



Bruce Eugene Kelly

January 25, 1926 - February 26, 2016

NORWAY- Bruce E. Kelly age 90 of Norway, died Friday, February 26, 2016 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain, MI.

He was born on January 25, 1926 in Menominee, the son of the late James and Winifred (Hayes) Kelly.

Bruce served his country in the Marine Corps. during World War II, and then enlisted into the Michigan National Guard in 1953. He served 22 years with the National Guard and retired as a first sergeant. During the Vietnam Era, president Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Bruce to the selective service board, which he contacted young men to sign up for the draft.

Bruce was a very good baseball player, he was drafted by the Chicago White Sox's but he turned it down, to start a family and begin his career in the paper industry.

He married Dolores Guiliani on October 23, 1948 in St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan. She preceded him in death on March 22, 2011.

Bruce served on the Norway-Vulcan School Board for 15 years and was instrumental in the consolidation between Norway and Vulcan schools.

He was on the Oak Crest Golf Commission and was honored by UPGA with a green jacket for 50 years of participation; he served as Oak Crest president for many years and along with his wife, was instrumental in establishing the husband and wife tournament.

Bruce worked as a Millwright at the Niagara Paper Mill and along with his wife owned and operated Kelly's Alibi in Niagara.

Bruce loved to golf and participated in many golf tournaments, he enjoyed going to the camp with Dolores that they built in 1963 together. The movie "Tundra" was filmed at Bruce's "White Ash" Camp which was recently aired on Discovering with his brothers and camp buddy.

He was a member of St. Barbara Catholic Church. Bruce loved everything Irish, especially singing Irish songs, especially "Good Night Irene".

Bruce is survived by his son Pat ("Buffy") Kelly of Niagara; daughter Kris Faull of Norway; grandchildren Jamie (Erin) Faull, Rob (Crystal) Faull, Tammy (Brian) Apsey, Keith (Nikki) Murphy, Dan (Danelle) Kelly, Ryan (Jenni) Kelly, Joey (Diane) Kelly and Ben Kelly; great grandchildren Kori, Mikayla, Mariah, Ava, Abby, Andy, Kassi, Ruby, Scarlet, Logan, Owen and Kendra Kelly and soon to be great great grandson Wyatt Lee James Wheeler; brothers Thomas "Cat" Kelly of Norway, Jerry (Lorraine) Kelly of Iron Mountain and Charles "Chuck" Kelly of Hermansville; sister Colleen Strahl of Carney; brother-in-law Urban (Carolyn) Guiliani of Iron River; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Eileen Kelly-Murphy; son Tim Kelly; and infant grandson Andrew; brothers James, Robert and Warren Kelly.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 2 from 9-12:30 p.m. at Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at St. Barbara's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis, presiding.

Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 9:00 AM - 12:03 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home
618 Norway Street
P.O. Box 155
Norway, MI 49870
(906) 563-5700
ortmanfh@gmail.com
<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Barbara's Church
159 Mission Street
Vulcan, MI 49892

Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Kris and Family; So sorry to read about your Dad's passing. My prayers are with the entire Kelly family. Rich Pellegrini*

Rich Pellegrini - April 06, 2016 at 03:37 PM

JJ

“ *Kris and family,
I was just looking at some old pictures and found one of your Dad with my Dad on the golf course in Norway. It brought back a lot of memories - of your family as well as mine.
Our sincerest sympathy to all of you at this time.
Fondly,
Jane (Marinelli) and Rich Jamsen*

Jane (Marinelli) Jamsen - March 05, 2016 at 11:01 AM

JG

“ *My deepest sympathies to my cousins and their families. Uncle Bruce, Aunt Delores, and you are part of my earliest and fondest memories. I can still hear Uncle Bruce's booming voice filled with the joy of life. It will never be silenced. --Janie*

Janie Guiliani - March 04, 2016 at 08:21 AM

CM

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the entire Kelly family. I have many fond memories of the kindness and lessons that both Bruce and Delores have taught me.*

Chuck Melchiori - March 03, 2016 at 08:24 AM

BR

“ Our sympathy to the family of a great guy. We were in Texas on our way to California when we read about Bruce. So many memories over the years. At the mill he always had that sense of humor even when we were working on tough problems. Lots of fun times when we were invited to the Camp during deer season. One incident I remember when Bruce and Neal Johns took off cross country to the Long Branch about 10 at night. Enjoyed many events at Oak Crest with Bruce and Delores. Can't listen to "Good Night Irene" without thinking about Bruce.

BILL & ELLEN ROBERTS

Bill Roberts - March 02, 2016 at 01:13 PM

AC

“ A big man with an even bigger heart. So good at remembering names of those younger than him and giving a greeting of kindness. His attention was always directed to others, never himself. Semper Fi, Bruce.

Al Carlotto

Albert Carlotto - March 01, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bruce Eugene Kelly.



March 01, 2016 at 11:13 AM

DK

“ *Dave Koeppel lit a candle in memory of Bruce Eugene Kelly*



Dave Koeppel - February 29, 2016 at 04:10 PM

KO

“ *To Kris, Pat and the whole Kelly Gang, my deepest, deepest sympathy to you all. Bruce was a wonderful, wonderful man. He was a straight shooter with that twinkle in his eye. May the Good Lord welcome him with his open arms and shine his blessings down upon the Kelly family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you All.*

Kathy O'connell - February 29, 2016 at 07:33 AM

TR

“ *Tammy Haepers Rusch lit a candle in memory of Bruce Eugene Kelly*



Tammy Haepers Rusch - February 28, 2016 at 09:24 PM

TR

Prayers to the whole family. It's been a rough 2016!

Tammy Haepers Rusch - February 28, 2016 at 09:25 PM

RH

“*Rosemary And Pete Haepers lit a candle in memory of Bruce Eugene Kelly*



Rosemary and Pete Haepers - February 28, 2016 at 07:51 PM

HM

“*Kris, Pat, grandchildren, and friends, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Bruce. It has got to be so difficult for all of you since the passing of Tim, and now your father. I wish I could ease your pain for you all. God Bless you and take care.*

Holly McCarthy-Biolo - February 28, 2016 at 03:43 PM