



Francis E. Kelly

December 16, 1927 - January 8, 2019

Francis E. Kelly, 91 of Kalkaska, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2019 at his home. He was born on December 16, 1927 in Lake City, Iowa, the son of the late Edward and Fannie (Stoolman) Kelly.

Francis was a veteran serving our country honorably in the US Army from Sept 1950 to Sept 1952 in Korea with a rank of Tank Sergeant. He married Marian Davis on July 13, 1953 in OH. Francis retired from Hygrade Food Products in 1969. Wanting to keep busy he began work for Michigan Labors of Lansing in Traverse City until 1984 and Mike Streamer's Service until really retiring in 1989. Francis, aka "The Candyman" and "2 Flags" liked to stay active riding around town on his electronic scooter, his flag waving and talking to all his friends and neighbors. Drummond Island was Francis' favorite place to visit.

Surviving Francis are his children, Karen (Steve) Jackson of Sheperd, Michael (Denise) Kelly, Glenda Kelly, Russell (Tina Priami) Kelly all of Kalkaska and Carlen (Robert) Hatfield of South Boardman; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild; siblings, Marge Lange of White Lake and Darrell (Sharon) Kelly of Iowa.

Francis was preceded in death by his wife Marian; daughter, Judy Smithingell; brothers, Raymond Kelly and Earl Kelly.

The memorial service will be on Saturday, January 12th at 1:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Davis of South Boardman officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in the spring.

Memorials may be given to the family, c/o Glenda Kelly, 106 S. Cherry, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home

106 S. Cherry

Kalkaska, MI 49646

(231) 258-5121

<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Francis E. Kelly

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ Francis E. Kelly

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ I was doing some research on my house, I live in the house Francis' parents lived in in Lake City IA



RD - June 28, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ Penny & Tom Chopp lit a candle in memory of Francis E. Kelly



penny & tom chopp - January 12, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Francis E. Kelly.*



January 11, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Francis E. Kelly.*



January 10, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *Karen R. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Francis E. Kelly.*

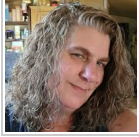


Karen R. - January 09, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ *I respected Mr Fancis Kelly very much. I had the privilege of working with him at Mike's Steamer Service. He was always a good man to man. May he RIP. My condolences to his family. Pauline Singer*

Pauline Singer - January 09, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *RIP Francis. You will be greatly missed*

Nat Hotchkiss - January 09, 2019 at 03:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis E. Kelly.*



January 08, 2019 at 10:43 PM



“ *He was a great man. Kalkaska wont be the same without him driving that wheel chair around town.*

Ron Janiszewski - January 08, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ *One of my favorite customers at the restaurant, I will always think of him when I think of Tootsie Rolls!*

Elizabeth Dunham - January 08, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ *Sorry for the families loss. Mr. Kelly will truly be missed riding around town with his happy go lucky attitude....RIP
Cindy Slick Halligan*

Cindy Halligan - January 08, 2019 at 07:34 PM



“ So very sorry for the families loss of Fran (the Candyman). Ron just saw him last week at the senior center, and got to visit for a few minutes about their time of causing trouble lol when they worked together at Mikes. He will surly be missed.

Ron and Kelly Ramsey

Kelly Ramsey - January 08, 2019 at 05:06 PM