



Donald Kelsey

October 26, 2017

Age 78 of St. Paul

Passed away Oct. 26, 2017. Survived by loving wife of 55 years, Carol; beloved father of, Mark (Kimberly) Kelsey, Heather (Randall) Quale and Michael Kelsey and friend Kathleen McCarthy; grandchildren, Alec and Morgan Kelsey, and Stella Quale; sister, Linda (Glenn Strand) Kelsey; brother, Thomas (Ingrid Schaff) Kelsey; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by parents, Clive and Mary and sister, Judith Kopper. Visitation Wednesday 4-8 PM at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 515 Hwy 96 W., at Mackubin, Shoreview. Memorial Service 11 AM Thursday, Nov. 2nd (gathering 10-11AM) at COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hoyt and Sheldon Aves., St. Paul. Don worked for the U of MN Libraries, was a past Scout Master of Troop 17 and on the staff of Tomahawk Scout Reservation. A Past President of MN Library Foundation and dedicated volunteer and church member. Memorials preferred to Como Park Lutheran Church or the West Metro Warriors Special Olympics Team or U of MN Foundation for Libraries.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Dear Carol, My condolences to your and the entire family. I knew Don when he was 5 and I was 7, as we were neighbors in Manhattan, Kansas. I didn't know Don again until Linda gave a performance with the Daedalus Quartet. I knew the Thompson family because Jessica was a string student in Wayzata, where I taught. It is sad to know that we attended the Music in the Park series for years and did not know each other from the long ago connection our parents had. You have my sincere sympathy.
Sandra Smerchek Haines

Sandra Haines - November 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear Carol, We are so saddened by your loss and also that we could not get there for the funeral services, but I know you had lots of family there for support. I know you spoke to Olive and I will give you a call in a week or so when every thing settles down. love and prayers, John & Julie

John & Julie Johnson - November 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Carol and the Kelsey Family, My Tomahawk days were some of the best of my life. Many of my favorite memories include you and Don, I am so sorry for your loss. Take care, Steve Flood

Steve Flood - November 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers

Dennis Vicky roux - November 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Again, we are sadden to hear of one of our younger generation has passed. We really did not know Don, only to have visited once or twice on our way through St. Paul to Ada, Mn. Our prayers are with Carol and family.

Norman & Nancy Rushton - October 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ My continued thoughts and love to the family. Don was an amazing man, gracious, witty, thoughtful, generous, and kind to all who knew him. I have many, many, fond memories of Don in the years I spend in his company. I will cherish every memory.

Rosemary Perry - October 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Carol, my thoughts are with you. Don had such a strong influence on my life during my early career. No one could ask for a better, more generous mentor. His level headed advice was sprinkled with humorous stories based on experience as well as wisdom. My condolences to you and all of the family.

Paula De Stefano - October 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Carrol, All my condolences to you and the Family. Though I only met Don a short while ago, he still came to be someone I call a friend. it was an honor to care for him and to break bread together in his name. thank you God bless and don't forget I'm here for you all.
Love, Michael

Michael J Douglas - October 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ Dear Carol, We are sad that Don has passed now. He certainly knew how much you and your family loved him....there couldn't have been a better parting gift for you all to give him as he made his way to Heaven. We send you are sympathy and love, Nancy and David Eleeson

Nancy and David Eleeson - October 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Carol and family, Gary and I extend our sympathy to you all. Our prayers are with you.

Bernadette Corley Troge - October 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you in Don's family at this time of sorrowing. We sorrow with you, and we trust that our dear Lord will comfort and strengthen you as only He can do. Don was a good family man and we will all miss him. Peace to you all!

Judy and Bob Rakestraw - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We are diminished once again by the loss of someone so much a part of our lives at a particular time. Rest in peace, Donald. You gave much to many during your time here - and for that we thank you. My sincere sympathy to your family.

Karen (Grans) Schulz - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I have so many good memories of the times our families got together -- tobagganing at Como Park, playing games of double solitaire (I rarely won!), sailing at the lake and trying to tip the sailboat over, meeting at the state fair -- and on and on. I know he will be greatly missed by all of his family.

Barb Miller - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Carol there is nothing we can say to make this easier just know our thoughts are with you. I will always think about him when I look at the picture he did for me. I always loved his voice.

Gary & Shelby Erickson - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Extending our most heartfelt condolences to you and your family. The loss of someone so dear is never easy. May all the cherished memories of Don bring you solace during this time. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Larry and June Potts - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Kelsey family. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around all of you, and grant you comfort and strength during this difficult time. May the memories you hold close and Don's relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart and mind with peace.

Carol Grotheer - October 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Carol and family, I am so saddened to hear this! He was just such a delight, with a twinkle in his eye and zest for life. Dorothy sends her love. I will see you on Thursday. Susan Hopp

susan hopp - October 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM