



## Curtis D. Kelley Jr.

March 5, 1956 - May 6, 2019

Curtis D. "Skip" Kelley Jr., 63, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, May 6, 2019 at his home.

He was born March 5, 1956 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Dwight and June Linebarger Kelley.

Survivors include his mother, June Kelley of Cape Girardeau; wife, Peggy Kelley of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Kendra (Lannie) Harris of Cape Girardeau, Regan (Nick) Laiben of Cape Girardeau; one step-daughter, Ashley (Doug) McDaniel of Cape Girardeau; one son, Eric (Sarah) Kelley of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri; one sister, Cindy Kelley of Cape Girardeau; three brothers, Jeffrey Kelley of Cape Girardeau, Chris L. Kelley of Cape Girardeau, and Sean G. Kelley of Cape Girardeau; five grandchildren, Hayden Harris of Cape Girardeau, Avery Laiben of Cape Girardeau, Kellan Harris of Cape Girardeau, Jackson Kelley of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri and Monroe Kelley of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dwight Kelley.

He was a 1974 graduate of Cape Central High School. He briefly attended Southeast Missouri State University where he was a proud member of Pi Kappa Alpha.

In 1975 he married Jayne Lavon Blattner, together they had three loving children, whom gifted him five grandchildren whom he loved more than anything.

A dedicated employee and hard worker he spent his professional career with Nip Kelley Equipment Inc., then Erlbacher Materials Inc. until he finally found his home with the Craftsman Independent Union of which he spent 30 years and retired in death as its President.

Skip was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kentucky Wildcats. A man of few hobbies, he enjoyed the years of fellowship with the Erb Softball team. He also enjoyed gardening/lawn work and was an amateur beekeeper. He was a fan of spaghetti westerns and had an affinity for fine Motown music.

The last great love of his life was Peggy (Romack) Kelley who he married in 2009. He remained a proud and dedicated husband until the day of death.

He died like he lived....on his own terms.

Visitation will be at 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Service will be at 1:00 pm Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Fred Ritter officiating.

Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Crown Hospice Inc. or Trinity Lutheran Church.



# Cemetery Details

## Fairmount Cemetery

835 Caruthers  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

WS

“ *To the Kelley family:  
My deepest sympathy for your loss. I pray God will comfort you with His love, grant you His peace knowing he’s in heaven, and give you the strength to ease the sadness for now and in the days to come. I have one very fond memory of a school home visit. We met in the classroom that year because of the large class size. While we were meeting, we noticed a neighborhood kid trying to get into my van parked just outside my classroom. Skip opened the window and yelled down to the kid who, needless to say, was scared off! That meant so much to me! He was a wonderful man and will truly be missed.*

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**Wanda Steffens** - May 09, 2019 at 01:38 PM

CB

“ *What a neat and special person Skip was. He was a friend in high school, a heck of a football player (star defensive end) for us, and fraternity brother in my pledge class at SEMO, and just a generally super-nice person. My prayers to all of you in his family, and loved ones, and may the many fond memories support and comfort you. God bless.*

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**Chris Bahn** - May 09, 2019 at 09:09 AM

AH

“ *Peggy and family, I’m so sorry for your loss. Peggy I know he was so loved by you and the family. He was more than a patient to all of us!*

*With deepest sympathy ,  
Anjie  
from Gastro*

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**Anjie Holifield** - May 08, 2019 at 10:01 PM

BR

“ *Skip was a good man and always very nice to me. I too had the privilege of working with Skip. Bob Ringland*

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**Bob Ringland** - May 08, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Curtis D. Kelley Jr..*



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May 08, 2019 at 12:32 PM

KJ

“ *To the Kelley family:*

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have lots of great memories spending time with some of the family (learning pro hops, playing baseball, riding in the Lincoln to All-Star games, riding in the Corvette-we were so cool...lol, swimming in the pool, etc.)...wow how the time has flown by?!?! I see Kendra fairly often now (much to the delight of my wife and daughter). However, it's been a while since I have seen "Mom", Cindy, Sean, or Eric, among the others. I pray that God will provide comfort, peace, and understanding at this time. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ken Pemberton, Jr.*

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**Ken Pemberton, Jr.** - May 08, 2019 at 11:28 AM

ME

“ Sean, I went to Trinity Lutheran and Central High School with you and actually sat right next to you at graduation... I'm so sorry to hear of your loss... haven't talked to you or seen you in years but losing a loved one is never easy. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Stay strong... Mindy Kelpé-Eubanks

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**Melinda Eubanks** - May 08, 2019 at 09:15 AM

CM

“ Peggy we all loved Skip and enjoyed taking care of him. Enjoyed the many stories we shared and of course all the gardening .tips. My peppers are starting to sprout up.. Keeping you and your family in y thoughts and prayers. Love you

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**carol miller** - May 08, 2019 at 06:22 AM

KI

“ Skip, for many many years, made a lot of people in his presence feel very good with his lighthearted and humorous look on life. I for one know I could not have a conversation with Skip without him making me laugh. He was also a gentle giant. Bigger than life. A close fraternity brother, one helluva football player, and a generous man. I will miss him greatly so I know his family must miss him even more. My heartfelt condolences are extended to all of Skip's family.

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**Keith Irvin** - May 07, 2019 at 08:05 PM

SS

“ I could never have asked for a better friend than Skip... I had the privilege of working with him for several years .. Prayers offered up for all that loved him .

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**steve secoy** - May 07, 2019 at 07:11 PM