



Richard Joseph Kelley

December 5, 1923 - October 4, 2017

Richard Joseph Kelley, age 93, of Austin, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

Richard was born December 5, 1923 in Austin to Daniel Kelley and Loretta (Gorman) Kelley. He graduated from Waterloo High School in Waterloo, Iowa where he was an avid basketball player. Richard had been invited to play professional basketball but chose to protect and serve his country during World War II.

Richard married the love of his life, Isabel Flanders. She passed away in 1969. Together they had two children, Tim and Mary. Richard was a longtime member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church. In 1974, he married Tillie Svenson. Richard retired from Weyerhaeuser in 1984 after working there for 30 years. Richard and Tillie moved to Babbitt, Minnesota and made that their home together until they moved to Arizona in 1991. They then moved back to Austin in 2005 to be closer to their family and back to a smaller community.

Wherever their home was, they made sure to enjoy life to its fullest.

Richard had many hobbies that he enjoyed. Most important were fishing with family and friends, and building Ham Radios. In his later years, he looked forward to his daily visits from his great grandson, Ayden. His smile would light up a room the moment Ayden walked in.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary (Jay) Evenson, Austin; daughter-in-law, Chrystine Kelley, Colorado; grandchildren, Skyler Evenson, Elizabeth Evenson, Abby Evenson, Emily Evenson, Cory Shuster, Erin Villanueva, Christopher (Christina) Kelley; great grandchildren, Ayden Evenson, Jack Evenson, Kayson Shuster, Rya Shuster, Jonah Kelley, Tyler Kelley, Kendall Villanueva.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Roger Kelley; son, Tim Kelley; first wife, Isabel; second wife, Tillie.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 am on Monday, October 9, 2017 at Queen of Angels Catholic Church with Father Raul Silva officiating. There will be a 3:30 pm rosary on Sunday at Mayer Funeral Home where friends may call from 3-5 pm and also one hour before the service at the church on Monday. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery with military rites by American Legion Post #91 and V.F.W. Post #1216.

Condolences may be left online at www.mayerfh.com

Events

OCT **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Mayer Funeral Home
600 2nd Street NW P.O. Box 27, Austin, MN, US, 55912

OCT **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Queen of Angels Catholic Church
1001 Oakland Avenue East, Austin, MN, US, 55912

OCT **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I miss him so much, he was my compass to the world, it's hard without him these last months, and it always will be, I loved the stories about fishing, his ham radios, and war stories. He will always be remember by our family and I.

-Ayden.

Ayden Evenson - July 01, 2018 at 01:07 AM



“ This is actually his great-grandson, Ayden. I've known him all my life, clearly, and I miss him so much. One of my favorites memories, are when he told stories, about fishing, hunting, or wars. They were stories very unique, and extraordinary. He will be missed dearly, by me, and our family. -Ayden.

Ayden Evenson - June 30, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ We were so sorry to see about Dick's passing. My husband, Jim Cummings worked with Dick for many years.
Jim & Deanna Cummings

Jim & Deanna Cummings - November 03, 2017 at 04:34 PM



“ Dick was a special person to me and my dad Raymond Arens. He took a special liking to me and my dad. It must have been in the late 80's the three of us went deer hunting and drove up to hill city in Dicks pick up with camper. We spent a few days bonding and had a great time. Dick was a good and admirable man. I have always held him in high regards as did my dad.
Steve Arens

steve arens - October 10, 2017 at 09:06 PM