



David "Dave" Kelley

October 25, 1940 - March 17, 2022

David "Dave" Kelley age 81 of Mentor, passed away Thursday, March 17, 2022 at home with his family by his side. He was born October 25, 1940 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dave was a successful business owner and operator of Watson Power Bulk Material Handling. He was also co-founder of J's Pizza Market, Mentor.

Dave served as Captain in the United States Air Force. During his time in the military, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award as well as the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. He graduated from Shaler High School in Glenshaw, PA, where he met his high school sweetheart and future wife, Eileen. Dave earned his business degree from Penn State University, and was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Dave was a black belt in Minna Jiu Jitsu and Karate.

Dave was smart, kind, a great listener and had the best sense of humor. The laughter was always loudest when Dave was in the room. He was the best kind of friend, father and grandfather, always there if you needed him, giving great advice whether it was about business opportunities, building or remodeling a house, life in general and so much more. Dave loved and protected his family, and was so proud of his kids and grandkids.

Surviving David are his children: Michael (Kimberly) Kelley, Susan Kelley and Jonathan (Molly) Kelley; grandchildren: Caroline (Dominick) Kocak, Amy Kelley, Tristan Escalante, Rose and Liam Kelley and girlfriend: Carol Tierney.

Preceding David in death are his wife: Eileen (Heller) Kelley and parents: Braham and Elsie (Nicklin) Kelley.

A memorial service and reception will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022, 11am at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd. Mentor, OH. 44060.

In Lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the Eileen Kelley Memorial Preschool Scholarship Fund, C/O Starting Point, 4600 Euclid Ave. Suite #500, Cleveland, OH. 44103. www.starting-point.org

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH. 44060. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
7575 Bellflower Road
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-0600

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David "Dave" Kelley.*



May 27, 2022 at 07:29 AM



“ *Jamie McGann & Anthony Rothman purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of David "Dave" Kelley.*



Jamie McGann & Anthony Rothman - May 26, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *First met Dave at Heisley, an all around good guy! Running into him at different places, having a beverage together and discussing the "worlds" problems, his view point always refreshing. Damn fine man. Condolences to his family.*

Ron Wassum - March 22, 2022 at 03:02 PM

BM

“ Eileen Kelley was my Allegheny College Kappa sister. After our children were grown, we met yearly, she from Mentor and I from the westside of Cleveland, to have lunch and catch up. She and my husband Paul (also attended Allegheny) died of cancer about a year apart. I did not know Dave well, but each year after Eileen was gone, he sent me a photo Christmas card of his family, often adding a note.

This past December we corresponded after an email came about the pre-school scholarship program in memory of Eileen. He told me of his struggles with cancer 6 months earlier and how his family contributed so much to his strength during that time.

We hadn't corresponded since. I was so saddened today to learn of his passing. My sympathy to his family, including Eileen's sister and husband, Bobbie and Ron Watson. You were blessed by a special gentleman.

Barbara Thompson Morrison

Barb Morrison - March 20, 2022 at 04:52 PM

BC

“ My deepest and most sincere condolences to the entire family. I fondly remember car pools to Trampoline and Tumbling practice. Your Dad was a great man. Our hearts are fully of wonderful memories that will live on forever.

Billy Crawley - March 19, 2022 at 10:29 PM

CO

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. We spent lots of time at their house growing up & Dave was a member at Mentor Heisley for years. My deepest condolences to all of you 💕🙏😊.

cindy osborne - March 19, 2022 at 09:13 PM

BD

“ I have so many fond memories of your parents. Sorry that you have to endure this loss but I hope can all find peace celebrating your dads life.

Bill DeJoy - March 19, 2022 at 05:48 PM

JB

“ Dave was my best friend ever since we met at Base Ops Ellsworth AFB 1963. A giver of great advice, loved to laugh and always ready for a cocktail. Our families became long friends even though distance made it hard. My whole family was together last night celebrating his love. He was Loved by all and we will miss him greatly. Jim Jean Molly Mike Buchholz

jim buchholz - March 19, 2022 at 05:34 PM