



Edward A Kelly

March 5, 1927 - December 17, 2014

Edward A. Kelly, Jr. of Mount Laurel, passed away on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at his residence. He was 87.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Kelly was a longtime resident of Burlington County. He was a graduate of West Catholic High School and attended St. Joseph's University. He served in the US Coast Guard during WW II and later served the US Army Reserves retiring in 1987. Mr. Kelly began his public career in 1960, when he became a member of the Willingboro Board of Education. He was later elected to the Willingboro Township Council and served as mayor. Ed served as Burlington County Clerk for 25 years, retiring in 1994.

In addition to his political service, Mr. Kelly was a member of the Mount Holly Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. Mr. Kelly received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts for his service to them, he was a founder of the Burlington County Military Affairs Committee, a founding member of Corpus Christi Church in Willingboro and one of the first trustees of the church. He was a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus. Ed was one of the founding fathers of the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was a member and Past President of the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve.

He is survived by his wife Mildred; a brother and sister-in-law: Daniel & Mary

Jane Kelly of West Chester, PA. The brother of the late Bill & Joe Kelly, he is also survived by his sisters-in-law: Barbara Kelly of Enfield, CT & Lorraine Kelly of Havertown, PA; and many, many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Relatives and Friends may visit with the family on Monday from 3-6 PM at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. Additional parking and shuttle service will be available at the Sacred Heart Church parking lot on Bartram Ave. Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated on Tuesday at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 42 West Main Street, Moorestown. Interment with Military Honors will follow in BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown.

Due to Cemetery restrictions on flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to either the Saint Francis Inn, 2441 Kensington Ave. Philadelphia, PA 1912, www.stfrancisinn.org or to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High Street
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399
info@perinchief.com
<http://www.perinchief.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our lady of Good Counsel Church
42 West Main Street
Moorestown, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward A Kelly*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Edward A Kelly*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *I read the obituary about the loss of your loved one and I extend my sincere condolences. May you find loving comfort to know “God is near to those broken at heart and those crushed in spirit he saves. Psalms 34:18*

WILLIAMS FAMILY - December 23, 2014 at 03:10 PM

“ Mrs. Edward A. Kelly, Jr. "Thank You". Your Ed was our "Godfather" for the Burlington County Chapter of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. We made our acquaintance just weeks after my Beloved was left forever at Arlington National Cemetery. Ed reached out to me to see if he could assist me and any other Wives. Those days were not easy to be the widow of a Hero killed in Vietnam. With "ground bound Angels" like your Ed, we in Burlington County had our paths with fewer rocks.



Nothing we did locally to hosting Regional Conferences and the temerity to host the National Convention in Atlantic City was able without a word to a long sentence of guidance from your Ed.

Then State Senator Edwin B. Forsythe, later to become US Representative to Congress from then the Sixth District of NJ was a guardian of the Widows and Children of the Nation's Heroes. Your Ed gets credit for telling then Senator Forsythe about us long before the election

He got legislation passed in Congress for us. All we have and will be, we can say "Thank God" for putting Edward A. Kelly, Jr. in place for many.

We know your heart and ours ache with yours. As we share our pain and the tears streak our faces, please remember the good times and adventures you shared with us as our "Godfather" was on duty with us.

I imagine your Ed on the "Other Side" has already gathered a group of Angels to engage in some good works for those in need on this Side.

Be Blessed

*Mrs. J. Wesley Barbee, formerly Florence, NJ
aka, Patricia Barbee, Pooler, Georgia*

Patricia Barbee - December 20, 2014 at 10:04 AM

WC

“ *If there was a person in Burlington County's more than three centuries, who was more beloved and made as many friends as Ed Kelly, I can't think of who it is. For a long time he was a regular fixture at our house in Somerset Park and later in Rancocas Village, and many of my contemporaries remember him as Santa Claus. Even in my Irish family, "Mr. Kelly" meant one guy and one guy only. My thoughts are with his family and I wish him well on his continued journey.*

Willie Culkin - December 19, 2014 at 02:43 PM

FA

I agree!!!!

Francis J. Alcaro - December 19, 2014 at 03:12 PM

FT

Although it was over 40 years ago when I did weekend ministry at Corpus Christi, the one "character" that stood out was Ed Kelly. Committed to his Church, his family, and the community of Willingboro he was a man of great fidelity, honor and faith. Willingboro and Corpus Christi became better because of his commitment and integrity. "Well done, good and faithful servant. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of time."

Fr. Joseph F Connolly, TOR - December 21, 2014 at 12:32 AM

FA

Amen ! Fr. Connolly.

Francis J. Alcaro - December 22, 2014 at 10:42 AM

DM

*Me. Kelly was a most wonderful and pleasant boss. He treated his employees with dignity, always thanking us for our service. It was a real pleasure to be a County Clerk employee. His patriotism to our country was admirable fo say the least. I was raised in an Air Force family and shared the same kind of patriotism as he. My prayers are with Millie, a most sweet lady.
Rest in peace Mr. Kelly. Dori Metz*

Dori Metz - December 22, 2014 at 07:11 PM

FA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Francis J. Alcaro - December 19, 2014 at 12:51 PM

FA

“ Francis J. Alcaro lit a candle in memory of Edward A Kelly



Francis J. Alcaro - December 19, 2014 at 12:32 PM

FA

“ A piece of my childhood died last night. Mr. Edward Kelly, former Burlington County Clerk. I knew Uncle Ed my entire life and besides James L. Alcaro, I have never met a better man. I grew up with him, I worshiped in church with him and I loved him. I never saw him angry or say an unkind word about anyone.

The first memory of Uncle Ed was when I was very young, around 4, and he was helping Santa Claus as one of his helpers. He visited my house and gave me a present. That present was a junior policeman set, with badge and hand cuffs. My daughter Mary would call that foreshadowing! He was a member of the Greatest Generation, they were indeed special. We will never see their likes again and that saddens me. His was a father to every child he met. When he walked into a room, he owned that room in a matter of minutes. It was an amazing thing to see.

He wrote letters of recommendation for college for me. When it was time to join the police department, his letter was on top. Uncle Ed made Willingboro a great place to be a child, a great place to grow up and a great place to become a man. Yes, tonight I am sad. However, I know that he is with my Dad and that must be very nice for both of them. My prayers and Love go out to Mrs. Kelly.

Thank you Uncle Ed for helping me to become the man I am today. I will always remember and love you!

Francis or as you called me, "That Rotten Kid"

Francis J. Alcaro - December 19, 2014 at 12:31 PM

LA

“ I am so very sorry to hear this news concerning your loss. May the 'God of All Comfort' be with you during this time-2Cor.1:3,4

LaMont - December 19, 2014 at 11:54 AM

PR

“ Ed Kelly was one of the kindness men I know. He helped me so much when I was a young woman in the early stages of my career as Township Clerk. RIP my dear friend!

Patricia Rainier

Patricia Rainier - December 18, 2014 at 03:22 PM

KW

Millie, My sincere condolences. I had many happy hours with Ed at Mt. Holly Rotary, even though he professed to not liking women in the Club. Peace and courage, Boots White

Kathleen R White - December 19, 2014 at 08:20 PM

JP

I had the good fortunate to meet and get to know Ed when I was the Commander of Fort Dix. Always a friend, counselor and person of support he made my job and time in command one of tremendous enjoyment. It was clear he held those in service dear and that they came first in his thoughts. It was also clear that his commitment to the community was of true sentiment.

He'll be missed by us all but not forgotten because we all hold him fondly in our memory.

God's Blessings to the family , Millie we send our love

Jeff and Jill Petrucci

Jeff Petrucci - December 21, 2014 at 03:09 PM

EC

We all have very fond memories of this dear and wonderful man. I remember when he was County Clerk, he would have an open house every St. Patrick's Day with wonderful food - a most generous and social man. He will be very missed. Our condolences to you Millie, whom he loved very much.

Emmy Casa

Emmy Casa - December 23, 2014 at 10:21 AM

RS

I started out as a newspaper reporter who "covered" Ed Kelly and the activities of the county clerk's office. But he became a fast friend. He gave up golf for running (like in his 50s) and we ran a number of half marathons together (Ed was 25 years older than me.) The number of charitable organizations he supported are too numerous to mention, but both active military and vets knew they had a good friend in Ed Kelly. Ed was always upbeat, and never blurted an expletive, not even when discouraged. I know I am not alone in saying he was one of the most decent individuals I ever knew. My heart goes out to Millie. She and Ed were, always, the perfect couple.

Ralph Shrom - December 23, 2014 at 04:24 PM