



William Thomas "Tom" Kelly

December 1, 1928 - February 28, 2019

Services for Mr. William Thomas "Tom" Kelly, 90, of Tyler will be held Monday March 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Darryle Dunks officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Son of the late James Carroll Kelly and Mary Lucretia D'olive Kelly, Tom was born December 1, 1928 in Houston, Texas. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, Texas, then attended and graduated from Texas A&M and was a member of the Corp of Cadets. He met his first wife, Carol Ann Kutcher Kelly in church and they were married in 1954. Carol passed away in July 1978. Tom remarried in March 1982 to Dorothy Pappas Kelly, who he met in church, and they were joyfully married for 36 years until his passing.

After college, Tom spent the late 1950s leading a seismic team for Texaco in West Texas. Wishing to settle down, he then moved the family to the Dallas area in the early 1960s. There, with the revolution of the transistor, he began his career as an Electrical Engineer working at Texas Instruments and continued this work at Raytheon/E-Systems and LTV until his retirement in the late 1980s. During his time in Dallas, Tom was very involved in First Baptist Church and later Calvary Baptist Church, both in Garland. After retirement, Tom and Dorothy followed their dream of transitioning to a little slower pace of

life in East Texas and they moved to Tyler in the early 1990s. They joined Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler and were very involved there until his passing.

The most important thing in Tom's life was Jesus, his rock and foundation. Tom brought his family up with this foundation and instilled in his family, through his life, the importance of this spiritual foundation. He demonstrated his faith through his love for his family and his love and service for others. He served the church as a deacon for many years and was very involved in the Gideons organization with the goal of distributing bibles and telling others about Jesus. He shared the Gideon's belief that God's Word is not only relevant, but powerful. Those who read it and apply God's truth to their lives experience hope, joy, and redemption through Jesus.

Tom quietly departed this life Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was preceded in death by his son, Paul and his first wife, Carol. His life will forever be cherished in the lives of his wife, Dorothy of Tyler; his children, Bill of Mesquite, TX, Jim of Rockwall, TX, John of Chicago, IL, Carlene Wagner of Houston, TX and Lisa Turner of Longview, TX; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Barbara Batty of Port Neches, TX, Merila Peloso of Orange, TX; son-in-law, Dale Turner of Longview, TX; daughters-in-law, Mary Kelly of Mesquite, TX, Dea Kelly of Rockwall, TX, Jill Kelly of Chicago, IL; nieces and nephews, Carol Batty of Beaumont, TX, John Batty of Albuquerque, NM, David Robichaux of Haleiwa, HI, Lisa Marcelli of Houston, TX; and a host of other friends and relatives.

Visitation is scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214 or Green Acres Baptist Church, 1607 Troup

Hwy., Tyler, TX 75701

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Thomas "Tom" Kelly*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 04, 2019 at 02:58 PM

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“ *Loretta Martinez sent a virtual gift in memory of William Thomas "Tom" Kelly*



Loretta Martinez - March 07, 2019 at 03:48 AM

DG

“ *Dorothy, I wanted to express how sorry I was to hear of Tom's passing. I know you had a lot of good memories. I always thought a lot of Tom, he was always so personable and always made you feel special. I will keep you in my prayers during this time.*

David Grubbs

David Grubbs - March 05, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Tom" Kelly.*



March 04, 2019 at 09:45 AM



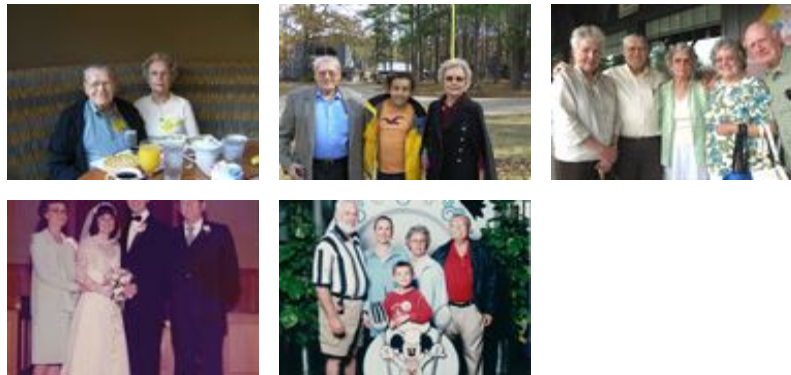
“ *Dean and Beth Cathey and boys purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Thomas "Tom" Kelly.*



Dean and Beth Cathey and boys - March 03, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ *202 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 03, 2019 at 11:57 AM

JM

Tom and Dorothy were the first people we met when we moved to Tyler and joined Green Acres. Over the years I came to look at Tom as the ultimate Christian gentleman. He was always at church and wonderful testament for Christ. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Although he was trained as an engineer, he thought as a scientist, always asking probing questions. He st an example that we should all follow.

john measel - March 04, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Tom" Kelly.*



March 02, 2019 at 06:22 PM

OM

“ *What a beautiful life Tom lived - I am familiar with one of his services for our Lord - as a widow, Tom was my Deacon - and He prayed for me and was always willing to see if and what he could do for me. He will be missed by our church and may God bless Dorothy and family in special ways these next few days. Jesus welcomes him home and knows your pain!!!!Our Prayers are with you.*

Oneta Malone - March 02, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Tom" Kelly.*



March 02, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Tom" Kelly.*



March 02, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Tom" Kelly.*



March 02, 2019 at 01:31 PM