



Jim Kelley

June 22, 1930 - January 21, 2020

Services honoring the life of James Richard Kelley will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 24, 2020 at Arrow Heights Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Park Grove Cemetery. Viewing will be at the funeral home on Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family there to receive visitors from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Jim was born in Indianola, Oklahoma on Sunday, June 22, 1930 to Clarence and Mary Doretta (Davidson) Kelley. Jim passed away in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the age of 89.

Jim graduated from high school and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Tulsa. Jim served in the United States Navy until his honorable discharge. He loved his country and was very patriotic. He was employed with North American Rockwell and took part in the Apollo Project. Later he worked in real estate for Century 21 before opening his own real estate firm, Jim Kelley Realty. He finished his 40 plus year Real Estate career with Coldwell Banker of Broken Arrow.

Jim married Anna Margaret Williams on December 15, 1949 in Indianola, Oklahoma. They were blessed with two children. Jim was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He adored his family and loved spending time with them. Jim also loved his church families at Arrow Heights Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, both of Broken Arrow.

Jim is survived by,

Children, Treasia and Butch Yee, Broken Arrow, OK

Mike Kelley, Broken Arrow, OK

Grandchildren, Angela Yee,

Kimberly Harp,

Chris Yee,

Jennifer Condiff,

Shannon Kelley,

Sisters, Midge Van Hoozer,

Jean Eldridge

12 great grandchildren

1 great great grandchild,

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Raymond and Harold, sisters, Bonnie

Wingo, Evelyn Clayborn, Oletta Butler
and Sue Bradley

Cemetery

Park Grove Cemetery
1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK, 74012

Events

JAN 23 **Viewing** 12:00PM - 08:00PM

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place, Broken Arrow, OK, US, 74012

JAN 23 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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JAN 24 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

Arrow Heights Baptist Church
3201 S. Elm Place, Broken Arrow, OK, US, 74012

Comments



“ To Jim's family, He truly was a kind and sharing man. I was a single Mom with two young children and answered an ad in the local paper for receptionist. After a short interview as I had been a stay at home Mom for several years with little experience, he smiled that smile of his and said we need you, here. I started a week later and that begin my real estate career. At his direction, I got my license and worked as his assistant until I moved into the closing department. Because of Jim, I continued to advance in the title and mortgage business which gave me the opportunity to support my family. I never forgot that he gave me the chance I needed to move forward on my own. Every time we met during our years in real estate I thanked him again for giving me the foundation to build upon. I know he touched many others in the same way. Also, I might add being a neighbor of the Yee family, I enjoyed seeing his grandkids grow up. As a small child, Kimberly walked to my house many times and we just sat on my backdoor step for no reason at all just to be there. May your sweet memories fill your heart now and always Kandie Fairchild

Kandie Fairchild - January 25 at 08:47 PM



“ Thank you for telling us your story, Kandie. I will show my parents the kind words you have taken the time to share. I did not know all of your story but I know he he loved to help people. I do remember living down the street from you.

Angela Yee

Angela Yee - January 27 at 04:21 PM



“ Bless you uncle Richard, you touched my life and many others.

Tammy Treado Lemke

Tammy Lemke - January 24 at 07:15 AM



“ Thank you for the kind words and thoughts. Mom really appreciated you taking the time to say something.

Love Yee and Kelley family.

Angela Yee - January 24 at 09:16 PM



“ Tresia and Butch and Mike and all the family, I will never forget the special time mom and I had the other night with all of you and your sweet dad and granddad it meant so much to us,
One of the best times I remember with Jim and Ann and Tresia and Butch and Kimberly and Angela was our trip to Hawaii it was wonderful I was so graciously asked to go along help with the cutest girls 2 1/2 and 4 I think, it's been a few years I believe I was 17. What a wonderful trip
The flowers so vibrant , the water so blue , and this only child having the time of her life just seeing Gods beautiful work all around us.
Sleeping in a bachelors apartment live lizard coming under the door to get me and Angela, swimming in the ocean for the first time cutting my feet standing On coral for the first time ,and Butch making me believe the sharks would be after us ,me swimming the fastest I could to the shore and Butch laughing all the way. Jim and Ann treated us with wonderful meals and Butch dad and stepmom treated us the rest of the time . All this girl had to do is help with two beautiful precious girls because Tresia you were 5 mos pregnant and broken arm... Yes you got sick some but we still had best time ever and
I only had to figure out what I would buy as souvenirs!! One of the things I loved about your dad is his big smile that almost always turned into laughter and his wonderful friendliness to all he met.
Also Jim was my moms boss in real estate
In the beginning of her career and he was great
To work with mom said, and I Know she was grateful for his help, his kindness and working with great group of people!! Mom was grateful for those moments we had the other night before Jim left to go to his eternal home with Jesus and lots of other believers that have gone before him!! Love you all cont. prayers in the days ahead.
Jacki Yager

Jacki Yager - January 24 at 12:04 AM



“ We love you! The other night was such a special moment for our family. Thank you for blessing us.

Angela Yee - January 24 at 06:33 AM



“ Butch & Treasia, Angela, Kim, Chris; Mike, and families,

I am so very sorry for your loss. Praying for you all and hoping you know the comfort of the Lord's arms around you now and in the days to come.

Karen Schlesinger

Karen Schlesinger - January 23 at 11:05 PM



“ Thank you for your prayers and your thoughtfulness. You were very special to my grandparents.

Angela Yee - January 24 at 06:36 AM



“ And to us!!

Angela Yee - January 24 at 09:11 PM



“ John and Karen Schlesinger purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Jim Kelley.



John and Karen Schlesinger - January 23 at 10:51 PM



“ Teresia, and Family,
So sorry to hear about your sweet dad. I know that mom & daddy enjoyed both of your parents so much!! Your family has always been very special to us. Please give your kids a hug and know that our prayers are with you all!
LuAnn (Foster) Spahn & Peggy Foster

LuAnn Spahn - January 23 at 03:54 PM



“ Thank you for the thoughts and prayers. You all have always been very special to us, as well.

Angela Yee - January 24 at 06:38 AM



“ Treasia, Mike and families,

I think it safe to say I've known your family the better part of my life, through Arrow Heights. I have such good memories of all of you. Your sweet Mom was the one who drafted me into teaching First Grade Sunday school, and after a few months she convinced me to take her place as Superintendent.

I'm very sorry that my husband and I have conflicts for both your Dad's visitation and funeral. Otherwise we would definitely be there. We have two other deceased, friend and family, who are scheduled the same times, with another funeral home.

Treasia, Jacki Yager told me that you had cared for your dad in your home for some time. What a blessing you were to him; that takes a loving and dedicated heart.

Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marcella (Johnston) and Elmer Pense

Marcella Pense - January 23 at 01:01 PM



“ Thank you so much for thoughtfulness and kind words. I will share with my parents your kind words. I know it means a lot to them.

Angela Yee - January 24 at 06:41 AM



“ What a wonderful, sweet, and kind man. I am blessed to have known him and his special family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He will have a special place in heaven. Had a tough time talking him into things, but eventually he understood my intentions.
He will be missed.

Love
Maria Smith

Maria Smith - January 23 at 11:31 AM



“ Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kind words it means so much to our family. He could be very stubborn! Lol

Angela Yee - January 24 at 06:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Kelley.



January 23 at 09:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Kelley.



January 23 at 09:18 AM



“ Ken and Jenny Hartzler purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jim Kelley.



Ken and Jenny Hartzler - January 22 at 10:55 PM



“ Ken and Jenny Hartzler purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jim Kelley.



Ken and Jenny Hartzler - January 22 at 10:47 PM



“ Treasia, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I have always admired him. I know he's walking with Jesus right now! I am lifting your family up in prayer and I pray that God will wrap his loving arms around you and give you the comfort that only He can give.

When we all hung out together, I always thought about talking to him about a Real Estate career and never did. I finally decided to do it about 40 years later! Then, I found out he had an office in the agency I was in. He was an inspiration to me! Love you all!

Debbie Tucker Ward Daniels

Debbie Daniels - January 22 at 03:58 PM



“ Thank you very much for the prayers and kind words. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Angela Yee - January 24 at 06:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Kelley.



January 22 at 01:58 PM



“ Miller Hospice lit a candle in memory of Jim Kelley



Miller Hospice - January 22 at 01:31 PM



“ We can't begin to put into words the kindness and love that was shown to my parents and grandfather and our family. We appreciate every single one of you and the care you "All" of you provided our family. God truly blessed us with you. Thank you!

Angela Yee - January 24 at 06:52 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Kelley.



January 22 at 01:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jim Kelley.



January 22 at 12:54 PM



“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Kelley family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Jim.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 21 at 10:39 AM