



Willie Joe Kelley

January 16, 1948 - January 5, 2022

Mr. Willie Joe Kelley of Smyrna, previously of Hohenwald, passed away on January 5, 2022, at his residence. He was born on January 16, 1948, in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Willie Harl Kelley and Vivain Mae Troutt Kelley. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings Johnny (Kathy) Kelley, Coy & Roy Kelley, and Betty (Jim) Nicholson.

Mr. Kelley graduated from Lewis County High School in 1966, where he excelled at football. He had a love for playing pool, poker, and golf. He loved fast cars. He was an avid runner but never seemed to be fast enough to catch the girls he was chasing. After high school, Joe joined the Army and served until an accident forced his early retirement in 1969. He went on to obtain a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee. He made a career in the accounting field as an auditor for the state.

Mr. Kelley is survived by his brothers Harold (Doreen) Kelley and Kenneth (Kim) Kelley; nieces and nephews Michael Kelley, Tim Kelley, Vanessa Rye, Sunny Nicholson, Ricky Nicholson, Donald Nicholson and Brian Kelley; as well as a host of great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, friends and extended family.

Mr. Kelley's visitation will begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday, January 9th at McDonald Funeral Home; funeral services will begin at 10:00 AM. Burial will

follow in Beech Grove Cemetery in Pleasantville.

McDonald Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements

Cemetery Details

Beech Grove

Beech Grove Rd
Pleasantville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 9:00 AM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Joe Kelley



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - August 02, 2024 at 10:22 AM

PW

“ Joe was a great guy that served the people of Tennessee working with our team for many years. He will be missed.

Phil Wilson - January 21, 2022 at 09:49 AM

PW

“ Phil Wilson lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Kelley



Phil Wilson - January 21, 2022 at 09:47 AM

FP

“ Joe was a very special person and a very good friend. I had the pleasure of working with Joe for many years in the Department of Health. . Everyone liked Joe because he was so likable. I regret that I didn't known about his condition the last few months, but Joe never complained. He was truly a very special person and I will miss him.

Fred Pasteur - January 20, 2022 at 08:05 PM

SC

“ Sheila Chance lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Kelley



Sheila Chance - January 10, 2022 at 11:44 PM

VR

“ We love you and will miss you Uncle Joe.
Vanessa and family xxxx



Vanessa Rye - January 09, 2022 at 09:37 AM

TO

“ Thanks for the Summer of 73 !

Tony Odil - January 09, 2022 at 06:01 AM

SF

“ *Uncle Joe, rest in peace and you will always be remembered for your laughter and smile. Love, Bill, Sharon and Buddy Ford*

Sharon Ford - January 08, 2022 at 07:52 PM

RL

“ *Randy Lynch lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Kelley*



Randy lynch - January 07, 2022 at 07:59 PM

SP

“ *We will miss you Joe!! Love your classmates, Gary & Shirley (Hinson) Peters 🙏💜🤗💕*



Shirley Klimowicz Peters - January 07, 2022 at 04:32 PM

GH

I wished I would have known Joe was sick and could have visited him. I did not even get to go his funeral. I worked with Joe at the state for around 20 years. We were just notified of his death this morning. Joe was the kindest and most generous of humans I have known. Gayla

Gayla Hargrove - January 21, 2022 at 09:59 AM