



Francis C. Kelly

December 28, 1929 - February 22, 2016

Francis "Kid" Kelly, age 86, of Varina, Iowa died February 22, 2016 at Pleasant View Home in Albert City, Iowa.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with full military rites by the Varina American Legion. Visitation will take place Friday, February 26, 2016 from 5-8:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake with a rosary at 5:00 p.m. and a Celebration of Life Service at 7:00 p.m. all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Memorials may be made out to your choice of the Varina American Legion or dementia studies. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Francis C. Kelly was born December 28, 1929 in Fonda, Iowa, the son of Joseph E. and Hazel (O'Donnell) Kelly.

Francis was baptized and later confirmed at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina.

He attended school in Varina, where he graduated high school.

On September 12, 1958, Francis was united in marriage to Jacqueline June Anderson in St. Anthony of Padua in Gardena, California. Together, they were

blessed with nine children: Rebecca, Kevin, Michelle, Gregory, Nancy, Joleen, Andrew, Elizabeth, and Regina.

Francis enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. on November 14, 1951 where he proudly served his country until he was honorably discharged on November 5, 1953 as a Corporal.

Francis was a lifelong member of St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina. He also served on the past building and grounds committee.

Francis was very active in the American Legion W.D. Stiener Post #588. In the past, he was the 8th District Commander, Post Commander, and was actively involved in the Veteran's Affairs. Francis was also active in the Varina volunteer Fire Department.

Traveling was always one of Francis' favorite pastimes. Throughout his lifetime, he visited Germany, West Virginia, California, Florida, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, or anywhere else his kids had scattered to. Francis also enjoyed fishing, and working on John Deere tractors. Most of all, Francis cherished the time spent with his family. He will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend to many.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Jacqueline Kelly of the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Albert City, Iowa; children: Rebecca (Walt) Rogers of Bolivar, Missouri; Kevin (Emily) Kelly of Harrison Township, Michigan; Michelle (Al) Handrow of Burnett, Wisconsin; Greg (Kathy) Kelly of Topeka, Kansas; Nancy Kelly of Varina, Iowa; Joleen (Daron) Anderson of Newell, Iowa; Andrew (Quin) Kelly of Albert City, Iowa; Elizabeth Franker (James McLaughlin) of Akron, Iowa; Regina (Michael) Menke of Altoona, Iowa; grandchildren: Candice Rogers-Siers, Walter (Sindi-Vallera) Rogers, Elizabeth (James) Sass, Erin (Derrick) Harrington, Jennifer (Forest) Frami;

Adam (Toni) Miller; Benjamin (Jessica) Miller, Sarah Morris, Shane Kelly, Devin Kelly, Bryan Kelly, Peter (Tessa) Weitzel, Claire Weitzel, Anna Anderson, Elle Anderson, Ian Anderson, Preston Kelly, Eric Kelly, Crystal Kelly, Bryghtyn Franker, Alex Franker, Jacob Menke, Rachel Menke; fifteen great grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Lydia Kelly of Florida; Patsi (Robert) Nystrom of Havelock, Iowa; Honey (Harry) Rein of Encino, California; Henrie (Jim) Anderson–Hiotts of Houston, Texas; nieces; nephews; cousins; extended family and friends.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Hazel Kelly; sister, Mary Elaine (Tom) Hoyer; brothers: Louis (Katherine), Keith (Mary) Kelly, James Kelly; brother-in-law, Lawrence Anderson; nephews: Joe Hoyer, Richard Anderson, and Timothy Nystrom; niece, Cindy Kelly-Johnson; and granddaughter, Emily June Menke.

Cemetery Details

St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB **26**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Visitation

FEB **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

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Vigil Service

FEB **26**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

FEB **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Church
First Street
Varina, IA 50593
<http://home.catholicweb.com/stcolumbkille/>

Interment

FEB **27** (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 26, 2016 at 10:45 AM



“ *Mary Lange lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Mary Lange - February 28, 2016 at 10:29 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - February 26, 2016 at 04:55 PM

TM

“ *Tom And Ellen McMillan lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Tom and Ellen McMillan - February 26, 2016 at 03:18 PM

CK

“ *Crystal Kelly lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Crystal Kelly - February 26, 2016 at 11:07 AM

MK

“ *Mitch Kelly lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Mitch Kelly - February 26, 2016 at 10:46 AM

TS

“ *Prayers and thoughts for the family. Trudy and Randy Smith*

Trudy Smith - February 26, 2016 at 08:15 AM

LR

“ Lydia, David, Diana Kelly, and Felix and Carmen Rosado. purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Francis C. Kelly.



Lydia, David, Diana Kelly, and Felix and Carmen Rosado. - February 25, 2016 at 01:40 PM

JK

“ John J. Mullen and Vince and Nancy Kolb. purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Francis C. Kelly.



John J. Mullen and Vince and Nancy Kolb. - February 25, 2016 at 12:16 PM

BH

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Kelly family. May you cherish your memories together.
Becky Havens

Becky Havens - February 25, 2016 at 11:48 AM



“ Red, White & Blue Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Francis C. Kelly.



February 25, 2016 at 10:49 AM

DH

“ Denny and Meredythe Hoye purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Francis C. Kelly.



Denny and Meredythe Hoye - February 25, 2016 at 10:17 AM

RS

“ Our prayers to the entire Kelly family. Kid was truly a gem of a man. We will always remember that twinkle in the eye and great smile each time we met and visited with him. He and your mom made a fun couple with great family values which certainly reflected back into a great bunch of kids. God's Peace and Grace now and in the days ahead. Randy and Marilyn Schmitt

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - February 25, 2016 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ John Fitzgerald purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Francis C. Kelly.



John Fitzgerald - February 25, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ Michelle Handrow lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly



Michelle Handrow - February 25, 2016 at 06:32 AM

MH

“Michelle Kelly Handrow lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly



Michelle Kelly Handrow - February 25, 2016 at 06:27 AM

BM

“Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family. It's times like this that make me wish I lived closer to extend a simple "hug."
"Kid" was a wonderful man. Cherish those precious memories...they will last forever!
My love to all!



Brenda Miller and family

Brenda Miller - February 24, 2016 at 08:25 PM

MH

“Michelle Kelly Handrow lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly



Michelle Kelly Handrow - February 24, 2016 at 07:32 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Kelly Handrow lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Michelle Kelly Handrow - February 24, 2016 at 07:26 PM

JM

“ *Sorry to hear of your Dad passing. I will always remember him running the grater around Varina. He gave me refuge from the cold one winter day waiting for the kindergarten bus. He was a wonderful man.*

Jackie Walsh Moss - February 24, 2016 at 04:23 PM

JK

“ *John Kelly lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



John Kelly - February 24, 2016 at 10:34 AM

SK

“ *Scott Kelly lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Scott Kelly - February 24, 2016 at 10:08 AM



“ *Leta Wood lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Leta Wood - February 24, 2016 at 09:38 AM



“ *Laurent&Desiree Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Laurent&Desiree Fitzgerald - February 24, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ *Rose Davis lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Rose Davis - February 23, 2016 at 09:12 PM



“ *Paul Kelly lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Kelly*



Paul Kelly - February 23, 2016 at 07:54 PM



“ *Heart Wind Chime - Silver was purchased for the family of Francis C. Kelly.*



February 23, 2016 at 05:00 PM