



Jerry Walter Kelley

May 23, 1931 - August 2, 2017

Jerry Walter Kelley, 86, of Pickens and beloved husband of Esther Winchester Kelley, died Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Son of the late Walter D. and Beulah Kelley, Mr. Kelley was born on May 23, 1931 and grew up in the Red Hill community of Pickens, he loved the land and its people. He was retired as a plumber and electrician and was known for his sweet spirit and for his willingness to help others at any time and for any reason. He was a man whose handshake was his word and his calling card was his integrity. Excellence was a hallmark of every job he performed. He was a devoted family man and was a loving father and grandfather. He was a gentle man who spoke more by his example than he ever said with his words. He loved simple things – a job well done, time with his family, a good steak cooked to perfection.

Mr. Kelley cherished his relationship with his Lord and Savior and he truly exemplified the servant attitude with everyone he encountered and in all his actions. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church where he was a member of the Men's Club and served as a roadie with the Grace Bell Choir. In addition to his wife of the home, Mr. Kelley is survived by four daughters: Carolyn Holder (Steve) of Lilburn, Georgia; Joyce Gillespie (Tommy), Marie Finley (Chuck) and Frances Stewart (Phil), all of Pickens; a brother, Harold Kelley of Pickens; 10 grandchildren, Kelley Reid (Tim), Nikki Culbertson (Matt), Matthew Holder (Shilo), Heather Simmons (Lance), Cherie Yarborough (Clint), Meghan Knapp (Eric), Carly Fitzpatrick (Kason), Tiffany, Sabrina and

Sarah Stewart; and 17 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Mr. Kelley was also pre-deceased by a sister, Edna Gravely, and a grandson, Samuel Stewart.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Aug. 6, at Grace United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends at the church from 1 to 2:30 p.m. with services following at 3 p.m. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 309 East Cedar Rock Street, Pickens, SC or to Patriot Hospice, 54 Bear Drive, Greenville, SC 29605.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Kelley Family

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *I Love You Daddy!*



Joyce Gillespie - August 23, 2017 at 06:16 PM



“ *Light Your Way was purchased for the family of Jerry Walter Kelley.*



August 08, 2017 at 02:24 AM

LN

“ *So sorry for your loss! Everyone loved Jerry! Such a humble and sweet man ! I remember him coming over to Genevias to just check on her and talk! Great neighbors!*

linda and Brad Norris - August 05, 2017 at 01:31 PM

DC

“ Jerry was a kind, helpful and caring person. Attentive to detail, his work's product was first class. He always responded in a positive manner when I contacted him. I believe he even helped me in an urgency once while he was himself not feeling well. It was also a pleasure to attend Grace Methodist Church with him when we lived in Pickens. The positive obituary shows how his family respected him. While he will be missed we can reflect on our relationship with him and cherish those good memories. Believing on God's word and leaning on that everlasting arm, we shall see him again in God's time.



Don S. Craig

Don Craig - August 04, 2017 at 03:33 PM

JG

Thank you Don! You described Daddy just as He truly was! A Great Man of God and a Loving Caring Daddy. Thank you for those kind words.

Joyce Gillespie (daughter)

Joyce Gillespie - August 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ So sorry for your loss, Mrs. Kelley. My thoughts will be with you and your family in the days ahead.

*Barry Durham
Meals on Wheels*

Barry Durham - August 04, 2017 at 12:06 PM



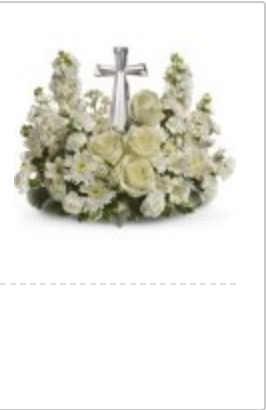
“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Walter Kelley.*



August 04, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ *Ray, Angekla, Bailey, and Christina Snider purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jerry Walter Kelley.*



Ray, Angekla, Bailey, and Christina Snider - August 04, 2017
at 08:47 AM

FC

“ My family did business with Mr. Kelley for over thirty years. One Christmas morning we awoke to frozen water pipes. At that time, we had three small children. Redmond reluctantly called Mr. Kelley, not wanting to bother him on Christmas Day. Hoping that Mr. Kelley might come out after lunch, we were surprised to see him walking through the yard with his tools only a few minutes after calling him. It was a bitterly cold day but he had the water flowing in no time. When we kept apologizing and thanking him for coming out, he said it was no big deal. He didn't like to think about us not having water with all the children. I will never forget his kindness and unselfish attitude to put his customers first. My second memory,

After having a fourth child, Courtney, we built a large addition to our house. Of course, Mr. Kelley did the wiring. Courtney was two years old and enjoyed following Mr. Kelley around. At the end of one day, Mr. Kelley told me that he was down on the floor when Courtney hit him in the head with a hammer 🛠️ !! My mouth flew open in shock but Mr. Kelley just chuckled. He enjoyed Courtney's company, hammer and all!

He was a precious man and a great loss for Pickens. All my love to his family 💙.

Freda Coyle - August 04, 2017 at 03:32 AM

JG

Thank you Frieda for those great memories! It never mattered to Daddy if we were having Christmas morning breakfast or exchanging of gifts and he got a call someone was in need, HE always left us and told us to wait he'll be back shortly! His business was priority and always took pride in his customers and his work. Thank you again!
Joyce Gillespie

Joyce Gillespie - August 05, 2017 at 12:08 AM

TS

So very sorry for your loss. Your father was one of my regulars at Auntie Ann's. When we bought a house in Pickens he rewired our home. He was such a blessing to our family. The biggest impression he left on me was his dedication to the Lord and Mrs Kelley. My heart and prayers are with you all.

Tammy Starnes - August 06, 2017 at 01:25 PM

MH

So sorry the loss of your husband and father to the girls, your family was always so kind letting me join your family vacations to MB great memories! My Dad always thought a lot of his friend Jerry. Prayers to you all during this time and always!

Martha Hannah - August 20, 2017 at 11:01 AM