

William 'Bill' H. Kelley

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, April 11, in the Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, for William "Bill" H. Kelley, 60, of Brooklyn, who died of cancer Wednesday, April 8, 1998, in Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

The Rev. Dr. William B. Daylong officiated, and the organist, Marilyn Kriegel, accompanied the soloist, Angie Hawkins. Flower attendants were Neva Zigler, Martina Korns, Betty Price and Dorothy McConnell.

Honorary casket bearer was Charles Hanson. Casket bearers were Max Montgomery, Tim Atkinson, Mike Keiser, Tom Thompson, Don Gepner and David Squiers. Interment was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

A Masonic service was held at Friday evening at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn, with Madison Tomfeld officiating.

William "Bill" Howard Kelley was born Sept. 17, 1937. His parents were William E. Kelley and Lila Todd Kelley.

He graduated from Mount Ayr High School with the class of 1957, of which he was the freshman and junior class president and president of the student council his senior year. He attended Boys State in 1956, and after graduation, he attended Northwest Missouri College at Maryville, Mo.

Bill spent 10 years on the family farm before going to work for Hicks & Ragland Engineering Co. He became the manager of the Brooklyn Mutual Telephone Co. of Brooklyn in September 1972.

Bill married Sybil Denhart on June 8, 1958, and they had two sons, Kurtis Sean and Karlin Scott. Bill and Sybil were later divorced.

On April 12, 1997, Bill was married to Vicky S. Perez at the Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

Kelley was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Brooklyn; Faith Lodge #179 AF & AM of Mount Ayr; Iowa Telephone Association; Independent Pioneer Association; Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association; Foundation of Rural Service; Brooklyn Economic Development; Poweshiek Area Development; rural Telephone Finance corporation; PCS-Diamond Trail; National Cable Television Corporation; Iowa Cable Association; East Poweshiek Ambulance Service; Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department; Mount Ayr JC's; and Young Businessmen Association of Mount Ayr. He was active in many other civic organizations.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Vicky; two sons, Kurtis, and his friend, Diane Wilkinson, of Chelsea, and Karlin and his wife, Shelley, of Blair, Neb.; two stepsons, Tony Perez and Trevor Perez, both of Brooklyn; two grandchildren, Kyle and Natasha Kelley of Blair, Neb., and one step-grandchild, Keegan Roudabush, of Brooklyn.

A memorial fund has been established.

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