



Richard John Kelly

September 18, 1946 - February 19, 2025

Richard John Kelly of Cedar Hill, Missouri, was born September 18, 1946 in St. Louis, Missouri to Leroy J. and Doris R. (nee Rackovan) Kelly and entered into rest Wednesday, February 19, 2025 in Cedar Hill, Missouri at the age of 78 years.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Janice Kelly; parents, Leroy J. and Doris R. (nee Rackovan) Kelly.

He is survived by his daughter, Samantha (Brent) Ellis; grandchildren, Karly (Justin Livon) Ellis, Tyler (fiancé Britany Young) Ellis and Lucas (fiancé Jade Lavoie) Ellis; siblings, Leslie (Michael) Willis and Kurt Kelly; nephews, Stephen Willis and Alvin (Melissa) Trusty; along with numerous other extended family and friends.

Richard was a dedicated man who proudly served his country on the USS Saratoga in the United States Navy. A true jack of all trades, he had a knack for working on cars and tractors, always finding a way to fix things with his skillful hands. His love for the outdoors led him to countless peaceful days spent fishing, where he found joy and relaxation. At home, his beloved cat, Iggy, was always at his side, bringing him comfort and companionship. Richard's hard work, resourcefulness, and kind heart will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY-CEDAR HILL, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016. Funeral Ceremony will be held on Friday, February 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary in Cedar Hill, Missouri. Interment will immediately follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Cedar Hill.

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

6300 SR 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Ceremony

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ The Malin family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard John Kelly.

The Malin family - February 27, 2025 at 12:22 PM

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“ The Malin family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard John Kelly.



The Malin family - February 27, 2025 at 12:22 PM

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“ Big River Sod Farm Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard John Kelly.



Big River Sod Farm Family - February 26, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard John Kelly.



February 24, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard John Kelly.*



February 20, 2025 at 05:42 PM