



## Kenneth Dale Kelley, Jr.

March 6, 1943 - August 8, 2011

Kenneth “Dale” Kelley, Jr., one of eleven children born to the union of the late Kenneth Dale Kelley, Sr. and Violet Lorraine (Ray) Kelley, was born March 6, 1943 in St. Louis, Missouri.

As a young boy, Dale and his family moved to the Newburg area where he attended elementary school. They later moved to the Waynesville / Crocker area where he finished up his schooling.

In 1959, Dale entered the United States Navy and served his country as a 3rd Class Petty Officer. He served until 1963 when he was honorably discharged. For three of those years, Dale was stationed on the air craft carrier the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On April 1, 1961, Dale was united in marriage to the love of his life Ruth Lucille Lowery. They shared over 50 years of marriage together and were blessed with two children: Jack and Tammy.

After leaving the military, Dale began selling cars at M & S Motors in St. Robert. After a few years, he then became a real estate agent with Holiday International. Dale left the agency and began selling mobile homes for G & S, Villa and Clayton.

In his spare time, Dale loved fast cars and was an avid fan of NASCAR racing. He even drove some race cars in the 1960's and worked in the pits with Mike Wallace for 5 years. He also loved old cars and trucks, riding his motorcycle, playing and singing music and spending time on his computer. First and foremost he loved his family and enjoyed every time he could spend with them.

Dale made a profession of faith and attended the New Beginnings Revival Center of Waynesville. He was a member of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge and the Shrine Club. He also was a part of an online racing league and had the nickname Lowgear.

Dale passed away at 10:46 p.m. Monday, August 8, 2011 in the St. John's Hospital of Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 68 years, 5 months and 2 days. He will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Dale leaves to cherish his memory his wife Lucille Kelley of the home; two children: Jack D. Kelley (Michelle) of Richland, MO and Tammy Rice (Rob) of Waynesville, MO; four brothers: Rick Kelley and Charlie Kelley, both of Florissant, MO, Jimmie Kelley of St. Robert, MO, and Tony Kelley of the state of Illinois; four sisters: Sandy Ridings of Roundup, MT, Phyllis Smith of Roby, MO, Christina Banning of Waynesville, MO and Linda Whitting of Broken Arrow, OK; two grandchildren: Ryan and his wife Kari and Megan and her husband Jesse; one great grandchild: Ryder; four step great grandchildren: Kinzlie, Reagan, Ethan and Mckenna; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Dale was preceded in death by two sisters: Jerry Lynn Kelley and Brenda Medley.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, August 12, 2011 in the New Beginnings Revival Center of Waynesville with Pastor Dan Biggs and Sir Avington officiating. Soloist Lynetta Powell sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" and the song "How Great Thou Art" performed by Elvis was played. Serving as escorts were David Hayes, Cesar Salias, Jace Hale, Gary Conard, Jake Hale and Andre Johnson.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery-Ft. Leonard Wood. Military honors were provided by the United States Navy of Ft. Leonard Wood. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Dale Kelley to the American Kidney Foundation and may be left at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Beginnings Revival Center  
24675 Highway 17  
Waynesville, MO

## Service

AUG 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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24675 Highway 17  
Waynesville, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Dale Kelley, Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Remembering the old days when Dale and I would visit at M&S motors in between customers, and also the times we played basketball with all the guys puts a smile on my face... Dale was a gentleman. RIP and God bless you Lucille, and all of the family.....##imported-begin##Bill Roam##imported-end##*

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October 20, 2011 at 10:03 AM



“ *Phyllis, Jim & Family,  
Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time. If you need anything give us a ring and we will do our best to be there for you. You've been through a lot the past few weeks; but they say you aren't given any more than you can handle. You are both strong and loving individuals and that will carry you together through the obstacles that you face. Love Ellis & Deb##imported-begin##Ellis & Debbie Hobbs##imported-end##*

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August 15, 2011 at 09:05 PM



“ Dear Lucille, Just heard this morning about Dale. Ronnie and I are both so sorry. Dale was a great guy and we thought so much of him. We would have been there for the service but Ronnie is in the hospital in Springfield with complications from a heart stent. We almost lost him Thurs. morning but is stable now and think he will be discharged tomorrow. If we can do anything at all please don't hesitate to call. Love to you and the family. You're in our prayers.##imported-begin##Ronnie and Peggy Walters##imported-end##

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August 13, 2011 at 09:31 PM



“ May God wrap his arms of Love and Comfort around you all during this time and the years to come. Dale holds a special place in my heart,##imported-begin##Pam Burgess Seda##imported-end##

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August 12, 2011 at 10:52 AM



“ Dear Lucille, Jack, Tammy, cousins & family.  
I'm so sad to hear of Dale's passing. I am so grateful to have gotten to see him & all of you at the Kelley Reunion this year. Know that you all are in our Hearts.  
Love You  
Cousin Teresa Moore & Family...##imported-begin##Teresa Ann Kelley Moore##imported-end##

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August 11, 2011 at 11:13 PM



“ So Sorry to hear about the loss of your dad Jack. I know how precious he was to you and your family. I hope your wonderful memories of him will bring you comfort in the days to come.  
Shelly##imported-begin##Shelly (robinson) Palmer##imported-end##

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August 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



“ Havent seen Dale for years but I cann remember you from when I was a little girl. Loved you like a Grandpa.##imported-begin##Jodi Wieners-SApp##imported-end##

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August 11, 2011 at 01:55 PM



“ He was my Father and my best friend , i couldnt have ask for a Father  
to do more for hes family than what Dad did. So thankful to know that he is home with Jesus, I will see him again##imported-begin##Jack Kelley##imported-end##

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August 10, 2011 at 05:40 PM



“ Dale was my friend and I am so saddened by his passing. I remember our conversations over the years and remember his ability to communicate effectively on any subject. I bought four cars from him over the years and his word was his bond on all of them. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. Goodbye my friend.##imported-begin##Frank Livingston##imported-end##

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August 10, 2011 at 01:51 PM



“ *RIP Dale##imported-begin##john franklin##imported-end##*

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August 10, 2011 at 01:48 PM



“ *We Love You So Much.##imported-begin##Ryan Kelley Family##imported-end##*

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August 10, 2011 at 12:49 PM



“ *Dale was a very special person to me and my family and we loved him dearly. He was without question the best grandpa Ryan could have ever dreamed of. I am thankful to have had him in our lives and find comfort in knowing that we now have one more angel in heaven watching over us. We love you all!  
Jered, Jena, and family##imported-begin##Jena Hale and Family##imported-end##*

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August 10, 2011 at 08:41 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Kelley, Jackie, & Tammy: I'm sorry for your loss and hope you find comfort in the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Terri Akery Rivers##imported-end##*

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August 10, 2011 at 04:42 AM