



Kelly C. Murray

February 15, 1941 - January 19, 2021

Kelly C. Murray, 79, of Cleveland, OK was born February 15, 1941 in Chicago, IL to Thomas and Mildred (Jelinek) Murray and peacefully passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in Tulsa, OK.

Kelly grew up in Chicago and Wisconsin where he received his formal education. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1961, served in Vietnam, and retired in 1981 with an Honorable Discharge with the rank of TSGT. He married his best friend Nancy Elaine Wallace on March 15, 1985 in Oklahoma City. Kelly spent his civilian years as a boat mechanic, before retiring to the lake life. He was a member of Keystone Hills Baptist Church in Sand Springs, OK. He enjoyed the lake, fishing, and was well versed in woodworking. His passion in life was his family. He leaves a legacy of honor, love and devotion. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Kelly is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Nancy; daughters, Jo-Ann Greene, Deann Koger and Melody Brewer; his grandchildren, Chelsea Carrier and Davon Koger.

In lieu of flowers, Kelly's family request memorial contributions in Kelly's name to the National VA or another Veterans program of your choice.

A celebration of Kelly's life will be held 2PM Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery in Fort Gibson, OK with Pastor Mark Bane officiating. Military honors will be observed.

The family of Kelly C. Murray has entrusted his care, services and burial to

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kelly C. Murray*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Nancy an family we just learned of Kelly's passing. Kelly will be so greatly missed, he was a wonderful neighbor an friend. Nancy if there is anything we can do for you please let us know. Kelly is in his heavenly home now with no pain. Our deepest sympathy. Larry an Brenda Wall. Dayton Cody*



Larry an Brenda Wall - January 28, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *I will miss you Kelly for your Godly wisdom and compassion for everyone. I have saved a couple of wooden things made from Kelly that I have displayed.I will miss the encouragement I had with you and Nancy at the Bread Ministry a few times in the past. Thank you for your service for our country!!!Praying for you Nancy and the rest of the family!!!*

Michelle Lundin - January 25, 2021 at 08:32 AM

JS

“ I can always remember Kelly having a MOST ADMIRABLE attitude in all things. Despite the challenges he faced he was joyful, quick witted and funny.

His wood crafting gifts provided to me are most cherished. Most recently I received a clock with an Outhouse and a Donkey in it. It is reflective of my personality. He took the time to make it with his hands – really great!

I will miss Kelly because he soldiered on without regard to health challenges and did not complain, moan, or just plain be crabby. He was a grand example of a Christian, to Love the Lord and to give thanks in all things.

John Sanders - January 25, 2021 at 06:02 AM

ME

I watched a little of that process, I wish I could have seen the finished results. He was pretty excited about that one 😊

Melody - January 25, 2021 at 03:02 PM

ME

Thank you for your kind words

Melody - January 25, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ I feel like I have lost one of my best friends. Kelly and I had a special bond. I loved having him in my Sunday school class. He always was right on point with any observations he made. Since we were both Air Force enlisted men I loved hearing him share stories about time we spent in the service. No matter how he felt he always had a smile on his face and something positive to say. I also loved his skill as a woodworker and he made several things for Sally and I which we will always cherish. Kelly was one of a kind and is severely missed in our household.



David Healey - January 25, 2021 at 12:24 AM

DH

“ Kelly Murray was a great man, a great husband, a great friend, and a great Believer our Lord, Jesus Christ! It has been such an honor to have gotten to be friends with him and Nancy! Kelly and Nancy have always shown such love and concern to me and my family! Kelly had such a large and giving heart!! He was a wonderful clock maker! He will be tremendously missed! He and his family will be in our hearts and prayers! Love this couple!! With love, David and Sally Healey

David and Sally Healey - January 24, 2021 at 07:56 PM

ME

*And a great dad,
Thank you for your kind words*

Melody - January 25, 2021 at 10:29 PM

MS

“ I attended church with this sweet man.....he was so humble and always ready to help.


Melody Simmons - January 24, 2021 at 05:55 PM

DB

“ Dear Murray family,
We are praying for peace and comfort for all of you.
We appreciate Kelly's service for our country and for us. He seemed to always be a help to the church when he was able. I think of you often, Nancy and I pray for God's strength to fill you.
With love, hugs and prayers,
David and Teresa Banther

David and Teresa Banther - January 24, 2021 at 05:22 PM

BD

“ Kelly always was smiling no matter how he felt. When Nancy and I were attending a women's Bible study I would always invite him to church. He told me one day he might surprise me there and he did. He said he thought God couldn't help old men like him but after talking with Pastor Mark. He told me God is here for anyone willing to believe. And Kelly said he believed in Jesus.
Kelly also spoke with my husband Larry. Larry told him God can forgive anyone who ask in his son's name.
Kelly will be greatly missed here on earth but his memories will live forever in our  hearts. Can't you see Kelly with angel wings a big smile.

Brenda Dyer - January 24, 2021 at 05:09 PM

AE

“ I remember the good times Nancy, Kelly and I had working in the bread ministry, he was such a good help and He was always willing to do anything. He is a big reason our bread ministry was a success during that time. Remembering the family in prayer.

Anna England - January 24, 2021 at 04:15 PM

MB

“ I consider it a privilege to have known Kelly. Although I met him just a few years ago he certainly had an impact on my life. He came to our church to visit, continued to come, and a few months later he was baptized. His faith was so new and fresh that he never wanted to miss church. As a Pastor that's refreshing to see. He is also a hero of mine. Any veteran who has flown into enemy fire on repeated occasions deserves my respect and admiration. I sure will miss our weekly conversations.....and his always positive outlook even when things were hard. Kelly, it was a blessing to know you!

Mark Bane - January 24, 2021 at 04:15 PM

AS

“ Kelly was such a Godly man. He was always ready to help anywhere when needed as much as he could. He will be greatly missed.

Adeline Sutherland - January 24, 2021 at 04:11 PM

ME

“ He was definitely one of a kind! I am forever grateful to have had him in my life and to have him as a Dad for me. I learned a lot from this man and he will always be in my mind and heart.... words are not enough.

My Mom and sisters appreciate everyone who might share a fond memory or a picture to remember him by, and is nice to hear/read.

Melody - January 24, 2021 at 03:10 PM

BS

“ Kelly and Nancy came into our lives at our church several years ago. Kelly liked to make things out of wood and made me a few wooden picture frames. He and Nancy became closer friends when Nancy decided to work for John & I in his office. We visited at church and at least a few times at our office monthly;. You will be missed Kelly. We enjoyed our time here on earth with you. We pray for the comfort of our Savior and Lord, Jesus to watch over your family. We will see you again, Kelly. Our hearts go out to Nancy & your children. Your friends, John & Betty Sanders

Betty Sanders - January 24, 2021 at 02:23 PM