



Ralph Edward Kelch

August 26, 1930 - September 20, 2018

Ralph Edward Kelch, age 88 of Moundsville passed away on September 20, 2018 at home.

He was born August 26, 1930 in Sistersville, WV the son of the late Rex and Madge Calabaugh Kelch.

Ralph was a man of many talents and skills. During his life, he worked as an auto body repairman for Dutch Gellner; worked as a painter and carpenter; and for most of his life, he was an Ironworker for Local 549 & 550, where he became known by his fellow workers as “Spud Wrench”.

He was a faithful member of the Hillview Terrace Church of Christ, where he was one of the original members of the congregation, having devoted many hours working alongside others in the construction of the current church building and the West Virginia School of Preaching.

Ralph’s favorite pastime was camping at the family camp in Big Bear Lake near Hazelton, WV; where he enjoyed fixing breakfast for all the family. In years past, he also enjoyed hunting squirrel and deer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Kelch Law; and a brother, Robert Kelch.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 69 years, Patty Lightner Kelch; a daughter, Rebecca J. (Randy) Chamberlain; three sons, David (Jenny) Kelch, Danny (Carol) Kelch, and Scott (Susie) Kelch; grandchildren, Randall S. Chamberlain, Amy (Tony) Romano, Marisa Chamberlain, Jessica (Brad) Horst, Evan Kelch, Jeremy (Lisa) Kelch, Danielle (Chris) King, Hunter

Kelch, and Becca Kelch; and great-grandchildren, Kyrsten and Rebecca Romano, Skyler Peppers, Isabella and Jackson Horst, and Gunner, Brock, and Adaline King.

Family will receive friends on Saturday from 11am until time of funeral service at 12noon at Hillview Terrace Church of Christ, 1 Willard Ave., Moundsville with Andy Robison officiating.

Interment in Halcyon Hills Memorial Park, Sherrard, WV.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to WV School of Preaching, 1 Willard Ave., Moundsville, WV 26041.

Cemetery Details

Halcyon Hills Memorial Park

Sherrard, WV 26003

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hillview Terrace Church of Christ
4th Street
Moundsville, WV 26041

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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4th Street
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Tedra Stanley lit a candle in memory of Ralph Edward Kelch*



Tedra Stanley - September 24, 2018 at 03:52 PM

JC

“ *Thoughts & Prayers, Mr, Kelch was a. good man,,Love to all*



joyce clarke - September 24, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to all of you during the loss of your beloved husband and father, Ralph. Cherishing your many sweet memories will hopefully ease your heavy burden during this difficult time. May God bless each and everyone of you 🙏❤️*



Joe Hill and Lisa McDowell

Lisa McDowell - September 21, 2018 at 07:58 PM

SA

“ *Patty and family: you are in my loving thoughts and prayers.*

Sara Jo Anderson - September 21, 2018 at 03:29 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward Kelch.*



September 21, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Sorry about Mr Kelch. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his family ,members and to his many friends he had during his time on this earth.*

Jay Knapp - September 21, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ *From Marge Robin & Laura Cerra & Sierra & Ashley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Edward Kelch.*



From Marge Robin & Laura Cerra & Sierra & Ashley -
September 20, 2018 at 02:29 PM