



Kevin J. Kelly

October 4, 2024

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Chili: Went to be with the Lord, Friday, October 4, 2024. Predeceased by his loving wife of 56 years, Anne and brother Raymond. Survived by children: Sean (Marjorie), Brian (Colleen), Kevin (Cindy), Dan (Sara), Michael (Andrea), Beth (Mike) Letters, Timothy, and Erin (Chris) Amesbury; grandchildren: Emily (Dominic), Lauren, Luke, Vivianne (Jack), Matthew, Clare (JT), Cecilia, Maire, Grace, Meghan, Dylan, Evan, Abigail, Julia (Tim), Hannah, Ben (Eliza), Sean (Megan), Brigid (Christian), Danny, Jessie, Emma, Olivia, Andrew, Liam, Rien, Kait, Margaret, Christopher, Evelyn, Allison; great grandchildren: Patricio, Lucy, John Paul, Theo, Mary, Peter and 3 expected great grandchildren; Sister: Patricia (Frank) Dardiz and Brother-in Law: Paul (Betsy) Lazarek, Sister in Law Marilynne, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends, including life-long friends Tom and Carol Murtha.

Kevin was a man of deep faith and longed for his reward in heaven and to be reunited with the love of his life, Anne.

Kevin grew up in Queens Village, attended Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Augustine High School, and then St. John's University until moving to Rochester, NY where he continued courses at the University of Rochester and the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Kevin has fond memories of playing games with neighborhood friends, especially stoopball. He was an avid sports fan his whole life, and a devoted fan of St. John's Red Storm and the NY Mets. He loved attending Rangers

and Dodgers games. Kevin recalls some of his first dates with Anne going bowling, and watching Rangers games on his basement TV. While he didn't make the St. John's baseball team, he found ways to stay competitive from the Kodak softball league to front yard volleyball with his kids. Kevin loved golf and relished his time on the course. He especially enjoyed the annual Bucks No Does tournament with his sons.

While raising his kids, Kevin worked diligently at Kodak in the Sales and Marketing Department. After leaving Kodak in the mid 90s, he enjoyed his time with the Downtown Rochester City Guides.

In the evenings his kids can recall his echoing belly laugh that could be heard all over the house when watching his favorite shows, MASH in particular. He could often be found in his Lay-Z-Boy doing his crossword, eating Anne's famous Jello Pops (Ice Pops to him), or enjoying his favorite black raspberry ice cream. Kevin had an exuberance for food and loved his wife's cooking. Kevin was as authentic as they come, never spoke a bad word about another. He loved meeting people and a conversation, with a quick smile and a twinkle in his eye. He was a strong leader to his eight children, teaching them to love Jesus and one another, and to always do what was right and good. He placed much value on a strong Catholic education for all his kids. He carried this on with his grandchildren and was chosen by several to be their confirmation sponsor. He was enthusiastic supporter of all his grandkids, attending their sporting events, dance recitals, theater productions, music concerts, etc. He showed each of the 30 grandchildren his love and so enjoyed them. They loved his playfulness, fun sense of humor, and easy going attitude.

His favorite place on earth was Beach Lake, Pennsylvania where he visited for more than 70 summers and where his whole family vacationed together every year. It's a special place where he made memories first with his parents and siblings and then his children, grandchildren, and eventually his great grandchildren.

Some say Kevin was a man with nine lives. After suffering a stroke in 2017, quadruple bypass in 2020, and various falls and hospital visits, he seemed to

defy death. Losing Anne was the first tragedy he struggled to overcome. Knowing they're together again brings us all solace and comfort.

Kevin's family is especially grateful to his daughter Erin, her husband Chris, and their four children for taking care of him for 18 months after Anne's death, their selflessness is a gift and lesson to all.

Family and friends may call Tuesday, October 8th from 4-7pm at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home. Funeral Mass Wednesday 12:30pm at St. Pius Tenth Church, 3000 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624. Interment, St. Pius Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Pius the Tenth Church or School of the Holy Childhood.

Cemetery Details

St. Pius Cemetery

295 Chestnut Ridge Road
Rochester, NY 14624

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 426-7830
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<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Pius Tenth Church
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin J. Kelly.*



October 12, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *My brother is still with me because of all the wonderful, funny, happy, sad, and life memories we experienced together. He was a blessing to me and that will never be lost with time. I love you Kevin.*

Patricia Kelly-Dardiz - October 12, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ *Kevin was never cheated out of a thing. He lived his life to the fullest and let the juices run down his chin. There wasn't a man I have ever known with a better perspective of this world and the next. He loved unconditionally and was love unconditionally.*

He moved 400 miles away from his parents with his bride and 2 children under the age of two for a job. And like a homesteader from 200 years ago built his legacy piece by piece. The Kelly's are now legion in Western NY.

I am proud to have been his son, but far prouder to have called him Dad.

I life well lived Pop! Kiss mom for me and Let's Go Mets!

Kevin Kelly - October 11, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ Toni, Suanne & Matthew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin J. Kelly.

Toni, Suanne & Matthew - October 09, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ I worked with Kevin for over 30 years at Kodak. We had a lot of laughs and played a lot of golf and cards. . When we were at Elmgrove Plant, Kevin and I had adjoining cubicles. On occasion he would play solitaire on his PC. To keep the boss from seeing what he was doing he would hunch over the PC so all you could see was his back. Once in a while, I would tip-toe into his office, get right behind him, and say "Kevin" in a loud voice. The pens, pencils and papers would go flying off his desk. We'd both laugh. A great guy. I will miss him..

Gerald Carney - October 08, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ 307 files added to the album LifeTributes



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - October 08, 2024 at 10:59 AM

AB

“ *Annaliese, Giulia, Evelyn, & Brodericks purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kevin J. Kelly.*



Annaliese, Giulia, Evelyn, & Brodericks - October 08, 2024 at 10:52 AM

NB

“ *We were deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Mr. Kelly. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. Mr. Kelly was a remarkable person, and his legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched and through his beautiful Kelly family.*

May you find comfort in the cherished memories you shared and strength in the love and support of family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Nancy Brown - October 08, 2024 at 10:07 AM

DE

“ *Dani Evirgen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin J. Kelly.*

Dani Evirgen - October 06, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin J. Kelly.*



October 06, 2024 at 09:40 PM

CL

“ Condolences to All the Family of Kevin. We were fortunate to meet him 20 some years ago.
He was a man who loved Life & Family.
Thanking God that He allies Dan at Church several weeks ago.
Our Thoughts & Prayers are with You! 🙏
From the Letters Family

Carolyn/Dan Letters - October 06, 2024 at 03:03 PM

BM

“ Even though we only knew Kevin and his family for a short time through St Pius Church, he is someone we will never forget. His smile, laughter, kindness will be missed. Deepest condolences to the entire loving family .

Bill and Joann Marianetti - October 06, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kevin J. Kelly.



October 06, 2024 at 01:23 PM

LM

“ Love, Jerry and Dora Mavellia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin J. Kelly.

Love, Jerry and Dora Mavellia - October 06, 2024 at 01:19 PM

LM

“ Love, Jerry and Dora Mavellia purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kevin J. Kelly.



Love, Jerry and Dora Mavellia - October 06, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ We have fond memories of SPX basketball games and working with Kevin and his clan at the SPX Fair. He was a great guy with a great family. Jane and Glenn Schneider

Jane Schneider - October 06, 2024 at 09:28 AM

KK

Thank you both

Kevin Kelly - October 11, 2024 at 01:52 PM

BG

“ What a life he lived! A great example for us all. Grace and peace to all who will miss him.



Bill Goodman - October 06, 2024 at 09:07 AM

LM

“ Laura M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin J. Kelly.

Laura M. - October 05, 2024 at 09:14 PM