



Gary Kelley

July 10, 1937 - January 25, 2026

Gary Lee Kelley, 88, of Evansville, Indiana, passed away on January 25, 2026.

Born on July 10, 1937, Gary lived a full and vibrant life, marked by deep connections to his family, poker, and golf friends.

A dedicated husband, father, and professional, Gary began his career at Hahn Inc. and later contributed his talents to the Evansville Courier and Press, as well as Wolf's Auto Auction after he retired. He was a long-time member and served as president of the West Side Optimist Club.

Gary attended the Christian Church in Poseyville, and in 1959 he married his beloved wife, Cora Lee (Davis) Kelley. They celebrated 66 wonderful years together. After marriage they joined Salem United Methodist which became their lifelong church family.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Hallie Nicholas Broyles Kelley and William "Bill" Kelley, as well as his sister, Anna Faye Kelley, and brothers Eldon Kelley, Charles Broyles, and Galen Kelley. Gary is survived by his loving wife, Cora Lee; his daughter, Patty Kelley Scott; his favorite son-in-law Blair; his cherished grandchildren, Hunter and Erika Scott; his surviving sister, Bonnie Gambrel; niece Janie Herrenbruck Marheine (Bruce); and many other

nieces, nephews and friends who held him dear. Special thanks to Lola, his Lulu, who spent the last year with him as his caregiver and workout partner.

Gary had a zest for life, enjoying activities such as golf (having several hole in one's), bowling, fishing, gardening, and visiting the casino. However, his greatest joy came from spending time with Cora, Patty, and watching his grandchildren journey through life.

A visitation will be held at Salem United Methodist Church, 6311 Kratzville Road, Evansville, Indiana 47710 on Saturday, January 31 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Following the visitation will be a service celebrating his life. A private family burial will take place in Poseyville at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the 501(c)(3) organization Heart4Seniors (www.heart4seniors.org) in honor of Gary L. Kelley, to support seniors who are hard of hearing in accessing hearing care technology.

Cemetery Details

Poseyville Cemetery

Poseyville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church
6311 Kratzville Rd
Evansville, IN 47710-4555
(812) 423-7639

Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 3:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church
6311 Kratzville Road
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Sending my condolences. I always enjoyed talking to Gary when I was caring for his neighbors. So sorry for your loss.* ”



April Shrull - February 02 at 02:12 PM

TE

“ *The Espaldons purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Kelley.* ”



The Espaldons - January 30 at 08:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Kelley.* ”



January 30 at 12:40 PM

RF

“ *Reyes Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gary Kelley.* ”



Reyes Family - January 29 at 08:42 PM

JR

“ Jennifer R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Kelley.

Jennifer R. - January 29 at 03:01 PM

CC

“ Carol A Turni CPAN purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Kelley.



Carol A Turni CPAN - January 29 at 12:40 PM

CC

“ Carol A Turni CPAN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Kelley.

Carol A Turni CPAN - January 29 at 12:40 PM

BS

“ Brad, Katie, & Felix Scott purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Kelley.



Brad, Katie, & Felix Scott - January 28 at 03:43 PM

GL

“ George and Debbie Lang purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Kelley.



George and Debbie Lang - January 28 at 03:41 PM

LR

“ Love, Ken & Lori Rettinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Kelley.

Love, Ken & Lori Rettinger - January 28 at 11:06 AM

KK

“ Kimberley K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Kelley.

Kimberley K. - January 27 at 06:34 PM

TS

“ The Sottos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Kelley.

The Sottos - January 27 at 01:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Kelley.



January 27 at 01:16 AM

GC

“ Gloria Stallings Cox purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Kelley.



Gloria Stallings Cox - January 26 at 10:04 PM

GC

“ Gary was a schoolmate of mine for 12 years at Poseyville School. Gary was quiet but a friend to all his classmates. Sounds like God gave him a happy life. My prayers for Cora Lee a dear friend of mine also, and her family.

Gloria Stallings Cox - January 26 at 09:45 PM