



## Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly

August 1, 1941 - August 14, 2020

Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly, 79, of Pennington Gap, VA passed away on August 14, 2020 at the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center.

Sonny was born in Keokee, VA on August 1, 1941 to the late Charlie and Virginia (Wallace) Kelly. He was a US Air Force Veteran. He enjoyed spending time in the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and also was an avid gardener.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Michael Kelly, three brothers, Charles Edward, William "Bill" and Darrell Kelly; and by one sister, Marilyn "Sis" Patterson.

Sonny is survived by his wife of 48 years, Rose Trammell Kelly; one son, John Kelly and wife Teresa; two brothers, Wayne Kelly and wife Sharon and Jerry Kelly and wife Linda; three sisters-in-law, Katie Middleton and husband Cheyenne, Carmon Gilly and husband John, and Nancy Trammell; two grandsons, Turner and Hunter Kelly; two granddaughters, Hailey Kelly and Amber Beaman; and many nieces and nephews. Sonny also had many children that called him Papaw, who are related to him by love.

A private celebration of his life will be held by the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ I met Mr. Kelly about a year ago. He came to measure the glass in a door @ a house that I rent, & I really enjoyed the honor of meeting him & talking to him. Prayers for his family! 🙏



Carla Crowder - August 18, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ JBruce Catron lit a candle in memory of Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly



JBruce Catron - August 18, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ We remember Howard as a classmate at KHA and friend. My oldest brother was in his class. Prayers for you and your family.

Brenda smith - August 18, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ All of you are in our prayers.  
Tim, Jacqui and Hayden

Hobbs - August 18, 2020 at 10:32 AM

KB

“ *Kyth Debra Banks lit a candle in memory of Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly*



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**Kyth Debra Banks** - August 18, 2020 at 07:15 AM

AW

“ *Rose, I am so sorry to hear about Sonny. My prayers are with you during this time. Hugs and kisses for you.*

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**angela williams** - August 17, 2020 at 09:36 PM

PS

“ *Hugs,love, and prayers for you all.Rose ,so sorry for your loss ,but Heavens gain.*



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**Polly Snodgrass** - August 17, 2020 at 09:14 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Holdway Musick lit a candle in memory of Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly*



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**Sharon Holdway Musick** - August 17, 2020 at 08:01 PM

DQ

“ Debra Qualls lit a candle in memory of Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly



Debra Qualls - August 17, 2020 at 07:42 PM

CH

“ Claudia Howard lit a candle in memory of Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly



Claudia Howard - August 17, 2020 at 06:59 PM

SG

“ Susie Kelly Garvison lit a candle in memory of Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly



Susie Kelly Garvison - August 17, 2020 at 06:31 PM

MK

“ Missy And Jim Kelly lit a candle in memory of Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly



Missy and jim kelly - August 17, 2020 at 06:14 PM

JT

“ I will miss all of Sonny’s post and talking to him via internet. He sent me a delicious corn bread recipe. God bless and comfort the whole family.



Joy Shuler Tant - August 17, 2020 at 05:13 PM

DR

“ Deb Rhea. lit a candle in memory of Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly



Deb Rhea. - August 17, 2020 at 04:16 PM

DR

Love and prayers for all of you 🙏 during this sad time. May God bless and comfort you as only he can.

Deb Rhea. - August 17, 2020 at 04:18 PM

JK

I miss you already brother. It seems like a life time already.

jerry kelly - August 17, 2020 at 09:24 PM

MR

“ Missy Robbins lit a candle in memory of Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly



Missy Robbins - August 17, 2020 at 03:29 PM

TH

“ *Tracy Holman lit a candle in memory of  
Howard Ray "Sonny" Kelly*



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**Tracy Holman** - August 17, 2020 at 02:26 PM