



## 1SGT (Ret) Jesse Lavern Kelly

September 4, 1932 - January 25, 2017

Jesse Lavern Kelly, one of nine children born to the union of the late Harvey and Celia (Naracon) Kelly, was born September 4, 1932 in Canandaigua, New York where he grew up. He attended Union School and graduated from Canandaigua Academy.

In January 1950, Jesse entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in June 1973. He served in Korea, Vietnam and Germany. For his faithful service he earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, National Defense Service Medal (1Oak Leaf Cluster), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Army Commendation Medal. He had attained the rank of First Sergeant.

While serving in Germany, Jesse met Christa Meta Dorner. They were united in marriage on December 15, 1956 in Hanau, Germany. They shared over 37 years of marriage together before she preceded him in death on November 3, 1993.

While in the military, Jesse furthered his education and earned his Associates Degree. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading and stamp collecting.

Jesse passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2017 in the Hermitage Nursing and Rehab Center of Hermitage, Missouri having attained the age of 84 years.

Jesse leaves to mourn his passing three siblings, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Jesse was preceded in death by one infant son: Raymond Kelly; and five siblings.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2017 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace" and "Beyond the Sunset" were played. Serving as escorts were the United States Army. Burial with military honors followed in the National Cemetery of Springfield, Missouri. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

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# Cemetery Details

## National Cemetery

1702 E. Seminole Street  
Springfield, MO 65804

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

## Service

FEB 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Waynesville, MO 65583  
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## Graveside Service

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FEB 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 1SGT (Ret) Jesse Lavern Kelly

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ Ed Warden lit a candle in memory of 1SGT  
(Ret) Jesse Lavern Kelly



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**Ed Warden** - January 31, 2017 at 08:00 AM



“ Paula Forrest lit a candle in memory of 1SGT  
(Ret) Jesse Lavern Kelly



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**Paula Forrest** - January 31, 2017 at 06:34 AM