



Robert N. Kelley

July 18, 1950 - April 23, 2021

Robert N. "Ron" Kelley, age 70, of Gainesville, Virginia, died on April 23, 2020.

He was born and raised in North Plainfield, NJ, "Ron" received many awards in high school for his athletic achievements, first team all-county in football, two-year county and mid-state pole vault champion, placing fourth in the state competition After high school, Bob "Kell" went to Gettysburg College and subsequently obtained his master's degree in business administration from Rutgers University After graduation, he began a 30-year career at New Jersey Bell/ Verizon, holding regulatory positions as well as Director of Operations, finance. He moved to Centreville, VA in 1993, then relocated to Heritage Hunt and retired from Verizon in 2003. Bob remained active, enjoying his grandchildren, driving cars with his buddies at Adesa, golf, concert committee, skiing, the pool, Rutgers, Giant and Yankee games and travel.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; two sons, Douglas and his wife, Lynn, of Arlington, VA and their two children, Grant and Colin and Gregory of West Springfield and this three children, Clara, Nora and Evelyn; a sister, Cheryl and her husband, Dr. Allen Crawford, and son, Spencer, of Macungie, PA.

Family will receive friends on Friday, May 7, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA. A Celebration of Life will be held at

a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting contributions be made to Amyloidosis center, Boston Medical center, in his memory are welcomed.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the Kelley Family,

I was a fraternity brother and good friend to Bob, or Kell as we knew him. He was two years ahead of me. I only learned of his passing a few weeks ago when I saw his name in the memorials section of the Gettysburg College magazine. I had no idea he and family lived only an hour away from me and of course I was greatly saddened at the news.

I am so sorry that I lost touch with Kell over the years. I guess he chose not to attend any of the post graduation fraternity gatherings, but I am sure he had his reasons. In any event, my deepest condolences. Kell was a great guy and we had a lot of fun together in college. He was always the lively jokester, always friendly and in a good mood when we saw him. And yes I do remember some of the remarkable catches he made at our intrafraternity football games. He ,Wally Sholl ,Bullis and myself all hung out together, as well as my roommate Mike Moser. Good times. He made my college experience all that more memorable. May he rest in peace.

Eric Dittmeier

Eric Dittmeier - October 22, 2021 at 12:35 PM

RS

“ As a longtime friend of Doug’s, Big Bob (as we called him) was a constant and positive influence during my formative years. He made me laugh during nearly every interaction, and always encouraged me to stride forward in life. Simply put, Big Bob inspired me to be a better man. His pride and love for his boys was always evident and shined brightly. My condolences to the Kelley family and all those who Bob touched in life.

Rob Shaw - May 14, 2021 at 11:32 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Bob’s family and friends. I would like to share a couple of my recollections from high school.

I was a track and football teammate of Bob’s. He was an important part of our State Champion football team. In one game, I watched from the backfield as Bob caught a pass on the left side and took off down the field. The safety ran over from his middle position at full speed to make the tackle, but Bob lowered his right shoulder, bowled the guy over, and kept on going without breaking stride. In addition to his pole-vaulting prowess, Bob was a tough and hard-hitting football player.

I also remember Bob as spontaneous and fun-loving. I thought about riding around North Plainfield with a few other classmates in his car with the windows rolled down. The Four Tops 1966 hit song, "Reach Out I'll Be There", came on the radio. When the Tops sang "reach out!", Bob stuck his left arm straight out of the window with his fingers extended and then brought it back in. On the next "reach out!", Bob did it again. The rest of us caught on and each time the Tops got to a "reach out!" part of the song, we all reached out of the car windows in unison. It is an enjoyable and enduring memory. Since then, whenever I hear that song, I am back in the car again with the windows rolled down, riding with Kel.

Doug Williams

Doug Williams - May 12, 2021 at 03:16 PM

KK

“ Bob Kelley was a big part of our life in VA. Our son Ian was best friends with Bob’s son, Doug, from the time they moved to Centreville in 1993 on. Bob took Ian under his wing like a third son as he went to all the Centreville and JMU football practices & games and associated activities. He was always there with lots of advice, coaching suggestions, and jokes to keep things lively. Those were fun days, and his generous sharing of himself and his time will always be appreciated. Our sympathy goes out to all his family. He will be forever missed. Kevin & Marylouise Keenan

Kevin & Marylouise Keenan - May 07, 2021 at 01:21 PM

PW

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Bob Kelley, especially Deborah and his sons, Doug and Gregg. Bob was my friend and neighbor for almost 19 years, and a better neighbor there never was. He even mowed my lawn after he retired and I was still working. We’ll all miss Bob.

“Fair winds and following seas” Bob.

Pete Wright

Peter Wright - May 05, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert N. Kelley.



May 05, 2021 at 11:20 AM

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“ Greetings to all the Kelley Family and Friends of Bob's - I am sending my deepest condolences to you for the loss of the one and only Bob Kelley. Such the enthusiast for life, leaving his life-of-the-party and operations coordinator trademark where ever he was.

I was foruntate to have known Bob for the last 6 years of his life, through Bob's wife and my long-time friend, Deborah. I am so glad they found one another and had such a deep connection, friendship, and loving relationship.

Three cheers to Bob and his legacy at Heritage Hunt and beyond.

May many blessings be upon Bob, family and friends,

Diane Wian

Diane Wian - May 03, 2021 at 09:05 AM