



James Patrick Kelly

March 17, 1917 - November 29, 2007

James Patrick Kelly, born March 17, 1917 in St. Louis, Missouri, passed away on November 29, 2007 at the age of 90. Mr. Kelly was a veteran of W.W. II having served in the U.S. Navy. Following serving in the Navy, he worked as an Inspector with the United States Department of Immigration and Naturalization for over 34 years in the El Paso, Chula Vista, Laredo and Tucson, Arizona regions, as well as others. He loved Golfing, and was a member of both the Airstream Club and the B.P.O Elks Lodge. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen G. Kelly in 1993; 3 brothers: Edward, Gerald and Tom Kelly; and two sisters: Veronica O’Gorman and Gertrude Mattern. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Kelly; daughter, Catherine Kelly, sons: James P. Kelly, Jr. and wife Peggy, and John Kelly and wife Michelle; a sister, Rosemary Richardson; 3 grandchildren: Tom Kelly, Ryan Kelly, and Shawn Kelly; 2 great-grandchildren: Madison Kelly and MacKenzie Kelly; step-children: Arlene Morgan and Donald Nix; and numerous nieces and nephews.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 3 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with a Rosary recited at 7:15 PM. Funeral Mass will be offered at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 909 Main Ave, Kerrville, TX 78028 with interment to follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery, Kerrville, TX.

Tribute Wall

LP

“ To the family of James P. Kelly:

It is with great admiration and respect that I offer my condolences on the death of Mr. Kelly. I saw in the Express-News that he was a veteran of World War II, a member of the Greatest Generation. My late father-in-la

Leticia Van de Putte - January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Jim Kelly was my Chief when I was sent to Tucson Sector from El Paso. There was never a better one. Jim was a founding Member of FORBPO & of the National Border Patrol Museum. In addition to being my Chief, he was also my mentor and friend. Gene Wood*

gene wood - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ *Jim was my Chief when I served in Laredo from 1959 to 1964. He was a good Chief and well liked. After retiring as CPA at Tucson, he became a founding member of the FRATERNAL ORDER of RETIRED BORDER PATROL OFFICERS. Jim always strived to change his surr*

Walt Edwards - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Jim was a "gentle giant" and will be greatly missed. Devoted to his family and they to him.*

Barbara Regallo - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Although at such a time as this, your many friends will say That time will ease your sorrow and take your grief away, What is truer and more comforting is to know, deep in your heart, That in cherished thought and memory loved ones never really part, In De

Jose Delapass - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I worked for Jim in Chula Vista 50 years ago and later in Tucson, it was the highlight of my Border Patrol career. A genial Irishman with all the positive aspects of the race. He will always be remembered by everyone, who came in contact with him, for his

Donald McEdward - December 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ He was my 1st Chief, eod 11/15/62 LRT. He started me out right and I am proud to have served under him. May he Rest In Peace. Jim Smith, ACPA/MAR ret 1/3/87

James H. Smith - December 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Chief Kelly promoted me to Assistant Chief and started me on the ladder to eventually, my own Sector at Laredo. I will be eternally grateful. I suspect that he and Jim Rapp are having a chuckle as I write.

Bill Selzer - December 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Adios my friend. Vaya con dios.
Don Coppock

Donald R. Coppock - December 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Eleanor:

Ada and I send our condolences. Jim was a great patriot and a super Border Patrol Officer. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Take care and God Bless,

Buck

Buck and Ada Brandemuehl - December 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM