



Ivan Noel Kelly

June 10, 1943 - October 6, 2011

Ivan Noel Kelly entered this life on June 10, 1943 in Durant, Oklahoma born to Jack Drake and Mary Catherine (Crowder) Kelly and entered into eternal rest on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at his home in Durant at the age of 68 years, 3 months and 26 days. He attended Russell Elementary School, Durant Middle School, graduated from Durant High School and attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He married Carolyn Wells on March 22, 1965 and to this union were born two children, Cynthia and Brian. He loved helping others in need and had a strong commitment to serving the people of Durant and Bryan County. He was a proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Bail Bonding Commission and was a devoted basketball official and baseball umpire in the surrounding area from 1970 to 1983. He deeply loved his family and treasured his time with his friends drinking coffee at Wrights Drive Inn. He enjoyed playing dominos, building and mowing. Ivan will be deeply missed by his family, friends and the people of Durant and Bryan County.

Ivan is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 46 plus years Carolyn Kelly of the home; children Cynthia Kelly and Brian Kelly of Durant; brother Morris Kelly and companion Betty of Durant; sister Barbara Gantt and husband Soloman of Ada; grandchildren Caleb Spence of Durant, Chloe Spence Kendrick and husband Jordan of Kingston and Dal Kelly of Pottsboro; mother in law Laverne Wells Maddox of Durant and other relatives and friends.

Ivan was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Mary Kelly; sisters Mary

D. Kelly and Lorene Frances Melton; and brother Dick Kelly.

A celebration of Ivan's life will be held on Monday, October 10th, 2:00 PM at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel with Pastor Lee Armstrong of Victory Life Church officiating. Pallbearers will be Kenneth Price, Mickey McKnight, Don Parker, Lawrence Elliott, Bobby Dobbins, Roger Gatlin, Edly Mullens and Bill Adams. Honorary Pallbearers will be Monty Montgomery, Royce Allen, Tony Simmons, Caleb Spence, Jordan Kendrick, Dal Kelly, Rip Tidwell, Willie Pruitt, Troy Holland, Larry Jackson, Nathan Garrett, Tim Garrett, Charles Calhoun and Marvin Phillips. The family will receive friends at 1:00 PM prior to the service. Public viewing will be held on Saturday from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM and Sunday from 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service, Durant.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ivan Noel Kelly*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Ivan was a wonderful friend and classmate, we shall greatly miss him! Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of loss and sadness. May God Bless you.*

Judy Kay (Thomas) Watkins - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am deeply sorrowed for the loss of Ivan. He was a happy person and always laughing and making others laugh is how I remember him best. He had a great smile and attitude of life. May GOD bless all of you in this time of great sorrow. He will be missed. We will see him in a better life someday. I love all of you and miss you! So wanted to be there for you all!*
Cousin Cathy

Cathy McWilliams - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Krystal Garrett - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carolyn/Cynthia/Brian, we are so sorry to hear of Ivan's passing. We know your hearts are grieving but are sure Ivan is dancing in Heaven and watching over you all. Please know we are all lifting you up in thought and prayer.*

Jack and Dottie Peterson Liwai - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Cynthia, so sorry for your loss our prayers are with you and your family..

Theresa Brewer Kellam - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Carolyn:

I am so sad to learn of the loss of Ivan. I did not know him well, but remember how crazy you were about him when you were first dating; oh, just the other day. . . seems like it anyway, doesn't it. Will keep you and your family in my thoughts.

Linda Hayes - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ivan was a very special guy. He will be missed.

JoAnn Howard - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ So sorry to have lost a good friend and class mate of over 50 years. Was proud to have been able to talk with him at our class reunion only a few weeks ago. He will be missed. My prayer be with the famiily.

Wanda (Shipman) Holcomb - October 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Carolyn,
I am sorry for your loss. You have been in my prayers. May God watch over you.

Pandora (Freeman) Norris - October 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *I am so so sorry to hear of Ivan's passing. My sympathy to the family of a kind and wonderful person, who was a credit to society and mankind. He will be missed dearly.*

Ron Jackson - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *So sorry that a wonderful person has passed away. He was the best boss I had ever had. He will be greatly missed by several people.*

Betsy Schmitz - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Carolyn, how is this for a blast from the past. I was so sorry to hear about Ivan. It seems like yesterday that you and Ivan got married. I remember it well. You are in my prayers and God will send his comforter to you to help you get thru the sad days ahead. I remember all the good times we had and the hours on the phone. Those are some really good memories. May God bless you and your family.*

Your friend

Meredith

Meredith Canard Calhoun - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Carolyn and family,
My sincere condolences for the loss of a wonderful and caring person. My life memories of Ivan go back to elementary school and the Rotary Track meet. Ivan was a true gentleman and a valued member of our DHS Class of 1961. It was so meaningful to us for Ivan to be at our 50th Class Reunion. Ivan will always be in our memories and our hearts. I am a better person for knowing Ivan. My God Bless you and your family.

Noel

Noel McBee - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Cynthia, Caleb and Chloe Robbie and I are so sorry for your loss. May God Bless and comfort you at this time.

Robbie and Kathy Kendrick - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Carolyn I was so sorry to learn of Ivan's passing. I was so happy to see him at our high school reunion. He was a great person and I take pride in having grown up with him . Durant was a better place because he lived there and cared about his town. My prayers will be with you and your family. Sandra

Sandra Whitehead McKee - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM