



Dr. Dan Kelly

January 1, 1939 - September 15, 2020

We will be live streaming Dr. Dan's graveside service Wednesday, September 23rd at 10 a.m. on our Facebook page. When you click this link, it will take you to our Facebook page. You might need to scroll down at 10 a.m. until you see the title Dr. Dan Kelly graveside service. KBFFH Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Brennan-Family-Funeral-Home-116876148342762/>)

Dan was born in 1939 to Albert and Florence Kelly, Rock Port, Missouri. Dan graduated from Rock Port High School in 1956, and Tarkio College in 1960. He attended medical school at the University of Missouri from 1960-1964, and entered the U.S. Navy in 1962 as an Ensign. Following graduation he served his internship at Bethesda Naval Medical Center 1964-1965 as a Lieutenant. He then attended the School of Submarine Medicine in Groton, Connecticut. In 1966 he was assigned to the USS George Washington, SSBN 598, a nuclear ballistic missile submarine, home port Holy Loch, Scotland. He became qualified as a deep sea diver as well as a Submarine Medical Officer. Dan was proud of his Dolphins, the insignia for submarines! One year later, he became an instructor at The School of Submarine Medicine. In 1968, he attained the rank of Lt. Commander and was assigned as Interim Director of The School of Submarine Medicine. Dan resigned from the Navy in June 1969.

From 1969 to 1971 he performed his residency at the KU Medical Center in

the department of Pediatrics. In 1971, Dan entered private practice at Pediatrics P.A. with William H. Crouch M.D. and Robert D. Parman M.D. He remained in Topeka practicing Pediatrics at both Stormont Vail and St. Francis until he retired in May 2004. During his time in practice, Dan was involved with the creation of the neonatal intensive care unit at Stormont Vail. He was deeply devoted to providing compassionate care for his patients. He enjoyed lightening the mood in the exam room by pulling a plastic saw out of his doctor's bag. To his last days, Dan was still recounting memories of his patients, many of whom made as much of an impact on his life as he did on theirs.

In 1964 he married Dana Niles, with whom he had three children, Sarah, Brogan and Tim. In 2001 he married Beth Grecian Irwin, who survives, as do his children, Sarah (Diana) Kelly, Tim (Natalie) Kelly, and their children, Tristan, Tucker, Luther, Georgia, Stella, Brogan Daniel, Lyndsey and Gage. Also surviving are Beth's children from a previous marriage, Kristen (Eric) Franklin and Brady (Janelle) Irwin, and their children Sadie, Cole, Katelyn and Grayson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Brogan Dan Kelly.

Dan loved the outdoors, he was heavily involved with Scouting, and loved to fish. He had a lifelong passion for photography and developed a love of painting later in life. In order to share his love of painting, Dan helped found the Legacy Community Arts Center. Dan's last days were spent surrounded by loved ones, where he passed in the comfort of his home.

On Wednesday, September 23, the family will be holding a private service to celebrate Dan's life. The service will be live streamed on Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home Facebook page. The family invites you to join the service by going to <https://rb.gy/axaswy> or by following this link at 10:00AM.

In lieu of flowers or memorial donations, the family would like for you to carry on Dan's kindness, devotion, and compassion for others by doing something kind for someone in need.

Please take a moment to celebrate the life of Dan Kelly by viewing this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALS6QpRbhA0&feature=youtu.be>.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Dan Kelly*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My children used to beg me to go see Dr. Kelly. He spoke to them and treated them like the precious little humans they were. They and I loved him so very much. We feel your loss and pray your family is comforted by the kind of loving, caring, patient man he was.*

Joyce Broils - October 02, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ *Dr. Kelly was such a gift to the Schenck family. He was always so kind, patient & saw our children through many illnesses. He will always hold a warm spot in our hearts. You are in our thoughts & prayers.*
Becky Schenck

Rebecca Schenck - September 28, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *On behalf of the Christensen family please accept our prayers for peace and strength Beth. You were an amazing friend to Bryan and if he was here he would be sharing in your sorrow but celebrating with you your life with Dan. I am certain he has welcomed Dan home. Sincerely, Cindee Christensen Williams*

Cindee Williams - September 26, 2020 at 02:20 PM

GK

“ Beth,
Our hearts break for you and the family at this time. Dr. Kelly was my pediatrician shortly after he arrived in Topeka so of course when I had my children I asked for Dr. Kelly. He was a wonderful doctor and cared for his "children". Our son loved to play hide and seek in the exam room, especially behind the trash can. He would then jump out and "surprise" the doctor. I remember another time that meant a lot to us. Our daughter came home after several days in the hospital with pneumonia and Dr. Kelly personally called every day to check on her until she went into the office for her recheck. There are many other memories and not enough room. Dr. Kelly will be remembered always. You are all in our thoughts.

Gina and Tim Koch Brenna and Andrew

Gina Koch - September 23, 2020 at 08:23 PM

LR

“ Beth and family
I am so very sorry for the passing of Dan. I hope the many many memories of his glorious life give you some peace in the coming weeks and months ahead. You are in my prayers!
Lyn Rantz

Lyn Rantz - September 23, 2020 at 01:22 PM

TA

“ I so enjoyed his company when i was at the house. He was so attentive of Beth and Desoto and always wanted to chat and share stories. He will be sadly missed by the MANY people he touched with his care and compassion. Prayers to Beth and the family.

Tammy - September 23, 2020 at 11:26 AM

TW

“ *Dr. Kelly leaves a remarkable legacy. My daughter, Margo, was blessed to serve as his nurse for 25 years. I heard many wonderful stories about his care of children and the lives he saved. Our hearts are with his family today. In honor of his kindness, devotion, and compassion we will do something kind for someone in need.*

Toni Wellshear

Toni Wellshear - September 23, 2020 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ *Thank you Dr. Kelly for your kindness and care of my children, Shannon, Jason and Melinda. Memories of those years will forever remain with us.*

Joanne Smelser

Joanne Smelser - September 22, 2020 at 10:19 PM

DP

“ *Beth:*

I am sorry to read of Dan's passing....Dr. Kelly was our beloved Pediatrician. We experienced the plastic saw and the trashcan when no other "cure" was available.

Dr. Kelly always made you feel like the favorite patient.

You were a great complement to him. I was fortunate to be around you both briefly a few times, and you made me feel like I was a lifelong friend.

Dr. Kelly will be missed but not forgotten.

Sincerely,

Danna (Rick, Taylor and Harrison) Petrik

Danna Petrik - September 22, 2020 at 10:41 AM

PG

Beth and family, we are saddened to hear of Dan's passing. We always enjoyed our visits with you both at dance parties. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Doug and Priscilla George

Priscilla George - September 23, 2020 at 11:03 AM

NA

“ *Dr. Kelly helped me raise my three children and I will forever be grateful for his wisdom and compassion. He was loved by all who knew him. Prayers to you his family from those of us who loved him also.*

Nancy - September 21, 2020 at 05:51 PM

NW

So. Sorry he was my doctor and my kids doctor

Navalin Adams Williams - September 22, 2020 at 05:23 PM

NW

Prayers for his family

Navalin Adams Williams - September 22, 2020 at 05:24 PM

LW

“ *Dan Kelly was a fine, fine man. He was a personal and professional friend and an excellent pediatrician. The legend of the saw in his little black bag will live on forever! Our sympathy to all the family.*

Lynn and Dan Weaver

Lynn Weaver - September 21, 2020 at 10:30 AM

RA

“ *Dr. Kelly was our family pediatrician for all four of our children. He was amazing man and we loved him dearly. Prayers to the family.*

Raquel Anderson - September 20, 2020 at 08:15 PM

DS

“ *Beth, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*
Diana (Benedict) Sabatino

Diana (Benedict) Sabatino - September 20, 2020 at 02:43 PM

KH

“ *I will always believe Dr. Kelly saved our son's life when he was an infant due to his quick thinking and fast action. He is held with great reverence in our home. I am saddened by his passing, but so thankful lived. Blessing on all of you. I will never forget him. Kevin Hedberg*

Kevin Hedberg - September 20, 2020 at 09:36 AM

RC

“ *Sarah*
Prayers for comfort for you and your family. Your dad was our son's doctor and Cody would make up symptoms just because he had not seen him for awhile. He was a wonderful, compassionate doctor and missed by our family.

Rich, Mary Jo & Cody Caudill - September 19, 2020 at 10:53 PM

HJ

“ *Beth,*
So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time. Helen & Kenneth Johnson

Helen Johnson - September 19, 2020 at 04:35 PM

NB

“ *Dr Kelly was my Pediatrician years ago and I was lucky enough to have him for my first daughter 26 years ago! Such a great man and he will be missed my many. Thoughts and prayers to his family*

Nikki B - September 19, 2020 at 02:51 PM

SW

“ *What a wonderful man and doctor! So sorry for your loss!*
Sheila H

sheila hodson williams - September 19, 2020 at 02:23 PM

LS

“ *I was so blessed to be able to have Dr. Kelly for my pediatrician. My daughter is now 40 years old and she remembers him with such fondness as do I. Thoughts and prayers for the family. He will truly be missed.*

God's blessings!

Lorin Schelble

Lorin Schelble - September 19, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MH

“ *Beth,*
So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this time. He was a great neighbor during the time I lived in your neighborhood.

May God bless you!

Mary Harms

Mary Harms - September 19, 2020 at 12:12 PM

JV

“ I had the honor and the privilege of working with Drs Wm Crouch, Robert Parman and Dan Kelly for many years. They created an office that was so much fun and filled with laughter. We became a family watching their children and our children growing up. Yes, Sarah and Tim I do remember you as young kids. Later in life Beth taught our granddaughter who to this day loved Mrs Kelly. When Dr Kelly retired he left a hole in my heart, now he leaves a hole in everyones's heart. Thank you Dr Kelly for all the wonderful memories. My heart felt condolences to the family. Joanne Vobach

Joanne k Vobach - September 19, 2020 at 12:06 PM



That was very sweet, thank you. I have great memories growing up around that office. When we take our kids in for visits, I want to run back to dads office and sneak into his candy drawer!

Tim Kelly - September 20, 2020 at 07:31 PM

LM

“ Dr. Kelly was such a compassionate and caring person. We met him in a time of emergency in the NICU. Our son was born early and was in critical condition. With his care my son pulled through and is now a healthy 24 year old. I will always feel truly blessed for what Dr. Kelly did for our family. May he spread his wings and fly high. Heaven will be a better place with him there but very missed here.

Loreena Munoz - September 19, 2020 at 10:48 AM

DT

“ Dr. Dan was a brilliant outstanding compassionate man yet could always be a jokester too.

I had another pediatrician for my son but quickly switched to Dr Dan after going to the ER 5 nights in a row, nobody could figure out what was wrong with my son he just kept crying and crying, Dr Dan examined him, held him, rocked him, told nurse to bring some bottled formula he gave him the first bottle and my son quit crying. I was trying to nurse and never produced milk just collagen. The kid was starving, Dr Dan had figured it out in no time and I'd say saved his life.

Then couple years later my son was really sick admitted to hospital kept testing him for meningitis it took Dr Dan to diagnosis him with a nasty virus.

This outstanding Dr. had the most amazing personality also.

His vocabulary was out of this world.

Loved his trick of letting the kids blow out the lights in the room. He loved my sons name said it was so unique.

This incredible man will be so missed.

Prayers to the family.

What a great loss.

Mother of Shandy.

Deborah Trekell - September 19, 2020 at 10:19 AM

AM

“ Dan Kelly was a valued colleague and friend in the days when doctors were allowed to be doctors! He was wonderfully supportive to me as a new doctor and a mother when I came To Topeka. I'm so grateful to have known him.

Anne Wigglesworth.MD

Anne Wigglesworth, MD - September 18, 2020 at 10:59 PM

JD

“ Dr Kelly took care of me and my 6 siblings. I will never forget the day he told me ‘Julie, you are married now and need to find another doctor’. I was crushed. I just assumed he would always be my doctor. Lol

Julie Dultmeier Douthett - September 18, 2020 at 05:05 PM

PL

“ When we came here in the early 70's, I was told that Dr. Kelly was the pediatrician most likely to be taking new patients. How blessed we were that was the case. He cared for our seven kids, an exchange student, and even a grandchild who wound up living with us. I told him when he retired that he should really stick it out until I got that last child raised, but he declined to postpone retirement for another sixteen years. He was such a kind, reassuring person, who could inject humor at just the right time. I have vivid memories of specific appointments, although we usually only had rather mundane illnesses at our house. One of the most memorable things he ever told me was to "treat some things with loving neglect"., and they'd get better on their own. There is no doubt that the world is a better place, because of his life. Condolences to his family and friends.

Pat Loar - September 18, 2020 at 03:18 PM

 Shirley Brandt

“ Dr. Kelly took care of my boys, who are now 46 and 49, from the time they were small To us he was a saint. When my oldest graduated from high school he asked if he would have to lose him as his Dr. I called and asked him how long he could continue to see him since he was now 18 and he said "I will see him until he is too embarrassed to come to my office." Such a great man and doctor. Prayers for his family.

Shirley Brandt - September 18, 2020 at 02:36 PM

RN

“ We were so very sad to hear of the passing of Dr. Kelly. He was very special to our family. We started with Dr. Kelly as our pediatrician in 1971 when he had just joined Dr. Crouch. Our daughter (Rhonda) was 6 mos. old. In Aug. of 1972 he diagnosed her with leukemia and immediately referred us to KU Med Center as he had just finished his residency there. After a 4 yr. battle she left us in 1976. I don't know what we would have done without his support and compassion during this difficult time. Our first son (Ryan) was born in 1974 and second son (Kyle) in 1978. Dr. Kelly's excellent care and continued support was so appreciated. We feel blessed that he was a part of our lives. Prayers to all of his loved ones.

Ron and Clydale Neis

Ron Neis - September 18, 2020 at 02:31 PM

RM

“ Dan and I arrived in Topeka to join the medical community. It was an exciting time--medical care was growing very rapidly and a lot of us were just getting out of the military serving in the Vietnam war. Dan was always someone that seemed to have a clear vision about what was going to be best for our patients and was instrumental in guiding both hospitals growth to see that good patient care came first. He continued to be a friend and always a great physician! You are missed! Thank you.

Richard Meidinger MD

Richard Meidinger - September 18, 2020 at 02:22 PM

GM

“ Dr Kelly was a wonderful person and physician. He took care of our oldest daughter who is now 27years old. The heavens are blessed, prayers for all the family members. Our hearts go out to all of you

Gerry Lou Marstall - September 18, 2020 at 01:24 PM

CR

“ Dr. Kelly was our pediatrician. He was special and like no other. We still talk about some of his very wise suggestions and direction. His compassion and wisdom will be missed.

Chuck and Bev Rogers and family

Chuck and Bev Rogers - September 18, 2020 at 10:35 AM

DR

“ Dr. Kelly was my children's pediatrician. He saved my youngest daughters life when she was barely 3 years old. He won our hearts when he drew smiley faces on her tiny toes, saying every one needs a smile.

He is a wonderful caring person who gave of himself to help others. The world needs more of such warm compassionate people. He will be sorely missed.

May God grant you peace as he welcomes him into his arms.

Debbie Robinson

Debbie Robinson - September 18, 2020 at 06:37 AM

CT

“ He was a very good doctor when my daughter was young. I was sad when he retired. He will be missed.

Carol Taylor - September 18, 2020 at 12:38 AM

BW

“ I will always remember the first Halloween I saw him dressed in a frog costume! He was very helpful in those early days of developing the Level III nursery at Stormont and helped in providing night time coverage for the tiniest patients. You could count on him to be patient and calm in an emergency or emotional situation. At a social event at our home, he baked a cake in a Dutch oven over coals! He loved showing off his scouting skills. He loved his children and shared stories about them at work. I remember him fondly. I know you will miss him.

Bonnie White-Totten - September 17, 2020 at 11:29 PM

DW

“ So many children received his loving care, including our sons. He made the world a better place. Darlene Whitlock, mother of Lance and Matt

Darlene Whitlock - September 17, 2020 at 09:58 PM

HH

“ We loved Dr Kelly! He was so good with our 4 children and such a good Doctor. He was a kind and caring man and was so easy to talk with and trust to care for our kids.

Halene Hothan - September 17, 2020 at 09:49 PM

SC

“ He was the BEST!! Dr. Kelly was our three children's pediatrician from their births until they graduated high school. I remember once, as I young mother telling him that my two very young daughters (just 16 mos. apart) were really noisy and giggled constantly. He looked at me and said "I can't think of anything nicer than the sound of children's laughter." That gave me a whole new perspective; instead of being annoyed, I began to enjoy the sound. It made all the difference--HE made all the difference! Wish there were more like him.

Sandi Corbin

Sandi Corbin - September 17, 2020 at 06:58 PM

PM

My oldest son was at KU at the time DR Kelly was doing his internship. We lived 75 miles away from KU and came daily to be with my son. Dr Kelly would go in the evenings before he left for the day and spend time with our little guy. I was relieved when he told me that Dwight wasn't alone all evening. Dr K was the kindest and most compassionate Dr I ever met. I was lucky to meet him and that he moved to Topeka and I was able have him as a DR for our other two kids. We need more Dr like him in this day and age.

Patti Meade - September 17, 2020 at 07:14 PM

SK

Dr Kelly was the best. Loved children. He was one of a kind.

Susan Kotsch - September 17, 2020 at 09:46 PM

 Terri
Masters

“ When I went to the hospital to have my daughter, the nurse asked who I wanted for a pediatrician? I said "Dr. Kelly!!" That was Sept. 4, 1972. My daughter was born with a rare medical condition. Dr. Kelly was out of town at the time and the Dr. covering for him said he didn't know what was wrong with her. When we had the appt. with Dr. Kelly, he was kind and reassuring. My daughter saw Dr. Kelly until she was 18 yrs. old. He always had a way to make her laugh and made her balloon animals. I had my son in 1988 and he also saw Dr. Kelly until he was 18 yrs. old. When my son was a toddler, he went full speed all the time. I told Dr. Kelly my daughter had been very easy going but my son just won't stop going. Dr. Kelly told me, "Terri, boys and girls are just cut from different cloth." Whenever either of the kids had an ear infection or other illness, Dr. Kelly would call after office hours to see how they were doing. I've never had another dr. do that. Margo was his nurse and they made a great team. He was an extraordinary person as well as an exceptional doctor. He had such a special and amazing way with children. May you rest in peace Dr. Kelly and know the joy and comfort you brought to so many children and their parents. You will always be remembered fondly. Terri Masters

Terri Masters - September 17, 2020 at 06:26 PM

CD

“ Dr. Kelly was my two kids pediatrician. He was so kind, such a wonderful doctor. Both of my children were diagnosed with diabetes as young children and he couldn't have been more caring and helpful. RIP Dr. Kelly ❤️🙏

Connie Doebele - September 17, 2020 at 06:20 PM

SB

“ Dr Kelly was my Pediatrician and my children's. He was such a kind and loving man. I was so blessed to have gotten him as my Dr. when we moved to Topeka in 1972 and I was 9 years old. I had my daughter in 1984 and my son in 1987. I was so thankful he was still around to be their Dr also. They both loved going to see him. He was always so reassuring to me about everything. Always told me Moms know! Beth, I am so very sorry for you and your families loss. What a wonderful angel to receive his wings and watch over you all.

God Bless and RIP Dr. Kelly

Shirley Bacon - September 17, 2020 at 06:09 PM

 Jenny Banaka

“ Worked in the office with Dr. Kelly and Margo from 2000-2002. Learned a lot from Dr. Kelly and I have continued to teach patients from the education he gave me while working in the office. Prayers for Dr. Kelly's family and his close friends. Many bonds were made with the staff of Pediatrics PA, later Pediatric Care.

Jennifer Henningsen Banaka, LPN

Jenny Banaka - September 17, 2020 at 05:30 PM

KG

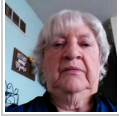
“ To family of Dan Kelly,
I doubt any of you know me, but I knew Dan as a peds resident and then as a pediatrician. He was one of the best teachers of medical students that I encountered. He became a GREAT pediatrician. Please cherish all the memories you have of this truly GREAT man!
Ken Gimple MD. Orthopedic surgeon

Kenneth Gimple - September 17, 2020 at 04:46 PM



Thank you very much, that means a lot to us.

Tim Kelly - September 18, 2020 at 08:28 AM



RIP sir. I didn't know you but I did know your friend Dr. Gimple. We butted heads a few times. Dr.. Gimple my ankle hurt very bad for three days. Do you have time to look at it.

To the Doctors family my deepest condolences. By all the postings I know he was a great doctor.

Sarah Guffy - September 18, 2020 at 08:44 PM

MT

“ *Dr. Kelly was pediatrician to our boys. We were truly blessed to have him caring for them. As a young mom I really trusted his care.*

♥ *Mila Thomann*

Mila Thomann - September 17, 2020 at 04:12 PM

BR

“ We loved Dr Kelly! Shortly after we moved here my son was diagnosed with a Factor 12 Deficiency. I called every pediatrician in town to find one that was familiar with it. None of them were, but Dr Kelly was the only one who said he would be willing to do some research & find out about it. He was our pediatrician from that moment until he retired.

One time we were discussing my kids' bruised legs from wrestling in our living room. He said he could tell just by looking that the bruises were from just being active kids instead of abuse & that playful wrestling was good for them because the more positive touch they get while children, the better adjusted they are as adults. I offered to let them come wrestle in his living room, but he declined. But the kids turned out ok, I'm sure the excellent care they received from Dr Kelly had a great deal to do with that.

Brenda Ruhnke - September 17, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ My thoughts are with you, Beth and DeSoto during this time. I will miss visiting with Dr Dan and Beth on the back patio. Him and DeSoto were kind to bring me my paper regularly.. I appreciated him just like I do Beth and all the visits we had. They have been wonderful neighbors and will be missed. May He Rest In Peace Dorothy(typed by Patty her daughter, who wants to extend her condolences as well.. My Mom couldn't of asked for better neighbors.)

Dorothy Holloman - September 17, 2020 at 02:18 PM

VK

“ Dr. Kelly was my pediatrician until I was 18. He was a wonderful man and physician. He was so easy to talk to and he would do whatever it took to get the answer you needed. He will be missed dearly!!

Victoria Kotich - September 17, 2020 at 02:14 PM

RK

“ Dr. Kelly was my pediatrician from birth to 18. Thank you for taking care of me! I'll always remember your love of frogs and small jokes to keep me smiling. Also putting my cast on when I broke my arm in middle school. Dr. Kelly touched so many hearts in his lifetime.

Rachel Kotich-Verthein - September 17, 2020 at 02:06 PM

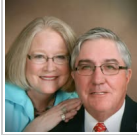


“ We met and had the joy of interacting with Dr. Kelly through the Legacy Community Arts Center (LCAC) when a group of friends and students of Bob Ault decided to carry on Bob's legacy of making art accessible to all. That was one of Dan's passions and his charisma, leadership, enthusiasm and determination helped us reach the goal of incorporating LCAC as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. With Beth at his side, the Kellys and LCAC have given Topeka a safe place for the young and old to create and express their artistic side. Thank you Dan, for leaving that precious gift to our community!

Beth and family, we offer you our heartfelt sympathy. May Dan's memory be a blessing to all those whose lives he touched!

*Sincerely,
Susana Valdovinos, Mike Kaye and Becca Valdovinos Kaye*

Susana Valdovinos - September 17, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ My son, Tim, was born in 1971 and was one of Dr. Kelly's first patients. We left Topeka in 1985 and I was so sad that we could not take Dr Kelly with us to continue taking care of our three sons. What a wonderful doctor and Topeka was so blessed to have him. Prayers to his family, patients and friends.

Kaye Brown - September 17, 2020 at 01:24 PM

SH

“ When our family moved to Topeka, Dr Kelly became our family pediatrician. When my sons were born there was no one else I wanted for them than Dr Kelly. He was an awesome doctor, and a great human being. His compassionate nature, his laugh, and yes that saw always made appointments better.

My sincere condolences to his family. He was one of the best men I have ever known.

Sharon Hester - September 17, 2020 at 12:49 PM

KM

Dr. Dan Kelly was an excellent Dr. He was my Dr when I move to Topeka here in 1973. He was also my two daughters Doctor. My condolences to his Family. He was an awesome Doctor.

Karen Marshall - September 17, 2020 at 01:38 PM

JC

“ Dr. Kelly was our daughter's pediatrician. I had a consultation appt. with him at 2:00 on June 30, 1983, since our daughter was due in August. She was born on June 30th and he was in the delivery with us when she was born. He kidded that we were interrupting his lunch hour and joked that I probably wouldn't come to my 2:00 appt. He guided us through many medical issues and we loved him. Due to multiple surgeries, our daughter was terrified of men and he was able to calm her down with his great sense of humor. He was such a caring doctor and made appointments fun. We loved him. Prayers and hugs to his family.

Jan and Ward Cook

Jan Cook - September 17, 2020 at 12:35 PM

ST

“ Dr Kelly will truly be missed, from His green saw to his dr bag to being put in the trash can so we could start all over. He was an amazing doctor and kind gentle human! Prayers to your family

stephanie - September 17, 2020 at 12:23 PM

MC

“ I remember Dr Dan when he came to Topeka to be a partner with my Dad Dr Crouch. This was a Man my Dad had Love and respect for. He was kind and professional. I miss those days going to the Office and seeing these Men and the Love they had for the kids. Hugs to the family and you are in our Prayers!!

Mark T Crouch - September 17, 2020 at 12:15 PM

CH

“ Beth, May God wrap His loving arms around you and comfort you through the coming days. Our hearts are heavy and are aching for you and your family. Praise God we will be reunited in His time. Love and hugs.

Carol & Tom Horton - September 17, 2020 at 12:10 PM

AA

“ When I opened the paper today (yes, I still get the newspaper) I was stunned to learn of Dr. Kelly's passing. I meet Dr Kelly as a pharmaceutical rep calling on his clinic. He always treated me with respect and kindness. I loved having the opportunity to see him interact with his patients. They don't make them like Dr. Kelly any longer. Prayers for healing.

Anita Abbott - September 17, 2020 at 12:01 PM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Entire Family🙏
I am still processing the loss of a very SPECIAL Friend.
Dr.Kelly had the Knowledge Love and Caring Compassion of that generation of Pediatric Doctors like Dr Parman / Dr Crouch who set the Standard for Greatness.
Over 45 yrs ago ...Dr Kelly became both Family and Friend to our family as the Dr. to my children and as a member of the same Ped working 'family'.
.....Memories roll out of my eyes and down my cheeks. I will treasure those Memories and consider myself BLESSED to have lived in a world with Dr Kelly in it .💕💕

Joan White - September 17, 2020 at 11:32 AM

KL

“ Every comment on here could’ve been written by me. Dr. Kelly was my three kids’ pediatrician and, in a sense, he was my counselor. “Mom, you hurt worse than the kids do” was only one example of his caring for me when my youngest two both had a bad flu. When my youngest fell off of the exam table when I turned my back for one second. Dr. Kelly came in, checked her and eased her tears and then mine saying “God made their little heads to withstand bumps like this”. I adored that man and we were blessed to have him as our pediatrician. His earthly life may be over but his legacy will live on forever.

Kim Lesseski - September 17, 2020 at 11:18 AM

CL

“ News of Dr. Kelly's passing hit me unexpectedly hard. I was lucky enough to have him as my pediatrician for more than 15 years. I have so many fond memories of his kindness and his sense of humor. He radiated good nature and patience. Condolences to his family.

Chris Loar - September 17, 2020 at 10:58 AM

RP

“ Our family did not know Dan as a pediatrician but only as our neighbor. Dan was always friendly, willing to share his stories(which we found fascinating, especially his submarine experiences), and a willing listener when others shared their stories. I personally will miss him sitting in his driveway smoking his pipe. I know that is such little thing to remember him by but he seemed to enjoy it so much and I loved the smell of his pipe tobacco! He will be missed in many ways. God bless his soul 🙏❤️🌹
Stephanie and Ruben

Ruben Perez - September 17, 2020 at 10:55 AM

PC

“ Dr. Kelly was pediatrician to both of my kids until they aged out of the practice. He was always there for us in the trying times. So grateful to have had him in our lives. Thinking of his family at this tough time.

Pam Carlson - September 17, 2020 at 09:50 AM

PC

“ He made going to the Doctor fun. He had the best sense of humor. That plastic saw in his back pocket, I can still see it. I wish I had a picture of him sawing my kids leg off and them just giggling. That was a time before everyone had a camera at the touch of a button. What a great guy. Thanks Dr. Kelly for everything you did to help a nervous Mom relax. He told me once “ it’s the kids that don’t climb on everything that end up get hurt”.
To his sweet wife Beth, his kids and grandchildren you know this already but he was amazing and you all are so fortunate to have had such a great companion. I know you must have so many fun memories. I pray the memories give you comfort in the very difficult days ahead. God Bless. Patty Caby

patty caby - September 17, 2020 at 09:38 AM

PM

“ Dr. Dan--what an amazing man, doctor, and friend. He was our daughter's pediatrician. Yes, we remember his antics and the great belly laugh which could be heard outside of the treatment room. His compassion, his concern, and his personality made him such an unique individual and caregiver. He will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him. RIP, Dr. Dan Kelly! You are with the angels. Ray and Pam McComas, Natalie McComas Gallecier

Pam McComas - September 17, 2020 at 09:18 AM

JJ

“ I am almost 47. Dr. Kelly was my pediatrician. I LOVED him. I can still hear his voice and see his smiling face. To his family, Thank you for sharing him with the residents of Topeka. He was truly a gentle, loving man with a giant ❤️.

Julie James - September 17, 2020 at 08:43 AM

BS

“ Dr. Kelly was such a great doctor and a truly gentle person. He was so comforting to me when I had my children. One night I was so upset with a crying baby and I was able to call and talk to him at midnight. He offered me comforting advice and always knew how to "calm" my nerves as a young mother. Dr. Kelly is fondly thought of by our family. So very sorry for your loss. RIP Dr. Kelly, thank you for everything you did for all the many children and families you touched.

Barb Shipman

Barb Shipman - September 17, 2020 at 08:32 AM

ST

“ Dr. Kelly, was a great doctor. So much so that when I had my first child, Dr. Kelly was his doctor. I can remember him having my son "blow the lights off". Prayers for the family during this time.

Stacey - September 17, 2020 at 08:07 AM

GW

“ How sad to hear of Dr. Kelly's passing. Calm, compassionate, and such a great laugh!
He was a great example for all. He'll be missed!

George Wright - September 17, 2020 at 07:22 AM

CH

“ He was such a sweet kind man. Very sorry for your loss Beth and family!

Cheryl Haefele - September 17, 2020 at 07:13 AM

CW

“ Oh what a wonderful man. Dr Kelly was my pediatrician my entire life. I actually had my last visit with him when I was 19 and pregnant with my first child who of course became Dr Kelly's patient as well. I will always remember is booming yet comforting voice, his love of frogs and how my shoes always went in the trash without fail 😊. My heart goes out to his dear family. You are in my thoughts. RIP Dr Kelly. You will be missed

Crystal White - September 17, 2020 at 02:23 AM



“ I worked with Dr. Kelly for many years as an RN both on pediatrics and NICU. He was always compassionate with his patients and took time with frantic parents. He was my daughters pediatrician and made me at ease a couple of times he even saw her at his home once. He was my go to guy with concerns about patients and took time to listen.

He will be missed by so many he cared for. I have many great memories of our time working together.

Barb Curyea - September 17, 2020 at 01:47 AM

BE

This man was a awesome doctor very caring for his patients and parents. I had him as my doctor and my oldest son got to have him also. He was one of a kind and knew just what to do. He will surely be missed.

Becky - September 17, 2020 at 06:40 AM



Barb, he always spoke very highly of you too! Thank you for the kind words.

Tim Kelly - September 17, 2020 at 01:55 PM



Thanks Tim, I remember you and my daughter Missy shared a birthday I believe your 4th or 5th because your birthdays were a day apart so we had a birthday party at your house. He was one of a kind doctor. You are blessed to have him as your dad. ❤️

Barb Curyea - September 17, 2020 at 11:32 PM

MG

“ Dr. Kelly was my pediatrician as a child/adolescent and when I had my first child there was no question who I chose as his pediatrician...Dr. Kelly, of course! I have nothing but good memories of my visits with Dr. Kelly as both a patient and parent, which says a lot considering most of those visits were when either I or my children were ill. His sense of humor and calming presence are unmatched and he will be missed by so many. Thank you for sharing Dr. Kelly with my family and our community...his memory will live on in so many of our hearts forever. 💕💕

Michelle Graham - September 17, 2020 at 01:22 AM

NH

“ So sad to hear DR. KELLY has passed he was a great person and physician. He was my doctor for years and and helped me through my adolescent years and was always there to help no questions asked. The world lost a great man and Doctor Rest in Paradise good sir

Nathan H - September 17, 2020 at 12:20 AM

GS

“ Dr. Kelly was our pediatrician for our daughter. I felt so fortunate to have been able to have him as our doctor! He went way beyond just the medical part of raising a child! I will be forever grateful for knowing him.

GAyle Smith - September 17, 2020 at 12:04 AM

PM

“ Dr. Dan was a wonderful pediatrician and a great human being. So sorry for your loss.

Patricia Crouch Magerkurth - September 16, 2020 at 11:53 PM

JB

“ Dr Dan Kelly was my pediatrician, my mentor and my idol. I grew up wanting to follow in his footsteps and become a pediatrician. I remember his compassion as he attended to my medical needs from his own home when I was his patient. He allowed me to “shadow” him as an eager highschool student, where I witnessed his care in the NICU. As a medical student he served as my preclinical mentor and preceptor, allowing me to see patients in his clinic. He celebrated my graduation and remained my friend as I became a board certified pediatrician. I have worked every day of my career hoping to be half the physician and person I knew him to be.

Julianne Bishop - September 16, 2020 at 11:30 PM

JA

“ Dr. Kelly was an amazing pediatrician. He set the bar high by delivering excellent care while alleviating the childish fears of a shot or exam with something funny to distract us.

I think he finally kicked me out of his practice my junior year at K-State and I just knew I would never find anyone quite as special!!

Thank you for your years of compassionate service to our community. God bless you Dr. Kelly.

-Jenn (Ford) Ayres

Jenn Ayres - September 16, 2020 at 11:28 PM

KW

“ Dan was certainly one of our favorite people. He was a friend and a fantastic pediatrician. Our grown children hold him as a precious person with fond memories of his plastic saw and conversations about tigers and lions. We enjoyed being involved in Bible Studies with him and Beth. He was so humble and unpretentious. He lived his life in service and kindness. Well done, Dan!

Kathie and Jerry Wallentine - September 16, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ Dr. Kelly was amazing doctor. I remember his room always had a bunch of frogs, specifically Kermit...just a great doc and person! My thoughts are with you and your family during this time of loss.

Elizabeth Mott - September 16, 2020 at 10:46 PM

SB

“ I’m so saddened to see this news. Dr. Kelly was our pediatrician growing up in the late 70’s & 80’s. I remember he was such a kind man. He always made office visits a little less scary by letting us draw on the paper that covered the exam table, or letting us take home a few of the flavored tongue depressors he had, and I definitely remember his little plastic saw 😊. My condolences go out to Dr. Kelly’s family.

Stacy (Domme) Baker - September 16, 2020 at 10:39 PM

TW

“ I’m so very sorry to hear of the loss of a great man and doctor. As a child, I had to see lots of doctors but Dr. Kelly was the only one that I liked to go see. In the 80’s when Rubix Cube first came out, I had one in my pocket that was all messed up. He said, “Let me see that.” He took that Rubix cube and within a few seconds he was able to completely make it right. I never messed it up again. Rest In Peace, Dr. Kelly!

Tricia Wilburn - September 16, 2020 at 10:36 PM

MK

I’m so very sorry to hear of the loss of a wonderful man and doctor. He was such a caring pediatrician and made Dr visits much more pleasant for his patients and parents. Sending prayers to his family.

Malesa Kinder - September 16, 2020 at 11:21 PM

CL

“ I was fortunate to have Dr. Kelly as the pediatrician for my daughter Christine. She was born a month early by emergency C-Section, she was severely anemic among other problems from being premature - I have no doubt that Dr. Kelly saved her life. That was in September 1974. Christine was a pediatric nurse for many years at Stormont and had many opportunities to see Dr. Kelly in action. Thank you for saving my daughters life. RIP Dr. Kelly

Connie Lowrey - September 16, 2020 at 10:33 PM

DB

“ Dr. Kelly was my son, Travis', doctor for 19 years beginning 7/8/75 when he was born with multiple birth defects. I would have been so lost without his wisdom and support during 20+ brain surgeries in those years. He was so compassionate but realistic and would never tell a parent less than the truth he thought we deserved. He was so loved.

Deb Boss - September 16, 2020 at 10:24 PM

CG

“ I got to know Dr Kelly thru scouting he made a huge impact on my life I will never forget him. Prayers for peace and comfort for his family and friends.

Colette Graham - September 16, 2020 at 09:08 PM

TL

“ So sorry for your loss, Dr. Kelly was a godsend to us young scared new mothers. He would always make time for whatever worry this mom had, from a colicky baby to chickenpox. After our second baby was born, I was concerned about a little red mark on her eyelid, he said that will go away, but the red(hair) on top of her head won't!!! He was correct . That was 44 years ago and her hair still has lots of red highlights!! RIP Dr Kelly.

tammy lewis - September 16, 2020 at 09:00 PM

CA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Kelly was mine and my 2 little sisters doctor when we were kids. He was also my son's doctor for a short while. So many memories of him throughout the years...his plastic saw pretending to cut our leg off. Trying to put us in the trash can. He was truly a great man and doctor and no one has come close to comparing to him.

Charity Adams - September 16, 2020 at 08:57 PM

AL

“ Dr. Kelly was my pediatrician when i was little, and for both of my children, he told me with my first born as a new mom,dont worry,he will tell you everything he needs! And those words were so true..he also saved my baby girls life by admitting her to hospital and taking a moms cry for help seriously...he made being a parent more easy and will be missed..

amy lewis - September 16, 2020 at 08:50 PM