

Garland Gayle Kelley

February 3, 1945 - June 18, 2020

Garland Gayle Kelley, 75, of Carlisle, went to his Heavenly Home on June 18th, 2020 in Lexington, KY at St. Joseph Hospital.

Garland Gayle Kelley was born in Carlisle, KY to the late Aquilla Durham “Doc” Kelley & the late Evelyn Farris Kelley on February 3, 1945. He attended Carlisle city school and graduated with a degree in Business Management from the University of Kentucky; later adding two years of computer related studies to his educational background.

He married Donna Jean Reed on January 24th, 1965 in Millersburg, Kentucky at the Baptist Church. He worked as a Regional Business Transformation Manager for Nash Finch Company, a procurement and distribution center in Cincinnati, Ohio before suffering a traumatic brain injury in 2002. He and his wife Donna owned and operated the IGA from 1984 to 1994.

He was very involved at the Carlisle United Methodist Church on a daily basis, directing the technology ministry; specifically, running the sound system and music ministry. He enhanced the worship service with slides and video clips.

Gayle also provided tech support for weddings, funerals, vacation bible school, the choir, Christmas & Easter cantatas, Holy Week services for the community, and various other worship events in the church and around town.

His selfless service to the church was recognized by the United Methodist Church of Kentucky and he was presented with an award for his ecumenism.

Gayle published a book in 2009, “My Brain Gets Full” – In Search of Lost Pieces, A True Story that Changes Lives. His book reveals his innermost self,

exposing the weaknesses and deficits after suffering a traumatic brain injury. He was an avid runner; one of his biggest accomplishments was completing the Boston Marathon. Hobbies included fishing with his sister Donna Karen and grandson Sawyer Scott; following his “daughter” and son-in-law’s thoroughbred horse racing adventures; caring for his pets, Shadow & Cole; and a devoted follower of UK athletics. One of his most loved hobbies was working in the yard, caring for his plants, and sharing his wisdom of plant care with others. Although Gayle was a very accomplished man, he would agree that his biggest accomplishment was loving and providing for his family.

Gayle is survived by his wife, Donna Kelley; Children: Keith Kelley (Sue), Gayla Jones, Stephen Kelley (Roberta); Siblings: Melinda Rassiga, Diana Herrington, & Kurt Kelley; Grandchildren: Keith Alan Kelley (Amanda), Jon Kelley, Mandy Evans (Michael), Weston Kelley (Jessica), Stephanie Almeida (Christopher), Sawyer Scott, Luke Kelley; Great – Grandchildren: Madysen Evans, Carson Kelley, Aubrey Kelley, Michael Gray Evans, Kole Almeida, Ava Kelley, Rylee Almeida, & Adley Kelley; and Sydney Ishmael (Sawyer’s Special Friend) and Gayle’s close friend for many years, John Hulsey.

Gayle was preceded in death by a brother Dennis Kelley; and sisters, Bonnie Morris and Donna Karen Kelley.

The family of Gayle wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the amazing physicians and nurses at St. Joseph CCU (special thanks to Shane Brewer); Tammy Dail; Donna Ishmael; and his church family at Carlisle United Methodist.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 29th at 5:00PM to celebrate his life at Carlisle United Methodist Church. Services will be provided by Clark Funeral Home. Due to current restrictions with covid-19, limitations have been put in place, allowing only immediate family and church family.

Previous Events

Memorial Services

JUN **29**. 5:00 PM (ET)

Carlisle United Methodist Church
102 East Chestnut St.
Carlisle, KY 40311

Tribute Wall



“ *Garland Gayle Kelley*

January 30, 2023 at 06:04 AM



“ *Bob and Linda Granacher purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Garland Gayle Kelley.*



Bob and Linda Granacher - June 24, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *Condolences to Donna with thoughts and prayers.*

Bob and Linda Granacher

Robert Granacher MD and Linda - June 24, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Gayle was a wonderful man. He had a beautiful mind. One of Carlisles finest*

Linda Goins - June 23, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Garland Gayle Kelley.*



June 23, 2020 at 09:13 PM

MH

“ *Mary Beth Hunt lit a candle in memory of Garland Gayle Kelley*



Mary Beth Hunt - June 23, 2020 at 08:25 AM

CH

“ *I have so many fond memories of Gayle, being friends, neighbors, and employee. I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful man. May you know that my thoughts are with all of you and I will keep you in my prayers. With my deepest sympathy and love, Cyndi Allison Hammonds*



Cyndi Allison Hammonds - June 23, 2020 at 06:46 AM

DH

“ *Darlene Hunt lit a candle in memory of Garland Gayle Kelley*



Darlene Hunt - June 22, 2020 at 10:42 PM

FJ

“ *A good man, he will be missed . I'm sure he is at peace.*

fred jones - June 22, 2020 at 09:54 PM

CM

“ Carol And Mary lit a candle in memory of Garland Gayle Kelley



Carol and Mary - June 22, 2020 at 08:18 PM

ML

“ He was the best💙💙💙💙💙 ~ Mary Jane (CW)



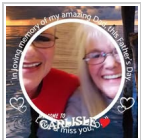
Mary Jane Lewis - June 22, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garland Gayle Kelley.



June 22, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ Pamela Dryden lit a candle in memory of Garland Gayle Kelley



Pamela Dryden - June 22, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. My prayers are with you during this time. Debbie Cord Wilson*

Debbie Wilson - June 22, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ *Deb Sorrell lit a candle in memory of Garland Gayle Kelley*



Deb Sorrell - June 22, 2020 at 02:49 PM