



James Graham Kelley

May 31, 1946 - May 7, 2020

Age 73 of North Oaks.

Passed away May 7th, 2020.

Survived by daughters, Mollie (Jimmie) Kelley, Kathryn (John) Weyandt and Kiara (Zac) Magdik; grandchildren, Katherine, Liam, Karis, Jack, Shane, Darby, Duke and Crosby; girlfriend, Nadine Hondl; brother, Mark (Linda) Kelley; Sister, Cheryl (Dan) Roberts; nieces and nephews, Carina, Kelly, Michael, Patrick, Sara & Philip; special friends, Jerry & Rose Kuretich, Jim Bryant & Jeanette O'Leary, Judy & Joe Fischer, Patrick & Julie Maranda, Chris & Margret Waldner, Tracy Dock; many loyal employees; other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years, Mary; parents, William & Leona Kelley; brother, William R. Kelley, Jr., and sister, Patricia Kelley.

Jim was a devoted father, husband and grandfather.

Jim spent 35 years building a successful trucking company from the ground up. He was determined, hard working and had the most generous heart. Jim always spoke his mind and stood up for what he believed in with the utmost conviction. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family, collecting cars & scenic drives throughout MN. He was deeply loved and will be forever missed.

Private family service. Interment Roselawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to Gianna Homes 4605 Fair Hills Rd East, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

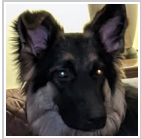
Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of James Graham Kelley



December 14, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ Jim was honest and good man. I worked with Jim for at least 30 years. Republic frt never let me down and I'll always remember jim and co fondly. RIP my friend.

John Edgell - December 11, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ Think of you often Jim. Wouldn't be where I'm at if not for your drive and belief in me when honestly not sure I knew I had it. You saw something and gave a kid a chance. I love you boss.

Travis Johnson - November 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you boss.

Travis johnson - April 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We were so sorry to hear about your Dads passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Maureen and Kevin Sybrant - May 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ My thoughts are prayers are with you Kiara, Katie, Mollie, and Families. What a beautiful video.
I hope your beautiful memories keep you strong during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Andrea Opitz



Andrea Opitz - May 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Jim was a special person to so many people and his loss is so sad and difficult. My deepest sympathies. Joanne Kallstrom



Joanne Kallstrom - May 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I worked for Jim 30 yrs. New for 36 was like a brother more than a boss. Will really miss him.

Dennis Kowalke - May 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ What a beautiful tribute! We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and love to your family.

Kelly DIPIETRO - May 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Go rest high on that mountain my friend and one of my favorite bosses I've had in my life! My condolences and prayers for peace for his family surviving him.

Gary Rieck "Montana Cowboy" - May 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ So sorry for your loss, Mollie, Kiera and Katie and all your families. My deepest sympathies on the loss of your Dad. I know he is with Mary now and at peace.

Barbara Juergens - May 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad will be missed by so many. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Love you ❤️

Jo Merrill - May 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Jim was a valued and long time friend. He and I have made treasured memories together that I will never forget. I will miss him very much. So hard to get used to the fact that he is now gone forever. He will live on though in my memories and the memories of those who loved him.



James Bryant - May 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I worked for Jim for 30 years at Republic Express. New him for 36 years he was more like a bother than a boss. I'll miss him.

Dennis Kowalke - May 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *To my three best babysitters, You're in my thoughts and prayers. Your parents are together again in eternal life. Not easy for three young women to lose both parents but hold them close to your heart. Be kind and love each other forever.*

Carlene Forsythe - May 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM