



Louis O Kelley

September 10, 1936 - September 21, 2025

Louis “Lou” O’Dell Kelley, 89, of Stevensville, Maryland, passed away peacefully at home on September 21, 2025, with his devoted daughter by his side.

Lou will be remembered for his friendly, outgoing nature and the joy he found in making others smile. He had an endearing sense of humor, a quick wit, and a good-natured spirit that drew people to him. He was rarely still, always keeping busy, except when cheering on the Orioles or Ravens. Lou loved being outdoors and especially loved the water. Even after his boating days were behind him, he continued to find peace in watching the boats move in and out of the creek in front of his home.

A proud native of Stevensville, Lou dedicated himself to his community from a young age, serving with the Kent Island Fire Department. At just 16, in a story family and friends still laugh about, he famously rode his bicycle onto the not-yet-open Chesapeake Bay Bridge, only to be escorted off by police. Perhaps it was fate, because he went on to devote 39 years of his life to the Bay Bridge as a State of Maryland employee, rising through the ranks from Bridge Guard to Sergeant, Lieutenant, and ultimately Head Administrator, before retiring.

Lou also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and crabbing, all of which kept him connected to the Bay he loved. His hardworking hands and adventurous spirit

were matched by his devotion to family.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Gloria Kelley; his parents, Louis and Marie Kelley; his sisters, Thelma Clark and Connie Hurley; and his nephew, David Kelley (Claire).

Lou is survived by his daughter, LuAnn Walker, and son-in-law, John Walker; granddaughter, Kristin Bennett (Lewis); grandson, Kyle Walker; great-grandchildren, Parker, Wade, Walter, Logan, and Willow; and was “Uncle Lou” to many cherished nieces and nephews. To all who knew him, Lou will be remembered as a man who loved deeply, laughed often, and lived fully.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 5–7 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Rd, Chester, MD 21619. Funeral services will follow on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Compass Regional Hospice in Lou’s memory.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main St
Stevensville, MD 21666
(410) 643-2226

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Burial

SEP **26**. 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Stevensville Cemetery
808 Main St
Stevensville, MD 21666
(410) 643-2226

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 24, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Teresa T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis O Kelley.*

Teresa T. - September 25, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louis O Kelley.*



September 24, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Mr Kelley. I sure will miss you coming into Cracker Barrel and all our talks.*



sara reny - September 24, 2025 at 04:36 PM

TA

“ *Mr. Lou was the original "Most Interesting Man". To spend a minute (or more) with him was a treat that will last a lifetime. I will miss my conversations by the shed or under the tree and only hope I can remember the stories. Hope the perch are biting in Heaven!*
Love
Tim and Caroline Aland

Tim Aland - September 24, 2025 at 04:17 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley*



Debbie Dean - September 24, 2025 at 03:59 PM

ZW

“ *Zeke & Monica Warner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Louis O Kelley.*



Zeke & Monica Warner - September 24, 2025 at 02:46 PM

ZW

“ *Zeke & Monica Warner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis O Kelley.*

Zeke & Monica Warner - September 24, 2025 at 02:46 PM

JB

“ Jackie & Bobby Benton lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley



Jackie & Bobby Benton - September 24, 2025 at 12:29 PM

KP

“ Keith Parkerson lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley



Keith Parkerson - September 24, 2025 at 11:38 AM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley



Doug Pierson - September 24, 2025 at 11:18 AM

BW

“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Louis O Kelley



Bob & Sheila Willis - September 24, 2025 at 10:31 AM

BN

“ Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift
in memory of Louis O Kelley



Bobby and Genevieve Norris - September 24, 2025 at 09:33 AM

BN

I have known Lou since we were in grammar school in the old wooden building in Stevensville that was recently demolished and have been friends to this day. We hunted together, worked at Bill's Mobile together and were both young members of the KIVFD. Also, I was very proud to be Lou's best man when he and Gloria were married 69 years ago. We lived next door to them in the cottages owned by Ms. Elizabeth Potts and we played badminton at Kelhaven on Sundays in our younger years. When we ran into each other there was always robust conversations about growing up on Kent Island. Lou was a true Islander and he will be missed. Rest In Peace my friend.

Bobby

Bobby Norris - September 24, 2025 at 01:46 PM

BT

“ Bruce & Patti Tarr lit a candle in memory of
Louis O Kelley



Bruce & Patti Tarr - September 24, 2025 at 08:39 AM

LD

“ *Lee and Dot purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Louis O Kelley.*



Lee and Dot - September 24, 2025 at 08:03 AM

ND

“ *Neil Dadds lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley*



Neil Dadds - September 24, 2025 at 06:42 AM

GS

“ *Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley*



Greg & Laura Saddler - September 23, 2025 at 08:43 PM

LS

“ *Lu Anne Collier Smith lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley*



Lu Anne Collier Smith - September 23, 2025 at 07:48 PM

GC

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Louis O Kelley



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - September 23, 2025 at 04:47 PM

KR

“ Our family will miss Uncle Louis and Aunt Gloria and fun we shared over the many years of holiday gatherings and July 4ths. They were a big part of our family holidays and always supported our family, we are forever grateful to have had both of them in our lives. Sending prayers and love to LuAnn and her family. Scott and Kim Ruth

Kim Ruth - September 23, 2025 at 02:30 PM

SC

“ Spencer And Debbie Clarke lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley



Spencer and Debbie Clarke - September 23, 2025 at 02:04 PM

JC

“ JR & BEANIE CLOUGH lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley



JR & BEANIE CLOUGH - September 23, 2025 at 01:27 PM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley*



Kim Honeycutt - September 23, 2025 at 01:11 PM

TW

“ *Tim Wynne lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley*



Tim Wynne - September 23, 2025 at 12:23 PM

BH

“ *Bree Hammond lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley*



Bree Hammond - September 23, 2025 at 11:52 AM

BH

“ *Mr Lou will be very missed. I enjoyed going down every Wednesday and spending the day with both Mrs Gloria and Mr Lou. Loved his stories. Hello was a true gentleman. Sending prayers and big hugs to the family* ❤️❤️

Bree Hammond - September 23, 2025 at 11:50 AM

DW

“ *David & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley*



David & Kathy Wenck - September 23, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *Sending prayers to Lou's family. He will be missed. Respected him so much and always enjoyed our neighborly talks.*



Kelly Prince - September 23, 2025 at 11:30 AM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Louis O Kelley*



Tracy Schulz - September 23, 2025 at 10:43 AM

BQ

“ *Bruce Quinn sent a virtual gift in memory of Louis O Kelley*



Bruce Quinn - September 22, 2025 at 09:07 PM