



## Gabe Leon Kelsey

September 21, 1938 - April 9, 2019

Services for Gabe Leon Kelsey, 80, of Tyler will be held on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Price officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Kelsey passed away Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in Tyler. He was born September 21, 1938 in Turnertown, Texas to John Hadley Kelsey and Thelma Rebecca (Pilkinton) Kelsey.

Gabe was a member of Southside Baptist Church He graduated from New London High School in 1956. During his career, he sold automotive equipment at Tyler Automotive, went on to be a salesman at Barrett GMC and retired from Wagner Cadillac. After spending time with family, his favorite pastimes were hunting and working on cars.

Gabe was preceded in death by his brothers, Gene, Neil and Dean Kelsey; and by his sisters, Erma Williams, JoAnn Harden and Shirlene Smith. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 57 years, Betty Jo Kelsey, siblings, Jerry Kelsey (Sally), Carolyn Fears (Tommy), Joan Baggott (Lee); as well as many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Gene Kelsey, Donny Kelsey, Ricky Harden, Randy Harden,

Rusty Harden, Jeremy Kelsey and Dalton Skipper. Honorary pallbearers will be the Men's Sunday School Class at Southside Baptist Church.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019 at Southside Baptist Church at 15330 FM 2493 in Tyler, TX 75703.

If desired, memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Southside Baptist Church  
15330 Old Jacksonville Highway  
Tyler, TX

## Service

APR 12. 2:30 PM (CT)

Southside Baptist Church  
15330 Old Jacksonville Highway  
Tyler, TX

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty, I am so sad to hear about Gabe's passing. I did not know until today. He was a good man with a big heart. I will be praying for you.* ”

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**Carolyn Sorrells** - April 18, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Always appreciated dealing with Gabe on automobiles and the buying and selling of cars. He was looking for "deals" for us. Always gracious and easy to deal with. Miss him in the car business & occasionally having lunch. Dave and Carolyn Bain* ”

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**Carolyn Bain** - April 12, 2019 at 04:13 PM

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“ *Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Gabe Leon Kelsey* ”



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**Kurt Hunt** - April 11, 2019 at 09:36 PM



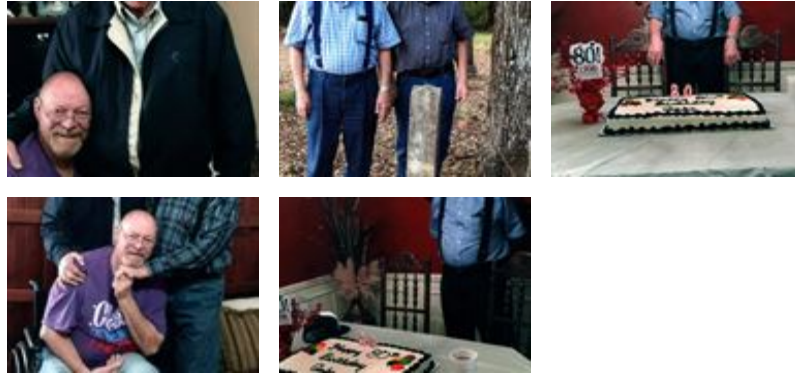
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gabe Leon Kelsey.* ”



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April 11, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 11, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gabe Leon Kelsey.



April 11, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Missy and JJ and children purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Gabe Leon Kelsey.



Missy and JJ and children - April 10, 2019 at 06:03 PM

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“ *Ann and Morgan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gabe Leon Kelsey.*



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**Ann and Morgan** - April 10, 2019 at 05:22 PM

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“ *Gabe was a truly special man of God. We have many special memories of Gabe. Our loss, Heaven's gain*  
*Marge & Karen Pensinger*

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**Karen Pensinger** - April 10, 2019 at 04:25 PM