, Inc. as a sales executive in the early 1970's and spent more than 20 years with the company before retiring in 1992. Richard became head of economic development for the City of Albany in the early 1990's. Richard also later served as a peace officer for the New York State Racing Authority at Saratoga Race Course and an instructor at the Job Corps Center of Glenmont, New York.

Richard was an active member of the Parish of Mater Christi and volunteered in the Albany community throughout his more than 45 years as a resident.

Richard was a chancellor of the Albany City Lodge #540 of the Order of Knights of Pythias, a fraternal organization. During his life, he also was house chairman of the Elks Lodge #49, a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, and a member of the American Legion. Richard campaigned for the Democratic Party throughout his life.

Richard is survived by three children, Megan Kelly of Arlington, Va., Maura Collins (Joseph) of Olive Branch, Miss. and Kathleen Hutchinson (Michael) of Arlington. He also was the beloved Pop-Pop of two grandchildren, William David Collins and Sydney Elizabeth Collins. In addition, Richard is survived by several nieces and nephews, and an extended family in the United States and Ireland. He was predeceased by his sister Mary J. Buell.

Relatives and friends are invited and may visit with Richard's family on Sunday, June 19, 2016, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen St., Albany.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, June 20, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at The Parish of Mater Christi, Albany.

The Rite of Interment will immediately follow the Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

The family is requesting that donations be made out to Fisher House Foundation, 113 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12208.

To leave Richard's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit McVeighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
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Service

JUN **20**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Paul Kelly*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences for your lost, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this time "He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana - July 12, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ *To the loss of a great man. A true gentleman and scholar. His character and charisma is one have cherished in my memories since my childhood. I have always enjoyed his company and had fun with him. He will be missed and remembered. My heart and deepest sympathy go out to the Kelly Family.*

Eddie Schultz and the Schultz Family

Eddie Schultz - June 18, 2016 at 11:04 PM



“ *Colleen, Maura, Meegan, Kathleen and the rest of the family, I am so sorry to hear of Dicks passing. I only met him a few times but he always made me and everyone else feel like he knew them their entire lives. Also, in the brief times I met him he showed how proud he was of you all. I and the rest of the witches are thinking of you all at this difficult time. Debbie*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time*

All my love,

Angela Morigerato-Crell

Angela Crell - June 18, 2016 at 06:11 AM