



## James W. Kelleher Jr.

July 3, 1948 - March 25, 2018

James William Kelleher, Jr., of Southampton, passed suddenly on Sunday, March 25, 2018. He was surrounded at by loved ones. Jim, 69, was the beloved husband of Eileen Kelleher (Daley), who predeceased him in 2001, the loving father of Scott Kelleher (Melissa) of Marlton and Neil Kelleher (Kate) of Cherry Hill.

Cherished grandfather of Colin, Mason, Finley and Sloane, he was predeceased by his parents, Mary (Walker) and James Kelleher, Sr. and his brother, William Kelleher, who died as a child. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Diane Muller (Bill); niece Jaclyn Aftanis (Joe); nephew, Justin Muller; aunt, Dorothy Walker; cousins and his companion of 12 years, Elise Morgan. Jim, a pipe designer, had an enormous heart and boundless spirit. He treated strangers like friends and friends like family. He adored his family, sons and grandchildren with limitless energy. He coached his sons during their younger years and attended countless sports games and academic events with his grandchildren. Many who were coached by Jim over the years felt his deep and positive impact on their characters and spirits. Tributes written by his players since his untimely death noted his role as second father in their lives and emphasized how much Jim will be missed.

Jim was an avid tennis player who loved HO trains and sharing his Christmas village displays with those close to him. He worked as a security guard for the Phillies and was thrilled that he would be paid to perform his dream job. In addition to the Phillies and Villanova basketball, Jim loved the Eagles and got

his first and only tattoo when they won the Super Bowl in February. About the 41-33 victory over the Patriots, Jim said he was “living the dream.”

Born in Camden, NJ on July 3, 1948, Jim grew up in Fairview and Woodbury, NJ. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1975.

He will be remembered for his kindness, zeal for life and unending sense of humor. The loss is immeasurable, but so is the love left behind.

Services will be held at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street, Mt. Holly, NJ, 08060, Friday, April 6 at 12 PM. Relatives and friends may visit the family from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Burial will follow in Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Arneytown. For those who wish to make a gift in his memory, the family suggests The American Heart Association or Marlton Baseball, c/o the Marlton Recreation Council.

# Cemetery Details

## BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

350 Provinceline Rd.,  
Wrightstown, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

## Service

APR 6. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



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October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James W. Kelleher Jr..*



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“ I worked from our home on Thursday, March 22nd from about 7:30 am to 8:45 pm editing 80 patient stories. His motto regarding pets had always been "you're a dog person OR a cat person -- can't be both." Since Skipper was his best friend as a child, he was a dog person. That day he said Emmie (our cat) had to be terribly depressed living in Voorhees. He felt she should visit Southampton on the weekends. "The weekends!" I said. "That's the only time I get to see her." He agreed to week days, but I reminded him how much she hated riding in the car. "You have keys to Voorhees -- you should visit her. Of course she missed you." Then, for the first time, he admitted the inconceivable -- he was having Emmie withdrawal. There are so many memories from the last 12 years. I want to write every single one down for myself. This is how he got me on Sept. 5th, 2005. He showed me about 12 pictures of his first grandson, Colin, from his wallet. Colin was 3, I believe. 12 pictures. This is a man who loves hard and with his whole heart, I remember thinking.

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**Elise Morgan** - April 02, 2018 at 09:58 AM

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“ To Jim's family.....want to share my last time spent with Jim on the tennis courts. I've know Jim about 5 years of playing tennis on Sunday mornings. We became tennis buddies through this time. I liked Jim for his big personality on the courts. Always loud and funny. On the day he passed I was the last guy from our tennis group to have spent a little time with him...we played as partners that morning and did our usual joking around and having fun...he never showed any signs of a problem. After each match on Sundays we would talk in the locker room while we got cleaned up and changed from our sweaty tennis clothes, but that morning something was off.....he said he was not feeling well and didn't look well. I offered to help or call the medics ...but Jim said he was just having some indigestion from not having eaten breakfast. He just wanted to rest a while. As I was ready to leave I told him to not stay in the locker room by himself and to come upstairs to lobby in case he was going to pass out or something. So when we got upstairs I asked him how he was doing...he replied better and was going to rest for a while. I left and later called his cell phone to see how he was feeling..didn't get an answer so I left a message to call me back. About a few hours later I get a call from Jim's cell and I hear a woman sobbing...I did not know who she was and why is she calling me on Jim's cell.....It was Elise letting me know Jim had passed on...I was devastated to hear this....I hope he is resting in peace. This is a warning for everyone to keep checking your health and not neglect any symptoms as Jim had. My condolences to the family. I will miss him.

John Pagano

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john pagano - April 02, 2018 at 09:51 AM