



John David Kelly

May 5, 1925 - December 18, 2018

Obituary

John David Kelly passed away on December 18, 2018. He was born May 5, 1925, the eldest son of McKinley "Buck" Kelly and Laura (Butler), in Eldorado, Illinois. He married Mildred (Adams) on June 10, 1944 and they celebrated their 73rd year together before she passed last November. They raised two daughters, Sandra Koster and Diane "Kelly" Padden.

John retired as Vice President of Budgets and Planning for Peabody Coal Company at 63. He devoted the next 30 years to the things he loved--golf, traveling, card playing, gardening but especially his family.

John and Milly made their home in St Louis, Missouri until 2015 when they relocated to Crete to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and his sister Maxine Reeder. He is survived and will be greatly missed by his brother Michael Kelly, his daughters and six grandchildren: Matthew Padden (Stacy), Kelly Hansen (Nick), Michael Padden (Courtney), Kristy Koster, Kevin Koster, Molly Claiborne (Emily), and one great grandchild Mika Hansen.

Visitation will be at Watson Funeral Home in Eldorado, Illinois on Friday from 5 pm to 8 pm with funeral service on Saturday at 9 am.

To send flowers to John's family, please visit our floral section.

Tribute Wall

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“ Iâ€™m so sorry for the families loss. We met John and his wife and knew them for a short time. In that time they both made a great and loving impression on my daughter who has a minor disability. John will always be remembered for his kind words and encouragement he gave to her. May God bless you all in the loss of this dear loved one.

Laura Lopez (A & L Taxi) - October 02, 2019 at 03:46 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you in this difficult time. I hope you may find comfort at Revelation 21:4, â€œAnd he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.â€ We can look forward to the time when God will take away all reasons for distress and he even gives us a hope of a resurrection. (Acts 24:15) I hope this promise brings you comfort as it does me.

Emily - October 02, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Please find comfort in God's sure promise of a resurrection as set forth in the Bible. (Acts 24:15; John 5:28,29) Those who are raised to life will have the prospect of never again being subject to misery, sickness, or death. (Revelation 21:4) I hope that reflecting on these thoughts and your wonderful memories will give you some relief during this difficult time.

K - October 02, 2019 at 03:46 PM