

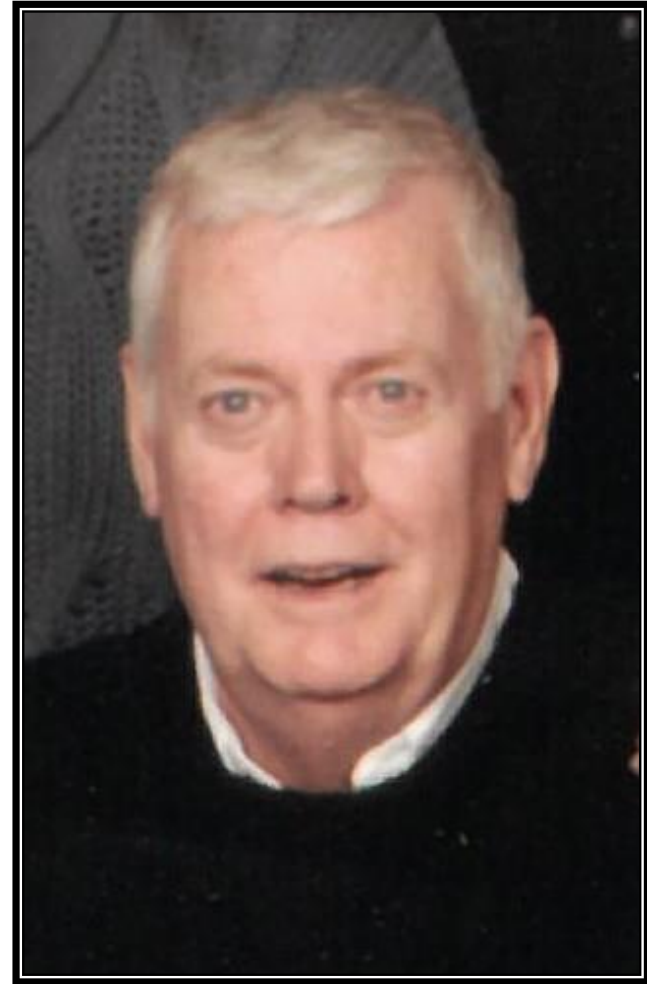
I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I've now found peace at the end of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all to brief
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now - He set me free.*



Joseph Earl Kelling

1946 – 2019

A Father Gone

Gone is a father loved by all, His soul is now at rest.
He'll sleep in peace, His work is done. A father's work –
the best. He'll know the joy of perfect rest, In heaven
up above, where he may dwell contentedly, protected
by God's love. Our hearts may grieve that he must
lie beneath the sacred sod, and yet we know he lives
in peace within the house of God.

Joseph “Joe” Earl Kelling, age 73, of Eagle Grove, Iowa left this world to join his heavenly father Tuesday, March 19, 2019. He was born on February 11, 1946, in Clarion, Iowa to George Martin and Lula Ruth (Beer) Kelling. He is survived by his wife Marsha Kelling; three daughters: Traci Lynn LaBoy, Tiffany Lee Mosher (Dan) and Terri June Torkelson (Robert); six grandchildren: Ana, Tony, Melissa, Mackenzie, Maci and Michael; and brother, Richard Kelling (Kathy). He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lula; twin sisters, Irene Fitz and Ilene Gardalan and brothers, Charles, Raymond, George JR. and Robert.

Joe graduated from Clarion High School in 1964 and shortly after went on to serve in the United States Army from November 1967 to February 1970. Upon his honorable discharge from the army, he met the love of his life, Marsha, who was working at the draft board at the time. Their inseparable bond began when she completed his discharge papers to let him out of the service.

On December 18, 1970, Joe married Marsha Carter at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eagle Grove, Iowa. The couple made their home in Eagle Grove and continued to be faithful members at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, until they moved to Windsor Manor in Webster City in July 2017.

As a devoted family man, Joe worked hard throughout his life to provide for his family. After his father’s passing, Joe began his first job, at the age of eight, working at the bowling alley setting up pins for \$0.12 a line. After the military, Joe worked for the Rail Road for a short time, before his career of over 24 years as the Feed Desk Manager at Boone Valley Cooperative which later became Farmland Industries. Joe worked several part-time jobs throughout his life, always staying busy to provide for his wife and girls.

Joe had a variety of different interests. He enjoyed golfing, bowling and playing card games –like 500 and cribbage. But most of all, Joe lived his life to take care of his wife, Marsha, and always strived to see his children and grandchildren happy. Joe always had a smile on his face and a joke up his sleeve, using his innate sense of humor to make those around him laugh.

Joe filled the hearts of those around him with love and laughter. He was good-natured, steady and the best kind of stubborn. Joe was a loyal husband, loving father and grandfather, and a steadfast leader for his family. Joe will be deeply missed by those who were privileged enough to spend time with him.

Celebrating *A Special Life* *Joseph Earl Kelling*



February 11, 1946

March 19, 2019

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, March 23, 2019 - 10:30 A.M.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Eagle Grove, Iowa

Father Jerry Blake, Celebrating

READERS

Ana LaBoy Carr Melissa LaBoy Mackenzie Mosher

GIFT BEARERS

Mackenzie Mosher Maci Mosher
Ana LaBoy Carr Melissa LaBoy

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

SHCC Youth Choir - Cantors Ann Shriver - Organist

“Amazing Grace” “Be Not Afraid”

“How Great Thou Art”

“Song Of Farewell”

“On Eagle’s Wings”

CASKET BEARERS

Michael Andrews Bob Torkelson Dan Mosher
Mark Carter Chad Carter Zane Carter

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Calvary Cemetery - Eagle Grove, Iowa

*The family invites you for a time of lunch & fellowship
following the services at the cemetery.*