



Jerrold Kelly

April 25, 1930 - November 25, 2020

NORWAY- Jerrold “Jerry” Kelly age 90 of Iron Mountain, died Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Evergreen Meadows in Norway, MI.

Jerry was born on April 25, 1930 in Faithorn, son of the late James and Winifred (Hayes) Kelly. He was the third of seven boys and one precious sister.

Jerry graduated from Norway High School in 1948. After graduation he left for Milwaukee with his best friend Larry Reid and later the two joined the US Marine Corp together.

Jerry served his country during the Korean Conflict and spent an unbelievably cold winter there.

After his military service, he attended Marquette University, before returning to Faithorn and bought the family farm.

He later joined the US Postal Service as a rural mail carrier, he was proud of his career and especially enjoyed all of the families on his route and knew everyone by name. Jerry proudly served the Postal Service for over 30 years, where he was very active and served as president in the Michigan Rural Mail Carriers Union. Jerry also drove over a million miles to have the honor of

being a member of the Million Mile Club.

Jerry sold the family farm and moved to Norway, where he was active in the community. He loved being a member of Oak Crest Golf Club, St. Mary's Church, Knights of Columbus, Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club and the Floriano-Stecker-Kelly Post #340, American Legion in Hermansville. He treasured time spent at the Rialto bowling with his Tuesday and Friday leagues, where he was known as the "Captain".

Jerry is survived by his five children Jackie Gonsalves, Jane (Jeff) Iglhaut, Terry (Gina) Kelly, Mary Pat (Bob) Madigan and Maureen (Tom) Menard; and their mother Mary Jo Kelly; 10 grandchildren Christina, Jon, Katie, Jordan, Patrick, Marc, Kelly, Chelsey, Dan and Ryan; three great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his wife Lorraine Kelly and her children Stephen (Julia) Sigg, Juliann Leveritt, Claudine (Ron) Taub and Katherine (Steven) Cantwell; eleven step grandchildren; 8 step great grandchildren.

Also survived by his brothers Tom and Charles Kelly; sister Coleen Strahl; many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his brothers Jim (Kay), Bruce (Delores), Warren and Bob (Donna) Kelly; and son-in-law Philip Gonsalves.

Besides family, Jerry's favorite times were spent in the woods, especially during deer season. Jerry loved everyone he met and called them friend. Someone once gave him a sign describing him and it said, "You are a stranger here but once." This is a long obituary but so were Jerry's stories. How we will miss those stories.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 28 from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Mary's

Church in Norway.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating.

Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Faithorn.

Family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to Holy Spirit School or to Norway-Vulcan School Scholarship Fund.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Faithorn, MI 49892

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Memorial Mass

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Carol Ann Angeli lit a candle in memory of Jerrold Kelly



Carol Ann Angeli - December 11, 2020 at 04:36 PM

CM

“ My deepest sympathy to all the Kelly family. I will never forget Jerry sharing the “cup of friendship “ with us and all of his bantering at Oak Crest. Your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Chuck Melchiori - December 06, 2020 at 06:48 PM

SM

“ I am sorry to hear about your loss. I remember Jerry as I was growing up in Faithorn. He was always very friendly toward me and had a positive disposition.
The last time I got to visit with Jerry was at the Norway golf course. He was sharing his experience in Korea during the war. I remember thinking how difficult those times must have been for Jerry and all of the soldiers. I also remember thinking that growing up a country boy had to help him get through those tough times.
I just wanted to share my experience with Jerry and wish you strength as you mourn his loss.

Sincerely,
Scott McClure

Scott McClure - November 30, 2020 at 04:02 PM

HM

“ *Holly McCarthy-Biolo lit a candle in memory of Jerrold Kelly*



Holly McCarthy-Biolo - November 29, 2020 at 07:39 PM

DW

“ *I will always remember the love and guidance Jerry and the whole Kelly family shared with me and my sisters when our parents died. I feel very fortunate to have known him. My condolences to you all.*



Donna Grodeski Winter - November 29, 2020 at 11:04 AM

JC

“ *Any time Jerry's name is mentioned people smile -- it's just an automatic thing. How fortunate we are to have known this genuine man and to have had the opportunity to hear his stories and share lots of laughs (and cocktails!) St. Patrick's Day will always be a reminder of Jerry and that I had the privilege to know the "Mayor of Dublin."*

Joy Carlson - November 28, 2020 at 10:36 AM

LS

“ *I am so sorry. My heart breaks for your family. I will miss Mr. Kelly..his hugs and that smile...*

Lynn Schultz - November 28, 2020 at 10:01 AM

RH

“ *To the Family of Jerry,*

We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing and are sending love and prayers to you all. We were neighbors for many years on Brown St, but I also remember so many of the Kelly get togethers and laughs. Also I was thankful that I got to spend some time with Jerry before the shutdowns at Evergreen and he enjoyed my bringing him communion. He had a contagious laugh and he will be missed by many.

*The memories will see you through the hard times,
Rosemary and Pete "Freato" Haepers*

Rosemary Haepers - November 25, 2020 at 08:21 PM



SM

“ *In the Love that surrounds you
May you find Strength;
In the Memories you Cherish
May you find Peace.*

God's Love and Prayers,

St Mary's - November 25, 2020 at 08:13 PM

