



## James "Kelly" Rolland

February 5, 1937 - July 26, 2015

July 26, 2015 in Muskogee. He was born February 5, 1937 in Braggs, Oklahoma to Roy and Beulah (Riggs) Rolland. Kelly proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1957. He lived in Ardmore, Oklahoma from 1968-1980. The rest of his life he resided in Muskogee.

The career part of his life he enjoyed most was being the owner of Square Deal Music before his retirement in 1998. He found joy in playing music with his friends and family, tinkering in his shop, traveling with the love of his life, Jo, and spending time with his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. James "Kelly" Rolland, 78, of Muskogee, Oklahoma went home to be with the Lord on Sunday,

Kelly was a member of Southeast Baptist Church since 1962.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John Rolland and Randy Rolland; and two great grandsons.

Kelly is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jo Evelyn; two sons, Chris Rolland wife Stephanie, Randy Rolland and wife Sheila; six grandchildren, Luke Rolland and wife Kim, Amber Collins and husband Eric, Chad Rolland and wife Brynlee, Kristen Hutson and husband Henry, Lauren Fulk and husband Nick, and Lance Rolland; ten great grandchildren; one brother, Bob Rolland and wife Freda; one sister, Jackie Lewis; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

Funeral services honoring Kelly's life will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at Southeast Baptist Church with Evangelist Doug Miller and Pastor

Mike Murray officiating. Interment will follow at Oktaha Cemetery in Oktaha, Oklahoma with Luke Rolland, Chad Rolland, Lance Rolland, Eric Collins, Henry Hutson, and Nick Fulk serving as pallbearers.

## Cemetery Details

### Oktaha Cemetery

Oktaha, OK 74450

## Previous Events

### Service

JUL 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

Southeast Baptist Church  
2511 E. Hancock Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ James "Kelly" Rolland

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Waylen, Christy, And Wyatt Klein lit a candle in memory of James "Kelly" Rolland



Waylen, Christy, and Wyatt Klein - July 31, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - July 28, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ Kelly was a quiet gentleman where I was concerned. My thoughts are with your family. Jo, Chris, Stephanie and your lovely kids and grandkids. Also, for Randy, Sheila and their families. Love you all, Caryl Davis.

Caryl Davis - July 28, 2015 at 09:39 AM

JP

“ *Janice Lovelady Potts lit a candle in memory of James "Kelly" Rolland*



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**Janice Lovelady Potts** - July 28, 2015 at 08:10 AM

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*You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Janice Lovelady Potts** - July 28, 2015 at 08:11 AM

BC

*I met Kelly 61 years ago when we both were in the Naval boot camp in San Diego. I had not folded my clothes properly so I failed boot camp. The Chief Petty Officer was so upset that he told me to throw my clothes on the asphalt then wash it all. Kelly stepped forward and volunteered to help me. We became very good friends and then served together on the USS Kemper County an LST (Landing Ship Tank). We lost track of each other after leaving the Navy and then several years ago my wife looked for Kelly on the internet and found his phone number. I always called him "Roper" because of a t-shirt that he found and wore so when I called him I said "is this Roper"? He said Bill Curtis, I've looked for you for 40 years! We had a chance to visit with him and Jo on a trip to Missouri and spent a weekend together. Our friendship didn't just renew, it continued from many years earlier. He was a great friend and I have many wonderful memories of him. My heart goes out to Jo and the family and we will keep you all in our prayers.*

*Bill & Nancy Curtis*

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**Bill Curtis** - July 29, 2015 at 03:04 PM

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*Having just learned of Mr. Rolland's death, on behalf of the Braggs History Project, please allow me to offer our sympathies.*

*Kelly Rolland was a proud veteran of the USN and served during the Korean Conflict. His name is listed at the Braggs Veterans Park along with his brothers and cousins.*

*He answered the call of his country during a time of war and earned the thanks of a grateful nation. His home town will long remember and honor his service.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Fran Barker  
Braggs History Project*

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**Fran Barker** - August 21, 2015 at 09:01 AM