

Funeral Service

2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 6, 2023
Gillette Memorial Chapel
Gillette, Wyoming

Officiant

Pastor Don Holden
First Assembly of God Church

Music

“Amazing Grace”
“The Old Rugged Cross”
“Way Maker”
“How Great Thou Art”
“Army Song”

Honorary Pallbearers

Shelley Black	Kolby Drube
Bruce Kelley	Chris Elder
Brian Kelley	Cody Black
Orvie Kelley	Jon Bauduin

Military Honors

American Legion Post #42
Honor Guard



The family extends an invitation to a reception and time of fellowship at the American Legion following the service.



**Guy Casablanca Rita Mashak
Corrinne Thompson**
Funeral Service-Monuments-
Advance Planning-Cremation-
Lending Library. Learning to say
goodbye, children's tour.

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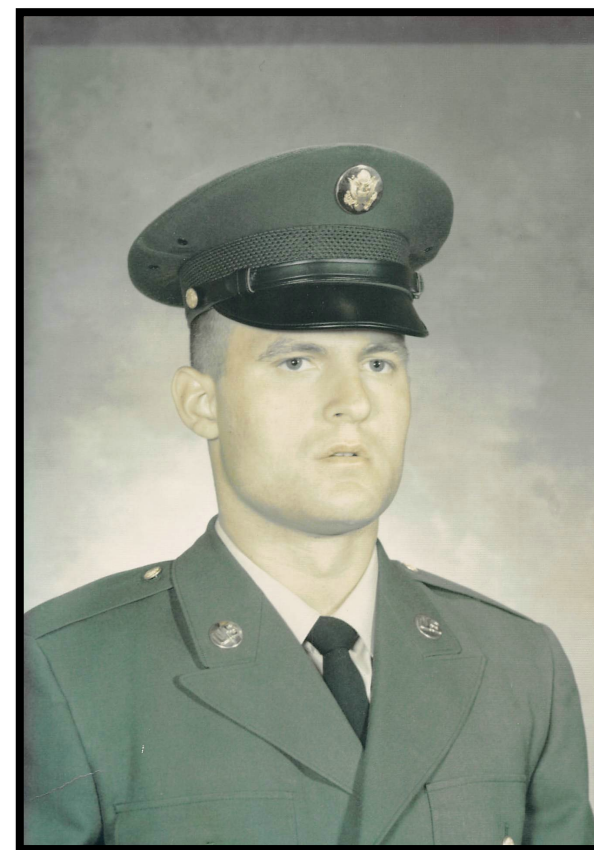


Don passed away Monday, January 1, 2024 at Sheridan VA, Sheridan, WY. Donald William Kelley was born June 10, 1947 to Orville and Delores Kelley in Ft. Benton, Montana. He was a star basketball and football player in high school and attended college at Missoula and Bozeman on scholarship. He was drafted into the Army in 1968. In bootcamp he was the highest achiever in physical fitness out of 900 and got his choice to be a medic. He went to Vietnam and served with honors. Don received the following medals: Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star, and Combat Medical Badge. He married Sherry Black in 1974 and would have been married 50 years on February 16th of this year. His greatest accomplishment were his two children, Steph and Jeff. He followed them throughout high school and college in basketball and football and saw them make history at Black Hills State University where they were the first siblings to be inducted into the hall of fame. Then of course, he fulfilled his dream with our beautiful granddaughter, Brooklyn, who he loved with all of his heart. Survivors are Sherry, his wife, Daughter Stephanie and Treva, Son Jeff and Layla, Granddaughter Brooklyn. Brother-in-law Shelley and Anita Black, Sister-in-law Charlotte and Mike Pulver, Brother Orvie and Donna Kelley, Sister Frances Drube, Sister Lorelei and Malcom Shepherd, Sister Colleen and Jack Nobles, Sister Yvonne and Clint Copping, Brother Bruce and Carmin Kelley, Brother Brian and Lori Kelley, Sister Michelle Kelley, and the many nieces and nephews. Those that passed before Don were his parents Orville and Delores Kelley, Brother-in law Richard Drube, Nephew Kirby Drube, Sister Charlotte (Beaner), Great nephew Kyle Marshall, Great nephew Levi Morgan. Memorial contributions to benefit Don's service may be made directly to Gillette Memorial Chapel. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716.



In Loving
Memory of....

Donald William
Kelley



June 10, 1947 - January 1, 2024

Gone from Earth, but forever living in our Hearts.

The Ladder

The ladder of my life seems steeper these days,
As the past slowly retreats into a misty haze.

The days pass along slowly, while the years go fast,
And when you're young, you think youth will last.

But now we're in a latter chapter of life,
I'm lucky to be here, I'm glad you are near.

As we witness our loved ones join their loved ones
of past,
We should slow down our stride, and not go too fast.

We have nothing to prove in this old race,
Age will come naturally, so lessen your pace.

Heaven awaits the kind heart who's willing to care,
The bountiful blessings in the end we will share.

Life is not a race, but a journey for you and me,
So stop along the road, and see what there is to see.

The miracles of nature comfort us as we age,
Wondrous works of art outside the Gilded Cage.

With us to Heaven we will take our deeds,
So cultivate love and hope and plant these seeds.

And when they grow up, when we are gone,
It will help the needy in this world to get along.

Be it a child, a parent, a pet, or a stranger,
It will bring a smile on the face of the Boy from the
Manger.

-Jon Bauduin, 2009

