



William Howard Kelly

March 8, 1941 - October 20, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of William H. Kelly, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, and friend. William, fondly known as Bill, was born on March 8, 1941, in Bel Air, Maryland, and passed away peacefully in Chestertown, Maryland.

Bill was the cherished son of Howard and Anna Kelly, who instilled in him the values of integrity, kindness, and the importance of community, qualities that would define his life. He was a man who could relate to anyone and had an extraordinary gift for engaging with people, always ready to lend an ear or share a story. Bill's educational journey began at St. Margaret Elementary in Bel Air, followed by his formative years at Loyola High School Blakefield and Loyola College in Baltimore.

For 37 years, Bill dedicated himself to the Xerox Corporation, where he was respected and admired by colleagues and clients alike for his dedication and work ethic. After retiring from Xerox, he enjoyed a fulfilling period working at Redman Farms, especially at the Chestertown Farmers' Market, where he could indulge in his love for the outdoors.

Bill had a lifelong passion for hunting and fishing, pursuits that allowed him to connect with nature and find peace. His enthusiasm for these hobbies was infectious, and he often shared these experiences with family and friends. Bill was also an active member of the Kent Ruritan Club, where he contributed generously of his time and talents.

Family was the cornerstone of Bill's life. He was blessed with a loving

marriage of 62 years to his devoted wife, Barbara. Bill was the proud father of Amy Mongelluzzo (Lewis), William Kelly II (Sheryl), and Melinda Miller (Christopher). He adored his grandchildren—Grace, Ryan, Lauren, Kelly, James, and Luke—who brought immense joy to his life and whom he cherished deeply. Bill's life will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish. Visitation will be held from 5-7pm on October 25, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 11am. Interment will be held privately.

As we grieve his passing, we also remember the warmth, laughter, and wisdom he shared with all who were fortunate enough to know him. Bill will be remembered as a man of great character, gentle humor, and unwavering love for his family and community. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those he touched and through the countless stories of his kindness and generosity. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Bill's memory with donations to International Society of Multiple Myeloma (myeloma.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
508 High St
Chestertown, MD 21620-1314
(410) 778-3160

Funeral Service

OCT **26.** 11:00 AM.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Howard Kelly*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 22, 2024 at 01:37 PM

EL

Bill was one cool guy! So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.

Emi Lengyel - October 23, 2024 at 06:02 PM

TZ

Barb, so sorry to hear. Can't imagine what you are going through. You shared many years together but of course never enough

Terri Zapor - November 20, 2024 at 07:40 AM

KF

Barb, I worked with Bill at Xerox and he was so pleasant, helpful and just all around great. He would help another out without hesitation. I just heard of his passing and I want to express my condolences to you and your family. He will be missed.

Karen L Fleetman - March 10, 2025 at 02:58 PM

TS

“ Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of William Howard Kelly



Todd and Diane Smith - November 07, 2024 at 10:09 AM

RW

“ I will so miss seeing Bill at the market every Saturday. My deepest condolences to his family.

Ruth Wehden - October 26, 2024 at 09:37 AM

NR

“ Nancy McCloy And Terry Rabinowitz lit a candle in memory of William Howard Kelly



Nancy McCloy and Terry Rabinowitz - October 25, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Howard Kelly.

October 25, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Howard Kelly.*



October 25, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Howard Kelly.

October 25, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ *What a lovely man! So modest, unassuming, and welcoming at the Redman's stall at the Farmers' Market! I and many others appreciate and will sorely miss him.*



Lynn McLain - October 24, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ *Cody & Cindy Clark lit a candle in memory of William Howard Kelly*



Cody & Cindy Clark - October 23, 2024 at 08:04 PM

LJ

“ Lindsay J. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Howard Kelly.

Lindsay J. - October 23, 2024 at 06:10 PM

WF

“ With love to you and your families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Howard Kelly.



With love to you and your families - October 23, 2024 at 05:26 PM

BL

“ Brenda K Lyons lit a candle in memory of William Howard Kelly



Brenda K Lyons - October 23, 2024 at 01:12 PM

SC

“ Bill would brighten my day with his smile whenever and wherever I saw him. My deepest condolences to his family.

Sue Caswell - October 23, 2024 at 12:56 PM

LM

“Sir”, as we affectionately referred to Bill, had a kind and caring heart. A while back he and Barbara shared their home and family with me – which meant the world to me. His legacy lives on through his now kind and caring children. He will be missed but remembered fondly. Thoughts and prayers to his now larger family.

Lisa Malcolm - October 23, 2024 at 07:30 AM

FD

“ Frankie And Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of William Howard Kelly



Frankie and jane Dill - October 22, 2024 at 05:33 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Howard Kelly.



October 22, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Howard Kelly.



October 22, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William Howard Kelly.*



October 22, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ *Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards lit a candle in memory of William Howard Kelly*



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - October 22, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *A truly kind and friendly man. Every Saturday morning he greeted Charlie and I by name. His gentle presence will be missed at the market. Praying for all whose hearts are aching.*

Cherylin Bennek - October 22, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ *Marian Walbert Wyble lit a candle in memory of William Howard Kelly*



Marian Walbert Wyble - October 22, 2024 at 09:24 AM

CL

“ I was so saddened to read this. A truly kind, caring man. It was always a pleasure to run in to him and catch up on family. He was always interested in telling me to tell mine hi. Bill was truly a dedicated family man who loved his family dearly. I will miss his smile and conversation. I was blessed to have met him. Thoughts and prayers to his family.



Cathy Legg - October 22, 2024 at 07:56 AM

BE

“ And I was lucky enough to be across the road from Bill at the farmers market for two years. I don't think A true gentleman. A lovely, lovely man. I will miss him, we will all miss him.

barbara esmonde - October 22, 2024 at 06:41 AM

PW

“ Patti Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of William Howard Kelly



Patti Webb - October 21, 2024 at 05:38 PM

JS

“ Mr Bill was a wonderful man I met him at the Redman farm and in town always ready to please and a smile on his face. My condolences to his family



Jeanette Stubbs - October 21, 2024 at 05:30 PM

HJ

“ *My condolences to the family, Holly and Mike Johnson*

Holly Johnson - October 21, 2024 at 05:28 PM

MK

“ *Mr Bill will be deeply missed as will his warm smile, pleasant conversations and always his helpfulness no matter the ask !
With deepest sympathy,
Butch and Margaret Kaufman*

Margaret Kaufman - October 21, 2024 at 01:08 PM