



Dad

My Dad, my friend and
guiding light,
A gift from God
and in His sight.
You taught me by
examples set,
With wisdom which was
heaven sent.

Never judging,
always fair,
Ever present, always there.

This sturdy rock and gentle soul,
A kinder man I'll never know.
Throughout the past
and years we had,
I was so proud to call you "Dad."

In bursting pride
you never knew,
Just how much love
I had for you.

While God has willed
that we must part,
We'll stay connected,
heart to heart.
For He has smiled and said,
*"My son, Welcome Home,
A Job Well Done."*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF *LeRoy Joseph Kelly*

WHO WAS BORN
October 26, 1930
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
October 9, 2019
Milbank, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Monday, October 14, 2019 - 10:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT
Father Dana Christensen

CON-CELEBRANTS
Father Gary DeRouchey
Father Tom Hartman | Padre` Dav`id Garza

MUSICIANS
Nancy Johnson, Organist
Bobbi Jo Meyer, Vocalist | St. Lawrence Funeral Choir

HONORARY BEARERS
Sisters and Staff at St. William's Care Center
Dr. Allan Ross and Staff
Max Gonzenbach and Rudy Nef
Retirees from Valley Queen Cheese
1950 MHS Classmates

CASKET BEARERS
Joshua Kelly | Jon Christensen | Jacob Tesch | Kelly Tesch
Mark Tesch | Jordan Tesch | Christopher Kelly | Eric Kelly

MILITARY HONORS
American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9
V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486
V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054
D.A.V. Chapter #19

INTERMENT
St. Lawrence Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
LeRoy's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family
for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota



LeRoy Joseph Kelly was born on October 26, 1930, in Milbank, SD. He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wagner) Kelly. LeRoy grew up in Milbank and graduated from Milbank High School with the Class of 1950. He enlisted into the United States Navy on September 21, 1950. He served in Japan on a supply ship during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged on June 23, 1954.

LeRoy returned to South Dakota and married the love of his life, Rose Marie Folk, on November 13, 1954. They lived in Rockford, Illinois, for a short time before moving back to Milbank. LeRoy and Rose were blessed with four children: Cindy, Keith, Kathy, and Philip.

LeRoy began his career with Valley Queen Cheese in 1957 when he was 27 years old. He worked the night shift and became the night supervisor in the early 1960's and later became the head foreman. He remained in the supervisory position until his retirement in 1990, only three months short of 33 years with Valley Queen. LeRoy's period of employment with Valley Queen spanned the period when cheese production was strictly a manual labor intensive operation to 1990 when cheese production was a highly technical, computer, and machine driven process.

LeRoy was a kind and gentle man. He adored his wife and children. He enjoyed boxing as a young man. He loved to fish, especially with his grandchildren. He was always willing to clean fish while everyone else fished! He was a proud and devoted father and always willing to help his children when needed. He was a faithful member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He served as an usher, lector, Eucharistic Minister, and parish council member. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the VFW.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Rose of Milbank, SD; four children: Cindy (Lowell) Christensen of Milbank, SD; Keith (Cheryl) Kelly of Corona, SD; Kathy (Tom) Tesch of Watertown, SD; and Philip (Janelle) Kelly of Big Stone City, SD; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents and ten siblings.



*A Father's steady hand
prepares us for
the world...
He endures
forever in
our hearts.*