



## Charles M. Kelly

November 28, 1928 - August 2, 2017

Charles Moreland Kelly, 88, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2017. He was born November 28, 1928 to Warren C. Kelly and Susie Belle (Decker) Kelly in Farwell, Texas. Charles graduated from Central High School in Muskogee, Oklahoma. During these formative years, Charles found joy in helping his father deliver farm equipment all across the country, which began his love of traveling. He then went to Abilene Christian College and obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in 1951. While at ACC, Charles was a cheerleader for the Wildcats, and during his school years he ran a chicken farm in Abilene, Texas to save money for the engagement ring of his future wife.

He married the love of his life, Joye Belle Deavenport, on December 25, 1950 on the family farm in Silverton, Texas. Charles and Joye shared 66 years of a happy life and marriage together.

In 1951, Charles and Joye moved to Muskogee where he taught school for one year at Muskogee Central High School. Shortly after, Charles became the owner of Kelly Office Supply. While his store was open it was the biggest office supply store in Oklahoma. He retired in 1980 and continued working at his company, Kelly Co. Engraving, until he was 85 years old. Charles was a member of Hilldale School Board for 12 years, a founder of Burnt Cabin Youth Camp, and a member of Civitan. He was also a member and the primary song leader at the West Side Church of Christ in Muskogee, Oklahoma for 65 years.

Charles enjoyed going to the beach, playing golf, working puzzles, and driving his 1939 Dodge Truck. He was an avid gardener and plowed, planted, and sowed five acres of land for the majority of his life. He and Joye loved sharing their abundance of fresh produce with everyone at church; he would park his truck and open the tailgate to let anyone take what they wanted. Charles loved taking care of his family and enjoyed spending as much time as he could with them. He will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Susie Kelly; brother, Hollis Kelly; and sister, Myrt (Kelly) Davidson.

He is survived by his wife, Joye Kelly of Muskogee, OK; their children, Karlease Kelly of Ranson, WV, Kim Smith and husband Leland of Muskogee, OK, Kathy Schaffner and husband Dr. Randall Schaffner of Vernon, TX, and Keith Kelly and wife Michelle of Tulsa, OK; 10 grandchildren, Kelly Duck and husband Jim, Lee Smith and wife Traci, Kyndle Smith and Chelsea, Austin Schaffner, Audrey Schaffner, Alec Schaffner and wife Courtney, Madison Kelly, Connor Kelly and fiancé Rustyn, Brooklyn Kelly and Logan Kelly; 5 great-grandchildren, Kadence Duck, Joshua Duck, Kaylee Smith, Karson Smith and Leannah Smith; he is also survived by brother Jim Kelly and wife Elaine of Norman, OK, brother-in-law Bob Davidson of College Station, TX, and numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials and donations in memory of Charles Kelly be made to the Burnt Cabin Youth Camp in care of West Side Church of Christ at: 2434 West Okmulgee St., Muskogee, OK, 74401.

A celebration of Charles' life will be 10:00 A.M., Monday, August 7, 2017 at West Side Church of Christ with Rev. Don Readhimer, Bro. Bob Davidson, Jim Kelly and Keith Kelly officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with Lee Smith, Kyndle Smith, Austin Schaffner, Alec Schaffner, Connor Kelly, and Logan Kelly serving as pallbearers.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Visitation

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

West Side Church of Christ  
2434 W Okmulgee St  
Muskogee, OK 74401



# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles M. Kelly*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I am absolutely heartbroken to run across this obituary - I did not know that Mr. Kelly had passed. I got to know him as our engraver at Five Star Office Supply, and had the pleasure of working with him for 13 years, until his retirement. He was a precious, precious man to me, and I loved seeing his face when he stopped in from time to time after retiring. I'm terribly saddened that I missed the opportunity to say good-bye to this darling gentleman. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Joye and the family.*

**Kristy Calhoun** - August 29, 2017 at 11:56 AM



“ *A more talented man, you may never meet. I knew him first as a Christian, a dedicated song leader, a family man, an engraver, a golfer, a gardener, and a friend. My family and I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing and wished to offer our condolences to his loved ones. We pray that God will continue to watch over you and give you strength.*

**Tony Simpson** - August 09, 2017 at 10:49 AM

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“ Growing up and walking that hallway in the church building as a teen and rounding the corner by the stairs, I always had to look for or run from Mr. Kelly, because he was going to thump my chest. Or I knew during singing night I had no choice but lead a song because Mr. Kelly said so. Yes Mr. Kelly was a great guy and a person I looked up to as a teen, and still do. He also invited me to go to the beach with them one summer. It was so fun that I still think of it to this day. I also went to Mr. Kelly and asked for advice in his shop in the back, when things were hard for me, know one knows of these times but him and I. Those times were times when he hugged me and told me it's going to be OK when I needed it most, Yes Mr. Kelly, I will never forget you. You were a Good guy. God used you to help many.

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**brad haltom** - August 08, 2017 at 12:48 PM

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“ Charles was an amazing man and I appreciate all of the memories and smiles he shared with my family.

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**James Hash** - August 07, 2017 at 04:42 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles M. Kelly.



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August 04, 2017 at 04:04 PM

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“ *Charlene White Foxx sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles M. Kelly*



Charlene White Foxx - August 04, 2017 at 02:58 PM

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*Charles was first class all the way! He was a friend to our family for many, many years. He sang at our wedding and sang at my daddy (Ova White) and my mother (Edith) funerals. Remember him, also, for being the "unpaid youth minister" in my teenage years. I'm sure we bothered him alot but he never showed it. Just can't believe his beautiful voice is silent. Many prayers to Joy and her sweet family! Love and Hugs to all! Roy & Charlene Foxx*

Charlene White Foxx - August 04, 2017 at 03:05 PM



*Thank you God for Charles and his devotion to you and your church!!!! He sang at our wedding also, and my parents funerals. Charles was a wonderful person and a great friend to my parents. Visited our house many times to play table games with them. He and my daddy did many things together and getting Burnt Cabin Youth Camp going was only one of the many things they worked on. Such a faithful Christian and lover of God will be missed, but know that he will be with God for eternity!!! Prayers for Joy and the family and that God will comfort them and give them peace that only He can!!! Love to you Charles and all! Sharon Owen Myers*

Sharon Owen Myers - August 05, 2017 at 02:58 PM

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“ *To know Charles was to love him. He was talented, a friend to everyone, and possessed a wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed, but wonderful memories of Charles will live on within each of us.*

Glenn White - August 04, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles M. Kelly.*



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August 04, 2017 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles M. Kelly.*



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August 04, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ *Loved Charles Kelly. He was a great song leader. Sang at funerals together. Great golfer. My husband & son played with him. Dan loved him.*

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**deloris branch** - August 03, 2017 at 09:41 PM