



Steve Kelly

August 4, 1955 - August 2, 2010

Steve Kelly, 54 of Bluffton passed away at 9:28 p.m. Monday, August 2, 2010 at his residence in Bluffton surrounded by his family.

Steve was born on August 4, 1955 in Bluffton to Laurel & Doris (Rix) Kelly. He was a 1973 graduate of Bluffton High School. On November 23, 1974 in Bluffton he married Joan (Robison) Kelly.

Steve was the owner / operator of Kelly's Collision Center in Bluffton for the last 5 years. He also worked as an insurance adjustor for Westfield and Crawford Insurance Companies. He also worked for some time at Troxel TV and the Cline Lumber Company. He was involved in the Elks Lodge where he served as a Past Exalted Ruler.

Steve is survived by his wife Joan of Bluffton, two sons; Travis Kelly of Bluffton and Dustin K. (Stephanie) Kelly of Ossian, and daughter Morgan (husband Aaron) Dutt of Bluffton, along with 2 grandsons and a granddaughter.

He is preceded in death by a brother Dave Kelly and a Grandson Phoenix John Kelly.

Friends can visit with Steve's family from 5 to 8 on Thursday and 2 to 8 on Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. An

Elks Memorial Service will be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday (August 7, 2010) at the funeral home with Ted Ellis officiating. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to the Steve Kelly Memorial Scholarship fund at the Elks Lodge.

Friends can send online condolences to www.thomarich.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Steve Kelly*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Steve Kelly*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Joan,
Laurie and I are so sorry for your loss. We remember all the nights down at the ball park playing baseball. We want you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mike & Laurie Russell##imported-end##*

August 09, 2010 at 01:44 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear the news of Steve. I fondly remember the late night hours when he would be in the office and we would chat. I really admired the man he was and the hard worker. I will remember you and your family in my prayers and pray that all the wonderful memories of Steve will help with the pain and loss you are feeling. May God be close to you during this difficult time.
Faye###imported-begin###Faye Lacey###imported-end##

August 09, 2010 at 12:42 PM



“ My thoughts are with you Joan. I will always remember Steve's smile and positive outlook. Smile and find peace & comfort in your memories of Steve.###imported-begin###Mary Bertsch###imported-end##

August 09, 2010 at 01:49 AM



“ Joan and kids, Sorry to read about your loss. Words can't express true feelings. Know that I share your loss. Steve was a good friend. Seek comfort in all the good memories.###imported-begin###Steve Kunkel###imported-end##

August 08, 2010 at 07:34 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Knowing that Steve is resting in the arms of Jesus has to be a great comfort. We will continue to hold you up in prayer as you go thru this hard time.
Our Deepest Sympathy,
Jr. and Charlene###imported-begin###Jr and Charlene Lantz###imported-end##

August 07, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ Joan, & Family

I will never forget those times me & Steve shared..and talking about eternity....precious moments..that i will carry with me the rest of my life, The one thing he wanted to make sure is that you guys would be ok..I know he was ready and..I know he is with our GOD and my friend,my classmate, someday we will meet once again,...My Love and my Prayers are with you!

Ed###imported-begin###Eddie Ferguson###imported-end##

August 07, 2010 at 01:13 AM



“ Joan,

So very sorry to read of Steve's passing. Steve was always so fun to have around. Always made a good party better. My sympathy to you and your family. No words can really express the loss you feel. Lost both my parents last year. I know you are a strong woman and you are blessed with wonderful children and friends.###imported-begin###Barb (Meeks) Coyle###imported-end##

August 07, 2010 at 01:02 AM



“ Steve, a friend, will be remembered by many. He was a great guy always smiling and joking around. He brightened up the chemo room. We love you Steve as many did. God Bless!
Our prayers are with you and your family.

*Nancy--chemo receptionist
Ft Wayne Medical Oncology###imported-begin###Nancy
McClellan###imported-end##*

August 06, 2010 at 09:18 PM



“ Kelly Family, we (Paul and Rosie Scott) lived behind the Kelly Family when Steve was growing up in Bluffton. We lived on Johnson Street. I was a couple years ahead of Steve in school but I remember going to his parents home when I was young and have some good times. My dad (Paul Scott) worked for Dave at the car wash/oil change for many years. Our family thought so much of Steve and Dave. My prayers are with you and your family. May God bless you with peace and comfort.
Deb (Scott) Baker##imported-begin##Deb (Scott) Baker##imported-end##

August 06, 2010 at 06:19 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Its so hard to let them go but so much harder to watch them suffer. We are going to so miss his phone calls to our shop. He was always so upbeat and positive. We'll all miss him greatly. Your in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Richard & Bonnie Baumgartner##imported-end##

August 06, 2010 at 05:43 PM



“ Joan, So sorry to hear about Steve's passing. Words are empty and hearts are heavy with sadness over your family's loss. You and yours are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Carmen & Pat Mitchell##imported-end##

August 06, 2010 at 04:49 PM



“ I DROVE TO BLUFFTON TODAY FOR THE VEIWING BUT THOUGHT IT WAS AT 1PM.SORRY I COULDN'T WAIT.STEVE WILL BE MISSED,HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND AS WELL AS A GOOD BUSINESS PARTNER.DUSTIN CALL ME IF YOU OR YOUR MOM NEED ANY HELP.

LARRY SOULTZ

STATE FARM INSURANCE

(765)438-1007###imported-begin##larry soultz###imported-end##

August 06, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Steve. He was one of the good guys. A very sad thing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Sorry I couldn't make the visitation. Dustin, If you need anything I'm a phone call away. Your Friend and Collision repair & biker co-hort.

Kevin Cox###imported-begin##Kevin Cox###imported-end##

August 06, 2010 at 04:26 PM



“ Dear Joan and Family....Please know that you all are in my thoughts this week. I didn't know Steve well, but I do treasure the little time we spent together last summer. I wish we had had more opportunitites to meet and get better acquainted. But we share a bond I'll long remember and treasure.

With warmest regards, Gary###imported-begin##Gary Hill###imported-end##

August 06, 2010 at 02:23 PM



“ Joan, Thinking of you and praying for you in the days to come.
Julie###imported-begin##Julie (Swartz) Hinshaw###imported-end##

August 06, 2010 at 10:06 AM



“ Kelly family

Sorry about you loss. Please know we care and our thought & prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Dwight & Harold Jewett/Auto Collision Service###imported-end##

August 05, 2010 at 02:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Steve. I will not be able to attend the services due to being out on the rode. But wanted to let you know I was thinking of you.

Jade Heyerly###imported-begin##Jade Heyerly###imported-end##

August 05, 2010 at 11:34 AM



“ I am glad that I had the opportunity to visit with Steve a couple of weeks ago. It was a pleasure to speak with him and meet his wife.

I extend my condolences to his family and hope that they know he is in a better place free of pain and suffering.###imported-begin##John Deming###imported-end##

August 05, 2010 at 11:28 AM



“ *My Sympathy. God Bless you Joan and your family.##imported-begin##Pam Kirkwood Powelson##imported-end##*

August 04, 2010 at 09:13 PM



“ *My Thoughts and Prayers go out to the Entire Steve Kelly Family. I will miss seeing you at the Snug. GOD BLESS##imported-begin##Ryan Eisenhut##imported-end##*

August 04, 2010 at 05:32 PM



“ *We feel so deeply sorry for your loss. Tom and I have fond memories of Elks weekends together--seems like yesterday. Joan, you and your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come. May God give you comfort and peace. Tom and Carol##imported-begin##Tom and Carol Higgins##imported-end##*

August 04, 2010 at 10:42 AM



“ *Look to your memories for comfort, to your friends for understanding and to your faith for hope and peace.
With our Heartfelt Sympathy,
Jim and Kathie Purvis##imported-begin##Jim and Kathie Purvis##imported-end##*

August 04, 2010 at 06:34 AM



“ Joan: my you find solace in knowing that Steve is now with our Lord and Savior. If anyone was a "fighter," it was Steve Kelly, evidenced by his great love for you and his family. Until we meet again my friend, we love you and miss you, Steve.##imported-begin##Terry and Darrell Murray##imported-end##

August 04, 2010 at 12:31 AM



“ Dear Joan and Family we are so sad for your loss. Steve was such a wonderful man a real good friend. May God Bless u and your family during this difficult time in your lives. He fought a good fight with his battle in the flesh but now has a new body in Christ. We know he is rejoicing with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If u need anything we will be there for u. (John 3-16).##imported-begin##Barry & Joellen Crosbie##imported-end##

August 03, 2010 at 11:03 PM



“ Joan and Family - We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult days ahead.##imported-begin##Ann Leyman##imported-end##

August 03, 2010 at 03:19 PM



“ Joan and Family we are sorry for your loss. May God be with you all durning this time of loss. Steve was a great man and he will be sadly missed by so many of us. One thing we know God will not give us any more than we can handle and now Steve is in a better place and suffers no more. Love and Prayer are sent to you from us.##imported-begin##Scott & Gay Schoeff##imported-end##

August 03, 2010 at 03:17 PM



“ *Joan and Family - we are so sorry for your loss. You were all such a great support to us when we lost dad and our hearts truly go out to you. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love - Krysti, Ed, Holly, Melissa, Lauren, & Matt Pharoah*###imported-begin###*Krysti Pharoah*###imported-end##

August 03, 2010 at 03:11 PM



“ *Steve was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. I went to school with his brother Dave and he too was so nice. Steve worked on my car more than once and did a wonderful job. I am so sorry for your loss but you have such wonderful memories for such a wonderful person that Steve was. He truly put up a valiant fight.*###imported-begin###*Patty Harnish*###imported-end##

August 03, 2010 at 03:04 PM