



## Jay Coleman Kelly

April 11, 1942 - April 17, 2017

Jay Coleman Kelly of Bluefield, Virginia, went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 17, 2017. Jay was born on April 11, 1942 in Bridgeport, Connecticut and was the son of the late Coleman James and Helen Lako Kelly.

He moved with his family to Bluefield, Virginia in 1981 where he was employed by Thistle Foundry and Machine Company. He eventually became the president/owner of the foundry until his retirement in 2012. Jay was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where he worked with the food pantry and served on the Finance Council. He also served on the Economic Development Board for the town of Bluefield, VA. He enjoyed being a member of the Sons of Italy.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Donna Howell Kelly; daughters Kyle Thomas and husband Richie of Max Meadows, VA and Betsey Branner and husband, Rod of Harrisonburg, VA; sister Carol Goldman and husband Jim of Park City, UT; brother, Kevin Kelly of Dallas, TX; grandchildren Kelly and Coleman Thomas and Brooke and Abby Branner.

A Memorial Mass of Celebration will be held on Friday, April 21st at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield, WV with Rev. Sebastian Devasya, Presider, and Concelebrants, Rev. Leon Alexander and Rev. Patsy laquinta. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart food pantry at 1017 Wyoming St., Bldg, WV 24701

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com). Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Jay Kelly.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1003 Wyoming Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Memorial Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1003 Wyoming Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jay Coleman Kelly*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Donna & Family*

*My deepest sympathy to you and your family with the passing of Jay.*

*I'll always remember his great sense of humor and I could always tell when Wayne was on the phone with Jay because of the laughter. I hope the joyful memories you shared with him bring you comfort in the days ahead. Keeping you in my prayers. With love, Joyce and Nicole Anderson*



**Joyce Anderson** - April 23, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ *Phyllis Christian lit a candle in memory of Jay Coleman Kelly*



**Phyllis Christian** - April 20, 2017 at 10:15 PM



*Donna, so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. Praying for God's comfort for you and your family, from your #1 Vols fan that you met and see at New Graham.*

**Phyllis Christian** - April 20, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jay Coleman Kelly.*



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April 20, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Georgina Yalina Calkins purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Jay Coleman Kelly.*



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**Georgina Yalina Calkins** - April 19, 2017 at 11:07 PM



“ *Steven Sims lit a candle in memory of Jay Coleman Kelly*



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**Steven Sims** - April 19, 2017 at 08:30 PM



*The banter between Mr. Jay and mom about who was the oldest always made me smile. I know she welcomed him home.*

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**Steven Sims** - April 19, 2017 at 08:31 PM

RZ

“ Robby & Sharon Wingate, Alyssa & Zach purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jay Coleman Kelly.



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**Robby & Sharon Wingate, Alyssa & Zach** - April 19, 2017 at 10:17 AM

LB

“ Jay was always a pleasure to see when he came into the barber shop. Our deepest condolences to his lovely wife Donna and their family.

*Lisa Byrd and Dolly Sherman*

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**Lisa Byrd** - April 18, 2017 at 09:33 PM

CA

“ Prayers for the Kelly family. Each one very dear to my heart.



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**Christine Dotson Abel** - April 18, 2017 at 09:11 PM

FP

“ Fran And Pip lit a candle in memory of Jay Coleman Kelly



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**Fran and Pip** - April 18, 2017 at 08:45 PM

KJ

“ Karen Johnston lit a candle in memory of Jay Coleman Kelly



Karen Johnston - April 18, 2017 at 06:58 PM

KJ

*I will miss his smiling face at the baseball games. He was such a nice man. Loved him.*

Karen Johnston - April 18, 2017 at 07:00 PM



“ Feleesha Moran lit a candle in memory of Jay Coleman Kelly



Feleesha Moran - April 18, 2017 at 06:56 PM

PM

“ Patrick Steven Moran lit a candle in memory of Jay Coleman Kelly



Patrick Steven Moran - April 18, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jay Coleman Kelly.



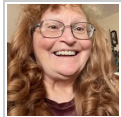
April 18, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ Teresa Derenge lit a candle in memory of Jay Coleman Kelly

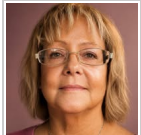


Teresa Derenge - April 18, 2017 at 01:29 PM



Will miss our friend terribly. May God be with Donna and family. RIP Jay

Teresa Derenge - April 18, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ My heart is broken. Jay was a wonderful friend and he will be missed. Love to Donna and the family.

Feleesha Moran - April 18, 2017 at 12:37 PM