
Gerald L. Kelly

Gerald "Jerry" L. Kelly, 69, of Newton, a native of Grinnell, died of a heart attack Wednesday, April 30, at Skiff Medical Center in Newton.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newton, with the Rev. Ernest Braida officiating. Burial was in Newton Union Cemetery, with the Reese Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Simmons Kelly and was born July 31, 1927, in Grinnell. He graduated from Grinnell High School. He was self-employed as a plumber for 24 years. Mr. Kelly served in the Merchant Marines at the end of World War II and later served in the Air Force.

He was married to Ruth Edginton July 25, 1964, in Montezuma. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Susan Kelly of Atlanta, Ga., and Sandy Kelly of West Des Moines; two brothers, Raymond of Knoxville and Joe of Newton; and three sisters, Dorothy "Dodie" Wheeler of Newton, Evelyn Kellenberger of Davenport and Mary "Bernie" Lacy of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials in Mr. Kelly's name may be made to his church.

H. R. May 5, 1987