



Dale K. Kelly

January 18, 1933 - November 22, 2025

Dale K. Kelly, 92, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, November 22, 2025, at his home.

He was born January 18, 1933, in Kankakee, the son of Glen and Thelma (Gilbert) Kelly. Dale was drafted into the United States Army and served as a Corporal for two years in the Army. After being honorably discharged on February 14, 1955, he became a licensed plumber until he retired at the age of 67. Dale was known as "Red" to family and friends.

Dale enjoyed fishing, gardening, and sitting in the chair & listening to his television. Most of all he loved being with family, and he was very fond of all his grandchildren. Dale and Sandra used to vacation at his favorite place, St. Petersburg, FL. They also enjoyed going to the Empress for a fun night out. One of Dale's favorite pastimes was going to baseball spring training with his brother-in-law. He also loved walking his dog, Mustang.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sandra Kelly; son & daughter-in-law, Tim & Rita Kelly, and their 3 daughters, Erin, Mandy, and Megan Kelly; stepsons, Gary (Connie) Jensen, Phil Jensen, Scott Jensen, Chad (Penny) Jensen; 15 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his son, Dennis Kelly; stepsons, Steve Jensen and

Ricky Jensen; brothers, Glen "Junior" Kelly, Gilbert "Swede" Kelly, Elwood Kelly, and Jimmy Kelly; step great grandson, Zachary Wood.

Dale loved his wife, Sandra, with all his heart. Dale was a strong-minded man who loved all his family. Dale will always be remembered for his strength and resilience.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 1pm to 4 pm at Marie's Parlor & Pub, 900 W. Station, Kankakee.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Marie's Pub
900 W Station
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Dale worked with my late husband, Guy at a local plumbing shop. He could always make us laugh anytime we were all together. He had one of the most loving and caring hearts of just about anyone I have ever known. RIP "Red". You and Guy try to behave up there.



Sandy Blanchette - November 29, 2025 at 03:42 PM

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“ Always enjoyed talking with Dale when he walked Mustang by our house.

Rich Olmstead - November 26, 2025 at 07:08 PM

CJ

“ Dale was so much more to me than a father-in-law, he was a friend, he welcomed me into his family with open arms. Dale will be sadly missed at the kitchen table when we had great conversations with him & Sandy. RIP dearest Dale, much love, Connie Jensen.

Connie Jensen - November 24, 2025 at 07:16 PM