



John Joseph Kelly Jr.

November 21, 1932 - November 12, 2023

November 12, 2023 of Cheektowaga, NY. Beloved husband of Barbara Ann (nee Dziedzic) Kelly; dearest father of Maureen (James) Zawodzinski, Sr. and John Joseph Kelly III (Jen Bastiani); loving grandfather of Katelynn and James, Jr. (Ryan O'Laughlin); also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Saturday, November 18th from 4-7 PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, November 20th at 10:30AM in St. Gregory the Great R.C. Church, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. Please assemble at church. John was a US Navy Veteran, past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, member of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, and former Parish Council President, commentator, and lector at Infant of Prague Parish. The family wishes to extend their sincere appreciation and love to all of John's caregivers for the warmth, compassion and love shown to him. Last, but certainly not least, a special thanks to Hospice Buffalo for all of their love and support during these last few months. Please share condolences online at www.Smola rekCares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **20.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St Gregory the Great R.C. Church
250 St Gregory Ct
Williamsville, NY 14221

Please assemble at Church

Military Honors

NOV **20.** 11:15 AM (ET)

St Gregory the Great R.C. Church
250 St Gregory Ct
Williamsville, NY 14221

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear Maureen, James, Jamie, Ryan and Katie:
Please accept my most sincere sympathies. Maureen, I was so saddened when I saw you and your family at St Greg's on Monday. I am certain your Dad was wonderful and I am certain he cherished his family. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.
Much love,
Joanne Morreale

joanne morreale - November 21, 2023 at 01:05 AM

SS

“ Barbara, Maureen and John....My deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved husband/father John, a wonderful, gracious gentleman. May God watch over all of you. Sue Scimia

Susie M. Scimia - November 16, 2023 at 11:31 AM

MS

“ MOST CAREING CONDOLENCES TTO THE KELLY FAMILY. I KNEW THE FAMILY FOR 35 YRS.JOHN WAS A GREAT PERSON TO WORK WITH AT C/F !,RIP JOHN,,,MICHAEL A SCHLEICHER

Michae a Schleicher - November 16, 2023 at 08:03 AM

JB

“ My sincere condolences to the Kelly family. I knew and worked with John for almost 30 years at Consolidated Freightways. He was a great boss, but an even better human being. May he rest in peace.
John Brueckl

john brueckl - November 15, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to Maureen, James, James Jr & Katelynn during this difficult time. You were so blessed to have a dad/father-in-law and grandfather so special, caring and gifted. The genuine care and deep love you devoted to him during his life especially these last few years will give you the strength and comfort to carry on. The world was a better place because of John. Remember that John’s love for you lives on in your hearts. May the fond memories of him bring you peace during this time of sorrow. We are here for you-

Love, Debbie, Brian , Christina & Chelsea Bennett

Debbie Bennett - November 15, 2023 at 09:23 AM