



## David Allen Kelley

July 11, 1946 - October 16, 2023

David Allen Kelley, 77, of Stevensville, died on October 16, 2023, following an illness of a few months. As David might've said, "It is what it is."

Born on July 11, 1946, David was the son of the late Constance Marie Hurley. He spent nearly the entirety of his life on Kent Island, where he was a 1964 graduate of Stevensville High School. During his time at SHS, David volunteered with the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, and later, in early adulthood, continued with the Queenstown Fire Department. David worked for 54 years in the auto parts industry, where, thanks to his encyclopedic knowledge of parts and prices, he was known to generations of customers as "Numbers Kelley." He was always ready to help his customers and to do his best for them.

David inherited the Irish gift of the gab, and his sense of humor was legendary. Invariably armed with a joke or a story to tell, he developed an easy rapport with family, friends, and customers alike. In addition to his interest in cars, David was a train and plane enthusiast. He enjoyed air shows, and, given his respect for the military, especially enjoyed seeing the Navy's Blue Angels. An enthusiastic supporter of the Baltimore Orioles and the Ravens, David continued to follow sports and enjoyed attending games and cookouts with his family and friends after his retirement in 2019.

David was grateful for knowing the Lord and His blessings, and undoubtedly counted his family among the most precious of these. He married the former Claire Ann Coursey on October 13, 1984, and they spent thirty-nine happy years together, making their home on Kent Island. In addition to his wife, David is survived by a daughter, Erin Dinnis (Tim), who was the apple of her father's eye. He is also survived by a sister, Marilou Russ (Mike); a nephew, Michael Russ (Lori); an uncle, Louis Kelley (Gloria), who was like a brother to David; and a special cousin, LuAnn Walker (John) and family. David is also survived by an adopted son, Brian Kelley.

A visitation will be held at Kent Island United Methodist Church, 2739 Cox Neck Road, Chester, MD, on Tuesday, October 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, also at KIUMC.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617; or to the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Dept., 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD 21619.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Allen Kelley*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - October 20, 2023 at 02:32 PM

BG

*David was a Hallmark Kind of guy. So glad that he found Claire.*

**Betty Ann Gardner-Nash** - October 21, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ *David Allen Kelley*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

MS

“ *Moire Scherl lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley*



**Moire Scherl** - October 26, 2023 at 03:30 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley*



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**Doug Pierson** - October 24, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Allen Kelley.

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October 24, 2023 at 04:01 AM

CJ

“ *Claudia Jewell lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley*



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**Claudia Jewell** - October 23, 2023 at 04:02 PM

BT

“ *Claire and family, Our sincere condolences!*



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**Bruce & Patti Tarr** - October 23, 2023 at 09:28 AM

SG

“ Sherrill Gavin lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Sherrill Gavin - October 21, 2023 at 10:47 PM

DR

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the family. David and I graduated together from his high school days to his present days he ALWAYS had a warm smile and so happy to see you with a story that always brought a smile to all around him. Jeff was always try to be prepared with a joke to share because he always knew David had one waiting for him. You will be missed so much dear friend ❤️ Diane and Jeff Ruth

Diane Ruth - October 21, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of David Allen Kelley.



October 21, 2023 at 10:33 AM

RD

“ Raymond Dorrell lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Raymond Dorrell - October 21, 2023 at 09:26 AM

ML

“Michelle Leatherman lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Michelle Leatherman - October 21, 2023 at 08:49 AM

Jackie Benton

“Jackie Benton lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Jackie Benton - October 20, 2023 at 09:16 PM

DH

“Denise Hershberger lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Denise Hershberger - October 20, 2023 at 08:46 PM

RS

“I worked with Dave at AAP many years. Had some real good times with him. He was a hell of a good guy to work with. Condolences to Mrs Clair and Erin. Rest well my friend. Kenny Plante

Rosemarie Swiger - October 20, 2023 at 06:35 PM

MD

“ our family has known David for a very long time.It was always good to see him.always.One of the best persons i know.We will miss you ,David.

Mary Dadds - October 20, 2023 at 04:37 PM

JW

“ Janie And Greg Welch lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Janie and Greg Welch - October 20, 2023 at 11:18 AM

BN

“ Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of David Allen Kelley



Bobby and Genevieve Norris - October 20, 2023 at 09:36 AM

NH

“ Remembering David as one of the quiet Stevensville ,neighborhood kids. Bradley and I loved each, but not the brotherly love Mr. Louis Kelley and David shared. Bradley, and Little brother David, experienced Bradley's temper. I know David did not have a temper only love for one another. Thoughts and Prayers are with David's Family.

Nancie LEWIS Hall - October 20, 2023 at 12:21 AM

NH

“ Nancie LEWIS Hall lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Nancie LEWIS Hall - October 20, 2023 at 12:12 AM

BO

“ Bobbi lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Bobbi - October 19, 2023 at 07:48 PM

TH

“ Tina Benton Houston lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Tina Benton Houston - October 19, 2023 at 07:21 PM

PB

“ Paul&Sharlene Bullen lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Paul&Sharlene Bullen - October 19, 2023 at 02:49 PM

PB

*I have not seen David in many, many years. Always a nice guy. My Condolences to Clara and the family.*

Paul&Sharlene Bullen - October 19, 2023 at 02:50 PM

DH

“ *Diane Hoxter lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley*



Diane Hoxter - October 19, 2023 at 11:33 AM

KR

“ *Claire and Erin,  
We send our love and prayers to you during this difficult time. We always enjoyed talking with David during the holiday gatherings, he will be missed. Praying God comforts your hearts during this time.  
Love, Kim and Scott Ruth*

Kim Ruth - October 19, 2023 at 06:10 AM

LW

“ *Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of David Allen Kelley*



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - October 18, 2023 at 09:27 PM

DM

“ Prayers and love. Dave was a wonderful man and we loved when we could spend time with him over the years. May your memories bring you peace during this time. We love you. The Meiklejohn Family 💔



Denise Meiklejohn - October 18, 2023 at 09:23 PM

KH

“ Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Kim Honeycutt - October 18, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Claire, Erin and Tim and family. - Brenda and Pt

Brenda Leonard - October 18, 2023 at 07:54 PM

LL

“ Lynn Ludwig lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Lynn Ludwig - October 18, 2023 at 03:03 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



Tracy Schulz - October 18, 2023 at 02:53 PM

LP

“ Sincere condolences to all the family.



Lisa Plummer - October 18, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Allen Kelley.



October 18, 2023 at 10:52 AM

BW

“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of David Allen Kelley



Bob & Sheila Willis - October 17, 2023 at 09:03 PM

ND

“ Neil Dadds lit a candle in memory of David Allen Kelley



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Neil Dadds - October 17, 2023 at 07:11 PM

ND

“ From our days when we met I believe you were living with an aunt on Hafsteds property then thru many of life's ups and downs. Till we meet again. RiP old friend

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Neil Dadds - October 17, 2023 at 07:10 PM