



Maj. Leo V. Kelly Jr.

December 8, 1946 - June 24, 2015

Maj. Leo V. Kelly, U.S. Army, Ret., 68, passed away at his home in Benicia following a long illness. He was born in Toledo, Ohio. He earned his Bachelors degree from University of San Francisco and enjoyed photography, modeling, fishing and spending time with his family. He was a member of Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship and for more than 25 years owned and operated LEM Fashions, a custom tailoring business geared towards men's fashions.

Prior to being a tailor, Leo served in the United States Army, completing a tour in Vietnam after being drafted into the military at the age of 18. He continued his career in the Army, serving 8 years active duty and retiring as a Major in the Army Reserves. He served his country for more than 20 years. Following his discharge Leo worked for the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy for 30 years before retiring in 2005.

Leo is survived by his wife Diane Bonanno-Kelly; children Leo (Veronica) Kelly III, Elisa (Andre) Tarrell, Michael Kelly and Rebekah Kelly and 6 grandchildren. Also survived by his mother Florine Kelly; and his siblings, brother Kevin Kelly, sisters Marva Dozier, Sherry Kelly, Deborah Smith and Grace Barnes. Leo was preceded in death by his father Leo Kelly Sr. and his brother Michael Kelly.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial with full military honors will follow in Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Family prefers donations to Hospice of the East Bay.

Tribute Wall

ER

“ Uncle Leo,

I know that you are no longer here on earth but you will be deeply missed. I am thankful for all the happy memories that we had like the times you would lift me upside down and tickle me until I couldn't breathe or the times that you would come and visit and share your funny stories with us. I am happy that we were able to talk even after you got sick. I hate that you are gone but I'm glad that you are no longer suffering and that you are in a better place now. Thank you for everything.

Love,
Ericka

Ericka - July 01, 2015 at 06:07 PM

IN

“ Uncle Tontee thanks for being like a second dad to me. I will cherish all the good times we had together and will keep them close to my heart. I know that you are in a better place now and that you are looking down on us. Love Ingrid



Ingrid - July 01, 2015 at 08:31 AM

TS

“ Uncle Leo you will be missed, wish i had the chance to spend more time with you before you got sick, but you don't have to suffer anymore. You can rest peacefully now, i will always remember how funny you were and that trip we all took to San Francisco. Love your Niece Talia.

Talia Simpson - July 01, 2015 at 07:36 AM

NH

“ Leo was and always be a part of our family! I have way too many wonderful memories of him and his loving family to post. I know that now you and my dad are reunited, there's one heck of a party happening in Heaven!!! Rest easy my friend, I will see you again.

Nicole Holbrook - June 30, 2015 at 06:25 PM

RA

“ *Dearest Tontee, you were the cool older cousin who was always fun to be around. You will be missed. Rest in Peace.*

Robbie Smith Allen - June 30, 2015 at 09:49 AM

RA

“ *Robbie Smith Allen lit a candle in memory of Maj. Leo V. Kelly Jr.*



Robbie Smith Allen - June 30, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ *120 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - June 29, 2015 at 04:21 PM



Uncle Tontee, this is your "favorite niece" Ari here :) I have so many wonderful memories of when you came to visit us in Michigan. You always made us laugh and showed us SO much love. I loved seeing you laugh with all of your sisters and reminisce about growing up in Ecorse and I love LOVED how you took care of Granny until you couldn't take care of her anymore. One of my favorite memories of us was when we came down to California for my scholarship banquet and took us to the commissary and to watch the planes take off on the base. You took time out of your week to come and see about us and show us a good time and I'll never forget that! I love you uncle and you will be missed!

Ariane Burks - June 30, 2015 at 07:01 AM

GR

“ Tontee you were the best brother in the world. I will miss you so much, you taught me so much and you were always there for me. I will cherish all the good times we had. You were the best but now you're going to a better place no more suffering. Everyone will miss you, You were also the best son Every parent would want, the best dad every child would want. And the best husband every woman would want. I love you.

Your sister,
Grace

Grace - June 29, 2015 at 09:42 AM

MD

“ Dear Brother - We grew up side by side on 14th Street with lots of love, laughter and sometimes bickering. As we matured, we began to cherish the fact that we were siblings. You were always a family man who loved his mother. You fought the good fight and now you're safe in the arms of Jesus. You will be sorely missed. Love, Marva

Marva Dozier - June 28, 2015 at 06:41 PM

FK

“ Florine Kelly sent a virtual gift in memory of Maj. Leo V. Kelly Jr.



Florine Kelly - June 28, 2015 at 06:11 PM

GB

“ Grace Barnes sent a virtual gift in memory of Maj. Leo V. Kelly Jr.



Grace Barnes - June 28, 2015 at 06:11 PM

DS

“ *Deborah Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Maj. Leo V. Kelly Jr.*



Deborah Smith - June 28, 2015 at 06:10 PM

MD

“ *Marva Dozier lit a candle in memory of Maj. Leo V. Kelly Jr.*



Marva Dozier - June 28, 2015 at 06:00 PM

SK

“ *Sherry Kelly lit a candle in memory of Maj. Leo V. Kelly Jr.*



Sherry Kelly - June 28, 2015 at 05:59 PM

MD

“ *Dear Brother - We grew up together on 14th Street with lots of love, laughter and sometimes bickering. As we matured we began to cherish the fact that we were siblings. You were always a family man and never forgot to see about mom. We treasured your visits, they were always exciting. I will miss you. You fought the good fight and now you are at rest, safe in the arms of Jesus. Love, Marva*

Marva Dozier - June 28, 2015 at 05:48 PM

GK

“ *Thank you for being a wonderful Brother in Law. I will miss your laughter, your smile and sense of humor. I will miss you dearly. Love you much, Gayle*

Gayle Kelly - June 28, 2015 at 02:41 PM

KK

“ To my brother Leo, if though you are no longer here I will always cherish the memories that we share together, the talks , the road trips, relaxing on a Saturday afternoon playing cards, dominoes while Steely Dan played in the background. You were a great brother and friend and I know that I will miss you but I know that you are in a better place. So rest in peace, love you always your brother Kevin.

Kevin Kelly - June 28, 2015 at 01:30 PM

FK

“ A beautiful son, a wonderful son, a lovely son. I'll be with you and love you forever. Love Mom xoxo

Florine Kelly - June 26, 2015 at 09:51 PM

SK

“ Thank you for being a wonderful brother. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Because of you I have my nickname. :) Thanks for the laughter and love. I have comfort knowing that you are no longer suffering and can now rest in peace. Sweet dreams Tontee. Love always...your sister Sherry

Sherry Kelly - June 26, 2015 at 09:16 PM

SK

“ Share a memory of Maj. Leo V. Kelly Jr. or send condolences to the family.

Sherry Kelly - June 26, 2015 at 09:01 PM

LO

“ Sherry, You know you are in my thoughts. Much Encouragement & Comfort is my prayer for the entire Kelly Family. Your Friend and Sister in Christ, Lovie ~*~*~

Lovie - June 26, 2015 at 08:50 PM

BB

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Leo Kelly. When you loose someone you love dearly, there is a void in your heart. Just know that you will find your comfort in understandi that Leo is now being cradled in the arms of our heavenly father. You will also find comfort within your heart in knowing that love has no limits and bounds, just as Leo will live forever in the hearts of his family and friends. I will miss you Leo!

Barbara Brazile - June 26, 2015 at 08:47 PM