



Michael C Kelly

November 29, 2021

Michael Clark Kelly (Mike) of Oxford, 75, beloved husband to Lorraine Walsh Kelly for 51 years, passed away on November 29, 2021. Mike was the son of Roger M. Kelly and Dorothy Morrell Kelly.

Mike was born in Bay Shore, NY, and lived in Brightwaters, NY until 1961 when his parents bought Brightwaters Farm just outside of Oxford. Mike attended La Salle Military Academy, graduating from Severn School in 1964. During his high school years Mike played football, basketball and lacrosse. Mike graduated from Washington College in Chestertown, with a BA in Economics in 1968. While at Washington College Mike played lacrosse and was part of the 1967 Athletic Hall of Fame lacrosse team and played on the All-South Team in 1968. Following his lacrosse career Mike passed along his love for the game by coaching at every level from youth to high school, both boys and girls.

Mike served in the Maryland National Guard from 1968 to 1972. His Active-Duty post was in El Paso, Texas. He was stationed at the Nike Missile Site on Broadneck Peninsula near Annapolis.

Mike earned his CPA certificate in 1973. He worked for Arthur Young and Company, Alex Brown Realty and the F. A. Davis Company, all in Baltimore. In 1980 Mike purchased Worcester Beer Wholesalers, an Anheuser-Busch

Distributorship located in Berlin Maryland. In 1981 Mike relocated his family to Salisbury.

Worcester Beer grew steadily under his leadership. In 2000 Mike negotiated the sale of the company back to Anheuser-Busch and relocated from Salisbury back to Oxford where he and his wife built their home on the family farm.

In his youth Mike enjoyed sailing, winning many trophies while sailing on the Great South Bay on Long Island. He continued this love of sailing after his family moved to Maryland sailing on Log Canoes and his 36' BB10. In addition to sailing, Mike loved skiing out west with his family. He was an avid tennis player often playing doubles with Lorraine both at Eagles Nest Country Club in Towson, MD, and in Salisbury.

After retirement and relocating to Oxford, Mike took up golf with the same passion and enthusiasm that he brought to all his sports endeavors. Mike and Lorraine joined the Talbot Country Club in 2000 where he was an active member of the Men's Golf League. He enjoyed many friends through his golfing endeavors and had a wide circle of friends at the Country Club and never lost his passion for golf. Mike served as President of the Board of Directors of TCC from 2003-2005.

Mike was a constant presence at the YMCA of the Chesapeake where he also leaves a wide circle of friends. He was a great storyteller and his friends at the YMCA enjoyed hearing all of his adventures and lacrosse stories!

In addition to his wife, Lorraine, Mike is survived by his son Roger M. Kelly II of Baltimore, his daughter Brittany Drescher and her husband Michael of Franklin, TN; six grandchildren, Jackson Drescher, Grace Kelly, Anderson Drescher, John Kelly, Allison Kelly, and Charlie Drescher; and his sister Trish

Kelly Reynolds (Tom) of Oxford.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the YMCA of the Chesapeake.

Services will be private and take place in late December.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Michael Kelly Memorial Mass in memory of Michael C Kelly*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 23, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Michael C Kelly*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Michael C Kelly*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Michael C Kelly*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael C Kelly.*



December 09, 2021 at 05:13 PM

KC

“ Karen Cotton lit a candle in memory of Michael C Kelly



Karen Cotton - December 07, 2021 at 08:36 PM

JH

“ You are at peace now, Mike. May you continue sailing and making all your putts wherever you may be! Thinking of you and your family.
Joan

Joan Heiss - December 05, 2021 at 03:06 PM

WB

“ Lorraine, we send our deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Wayne and Debbie Brobst



Wayne Brobst - December 05, 2021 at 01:24 PM

LK

Hi Wayne and Debbie -- I was thinking about you and wondered if you had heard about Mike. I have had family around and with the holidays it's been hectic so I'm just getting around to seeing these tributes. So nice of you to send a note. I miss seeing all of you at the Y, but taking care of Mike took all my time. The last 3.5 months were awful for both of us. I'm glad he is no longer suffering and is at peace. It's still sad and a major adjustment.
Happy New Year to you both and I hope 2022 proves to be a better year for all of us. Lorraine

Lorraine Kelly - December 31, 2021 at 03:40 PM

BH

“ Our sincere condolences to Lorraine and all of Mike’s family. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed. May he Rest In Peace.
God Bless, Bill and Millie Houck

Bill Houck - December 05, 2021 at 08:00 AM

BZ

“ Will always remember the wonderful times in Snowmass with my fellow Severn Grad. Rest In Peace you have earned it

Bill Zimmerman - December 03, 2021 at 06:25 PM

SE

So many wonderful, lifetime, family memories we have shared with you and the kids.... Boys and Brittany in school, coaching lacrosse games , skiing. biking , beach house backyard parties which included canoe races and only Bud allowed, 21st birthday parties, the Bud girls, weddings , grandchildren, ect. and now our final family chapter. We will miss your great smile, the fun we have had together, and of course your " Do you remember". We'll see again dear friend. Rest in peace!!
Bob and Sandy Esham

Sandra and Robert Eshsm - December 04, 2021 at 12:18 PM

BA

Always enjoyed our conversations and hearing Mike's viewpoint no matter the subject.
Always a competitor to the end. Prayers for Lorraine, Roger, Brittany and the rest of the family. RIP Mike!

Bill Alewine - December 05, 2021 at 03:39 PM

JM

Dear Lorraine, Trish and the Kelly family'

Bob joins me in our sadness in learning of Mike's recent passing. I always enjoyed talking with Mike at family gatherings - his ready smile, his stories, his viewpoints. and his bragging about his grandkids.

His bravery in the face of his health adversities was nothing short of stoic. I so admired that about him.He will be missed.

May Mike rest in well deserved peace.

God Bless,

Jan McGee

Jan McGee - December 06, 2021 at 03:34 PM