



## Kelley Ray Lawrence

November 16, 1947 - November 16, 2020

Kelley Ray “Big Boy” Lawrence, 73, of Evansville, passed away peacefully on November 16, 2020 after a long battle with Covid-19; his wife Donna and daughter, Angela by his side.

Kelley was a 1965 graduate of FJ Reitz High School and a life long member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He loved the Lord and was true to his faith. He was a passionate supporter of the Armed Services; was a member of VFW Post #1114 Auxiliary and American Legion Funkhouser Post 8. Kelley was also a life member of the Riverbend Association, Twin Towers and the Small Craft Boat Club; he was the past commodore of the OBC. When Kelley entered the room everyone knew he was there. He never met a stranger.

Kelley was preceded in death by his son Michael; sister, Cheryl Carlisle and parents, Clifford and Ruth Lawrence.

Along with his wife of 51 years, Donna; Kelley is survived by a daughter, Angela (Lori) Lawrence-Hayes; daughter-in-law, Mindy Sturgeon Gaffney; six grandchildren, Caplin, Riley, Luke and Maysa Lawrence and Storm and Talon Tucker and five great grandchildren, Keagan, Caius, Aidan, Olivia and Noah Tucker.

Due to the pandemic, visitation and funeral services at Trinity Lutheran

Church will be private. Those wishing to attend may join the family for the graveside committal services at Lutheran Cemetery at approximately 2:00 PM on Friday, November 20, 2020.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff at St. Vincent ICU for their tireless dedication.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lutheran Cemetery or to VFW Post #1114 Auxiliary.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

1305 N. St. Joseph Avenue  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lutheran Cemetery  
1305 N. St. Joseph Avenue  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kelley Ray Lawrence*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Kelley’s hearty laughter and humor will be sadly missed. I always appreciated his assistance with putting my boat in and out of the water at small craft. He was a good man. Donna you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**David Laine** - November 21, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kelley Ray Lawrence.*



November 20, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kelley Ray Lawrence.*



November 20, 2020 at 12:54 AM

BB

“ As a young man I remember you vetting me as a good father would knowing I was as close friend of your daughter and we were thick as thieves. I hope I lived up to the expectations you had for Angie’s male friends. You lived up to my expectations of a Father Mr. Lawrence. RIP

brett buth - November 19, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kelley Ray Lawrence.



November 19, 2020 at 09:26 PM

XC

“ Xoxo Tara ,Caplin, Caden, Kitson, Cal, and Cash purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kelley Ray Lawrence.



Xoxo Tara ,Caplin, Caden, Kitson, Cal, and Cash - November 19, 2020 at 09:03 PM

TB

“ Dear Donna and family,

*I’m so sorry to hear of Kelley’s passing. The kids and I send prayers of love and sympathy. Love to all during this difficult time.*

*Tara, Caplin,Caden,kitson,cal,and cash Brown*

Tara Brown - November 19, 2020 at 08:57 PM

DN

“ *The Nicholson Family extends are deepest sympathy for your loss of a very good man . Kelly was a wonderful example as a Christian husband , father , grandfather , the patriarch of his family and a fine example of a life well lived to all of us . He was decent in every way , he added so much life , brotherhood , conviction of belief and purpose to all of us in the Lutheran community . With love , sympathy and hope in the word and promise of eternal life in our Lord and Saviour .*

*Nicholson Family*

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**Dsvd Nicholson** - November 19, 2020 at 08:37 PM

SG

“ Dearest Donna and family:

*My heart sank this morning when I read the Obit for Kelley. Oh my, how I remember you both. I had seen you more recently at Orthopaedics Associates....and enjoyed each visit there, because we would chat. YOU made physical therapy dread, a more pleasant occurrence. Each time the River would raise, I would think of you both of you.*

*You know, I lost my sweetheart Jim a year ago October 19, 2019. He almost made it to age 90,,,that following December. Alzheimers captured him a few years earlier. I kept him with me, until I had no choice....He lived four months at Hamilton Pointe Memory Facility. They were kind, good and very dependable. He, as you know, was a very special man. We were married 59 years.....and you and Kelley 51. Beautiful love, and companionship is rare these days. We were blessed...as you were.*

*Please know, I am thinking of you...and Kelley. We had some fun River Rat Days.*

*God Bless our Ohio River...we met a cherished many friends that we met there.*

*YOU take care of you....*

*gentle hugs...Sharon Galster*

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**sharon galster** - November 19, 2020 at 12:07 PM

RM

“ Keeping family in our Prayers



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**Randall Mitchell** - November 19, 2020 at 05:14 AM

DS

“ Donna,

*It doesn't seem so long that you and Kelley were in the stands watching and rooting for Michael while he played basketball at ELS, and then at Reitz. I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Dannah Schaffer  
Minot, ND*

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**Dannah Schaffer** - November 18, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelley Ray Lawrence.*



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November 18, 2020 at 06:28 PM

KH

“ *Karen&john Hufnagel lit a candle in memory of Kelley Ray Lawrence*



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**karen&john hufnagel** - November 18, 2020 at 02:23 PM

KH

*donna, angie & families ❤️*

*there are so many memories of Kelley from my childhood. i spent many days and nights at your house growing up. donna, you and Kelley were like a second set of parents and you showed me love and support. angie, im so sorry you lost him. it's hard to lose your daddy no matter your age.*

*we are so sorry for your loss.*

*hugs, karen & john.*

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**karen&john hufnagel** - November 18, 2020 at 02:36 PM

TN

“ *Thank you for mentioning his death was due to Covid. I am a Covid survivor. I wish more people would do this so that Covid is taken more seriously. I do not know you all or your loved one but I send my sympathy for your loss.*

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**Teri Nash** - November 18, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kelley Ray Lawrence.*



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November 18, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *I served with Kelley on the Lutheran Cemetery Board of Trustees. I am sorry for your loss and pray the promise of the resurrection will bring you comfort.*

*Karen Whitehead*

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**Karen Whitehead** - November 18, 2020 at 11:03 AM

JE

“ Donna and family,

*It was a privilege to work with Kelley at the Levee Authority for many years. He wasn't just a boss, but a dear friend. He had a big heart and definitely was a "presence" when he entered a room. He will be missed to all who knew and loved him.*

*Prayerfully, Joni and Michelle Evans*

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**Joni L Evans** - November 18, 2020 at 08:50 AM

BD

“ Donna,

*I will never forget all the good times we had together with you and Kelly at the OBC functions and camping at Small Crafters.*

*Kelly was the life of the party. He will be dearly missed. Prayers for peace and comfort to you and your family. RIP Big Boy!*

*Phil and Becky*

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**Becky Doshier** - November 18, 2020 at 07:09 AM



AA

“ Donna, so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. To lose Kelley and Cheryl in the same year is hard to accept. May he be resting peacefully in God's mansion. Our deepest sympathy.....Bill and Arla

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**Arla Eastwood Akin** - November 18, 2020 at 03:35 AM



MK

“ Donna and Family I'm so sorry for your lose. I'll always remember big ole happy Kelly.

Mike Kerswick - November 17, 2020 at 10:45 PM

JD

“ You have my heartfelt condolences. Kelley was truly one of a kind, his smile and his personality match his size. He will be missed by many.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Dycus



Jeanne Dycus - November 17, 2020 at 08:23 PM

VB

Dear Donna,  
I first met Kelley on his 16th birthday in 1963 when I got to go on a first date with Ed, the boy I would eventually marry! How ironic that Kelley would go to live in his heavenly home on that date! Both our precious husbands passing three months apart from Covid. Soon I will give you the hugs that you need. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
Sincerely, Vicky Burnett

Vicky Burnett - November 18, 2020 at 11:33 AM

MR

“ Deepest sympathy, prayers for your family.  
Marybeth Rush

Marybeth Rush - November 17, 2020 at 08:02 PM

TF

“ Donna, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Tony and Jeanne Franklin** - November 17, 2020 at 06:42 PM

TB

“ Having grown up with Mike in the Lutheran School, I will always remember Kelley as being intimidating, but a "gentle giant". My heart goes out to your family. Donna, I am saving another hug for you in the future.



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**Teona Bender** - November 17, 2020 at 04:44 PM