



James Alvin Kelley

January 11, 1909 - March 1, 2005

James Alvin Kelley, age 96, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2005. Mr. Kelley was born January 11, 1909, in Marlow, Oklahoma. He graduated from Gatlin Oklahoma High School in 1926, and entered Central State College. He began teaching at age 18, and earned his BS in 1934. In 1929, he married his high school sweetheart, Myrtle Webb; their only child, Wilma was born in 1930. Mr. Kelley taught and was principal at Rural Oklahoma schools until 1942. During WWII, he served in the Border Patrol, and in the Army at Ft. Sam and the Aleutian Islands. After his discharge in 1946, he rejoined his family in South San, and operated grocery and school stores. Mr. Kelley returned to teaching in South San ISD in 1950, and was the first principal of Price Elementary and the new South San High School; he was also principal of Royalgate Elementary. In 1955, he earned a Med from Trinity University. In 1968, the Kelley's moved to their Property at Magnolia Beach, and he taught special education at Travis Jr. High Port Lavaca until his retirement in 1974.

Throughout his professional career, he was active in various groups, including the Optimist Club, Phi Delta Kappa, PTA Life Member, and Texas' State Teachers Association. Mr. Kelley was ordained a Baptist deacon at age 18, and was active in South San Baptist Church's education department and local mission work, and then at Harlandale Baptist Church as an Adult Sunday School teacher. He was much in demand as a lay preacher, and a speaker for numerous church and civic events throughout the area. Preceding Mr. Kelley in death were his wife of 54 years Myrtle; daughter and husband, Wilma and

Roy McCrury; and brothers, Guardie and Truman. He is survived by grandchildren and spouses, Edie and Tim Scheffel, Kelley and Tommy Bell, and James and Janeil McCrury; great-grandchildren, Erin Scheffel and fiancé, Travis Lyons, Paul Scheffel; Jason Bell and wife, Gretchen, Kristen Bell; and Kayla, Chandler, and Mason McCrury; siblings and spouses, Thurman and Hazel Kelley, Ruby Siever, Leola and Jim Ragland, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Condolences are extended to the family of Mr. Kelley from the staff and volunteers of Vista Care Hospice. May God's blessings be with you at this time and always to strengthen and comfort you.
Michael Insley, Bereavement Coordinator

Michael Insley - March 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Dear Edie, Tim, Erin, and Paul,
I wanted to let you know I was thinking of you even though I was unable to make it to the funeral home. He certainly lived a long and wonderful life! You will be in my prayers. Best wishes,
Ginny P.

virginia perry - March 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear James and Family,
I wanted to extend my sympathy to you in the loss of your grandfather.
I know you were very close and will miss him greatly.
Brenda

Brenda Whittley - March 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ I want to extend my deepest sympathy to Mr. Kelley's family at the loss of this kind grandfather and great grandfather. His influence upon the lives of numerous former students will be remembered with respect and fondness. Sincerely yours, P. C. Zappe

Paul C. Zappe - March 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ Please accept my deepest condolences at the loss of Mr. Kelley. I will always remember his wonderful smile and his warm laughter. He was a great friend and mentor to many people. He will be missed. Sincerely, Sandra

Sandra Young - March 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM