



James W. Kelley

March 21, 1935 - December 31, 2016

James W. Kelley, 81, died on December 31, 2016, in Topeka, Kansas.

Jim was born March 21, 1935, in Beloit, Kansas, to Warren D. and Ava M. Broadbent Kelley. He attended Jewell County schools and graduated from Jewell High School. Jim married Nancy J. Johnson on August 17, 1985, in Topeka.

Jim lived in the cities of Mankato, Ellsworth, McPherson, Kansas City and Topeka, while working as an engineering technician for the Kansas Department of Transportation. Jim retired from KDOT in Topeka in March of 1997.

Jim was a member of the NRA and the Topeka Jayhawk Club. He was an avid hunter and hunted every year west of Hutchinson with his family and friends. Jim and Nancy had been season ticket holders to KU football and basketball for over 30 years and travelled extensively to bowl games and NCAA tournament games where the Jayhawks played.

Jim is survived by his wife, Nancy of Topeka; son, Darrell (Terri) of Beloit; grandchildren, Dane of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Matthew of Orlando, Florida, and Erin of Manhattan, Kansas; siblings, Chuck (Paula) of South Hutchinson, Margaret (Jim) of Hutchinson. He was preceded in death by his

parents; his son, Steven; and his sister, Allure Kelley.

Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Graveside service will be 1 p.m. on Friday at Jewell City Cemetery, on H Road in Jewell, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The House at Midland Care Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Graveside Service

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Jewell City Cemetery
Jewell, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *James W. Kelley*

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“ *Nancy, Darrell and family,*

My deepest sympathy for your loss. Jim was a great guy, whom I was fortunate to know and work with. I worked nine years with Jim in Topeka for KDOT and he taught me a lot about estimating. I also enjoyed talking with Jim about KU football or basketball, golf, hunting and memories from the Beloit era. We will all miss Jim. Ray Mehl

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