



John C. Kelly

October 21, 1947 - March 3, 2010

Johnny C. Kelly

Johnny Clay Kelly was born October 21, 1947 and died after a long, courageous battle with brain cancer on March 3, 2010. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Stateroom of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B. F. Terry Blvd. Rosenberg, TX on March 5, 2010. Services will be held at First Baptist Church, 502 S Fifth Street, Richmond, TX on March 6, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Graveside services will be at Waldrop Cemetery in the Brooks Community on March 6, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

Johnny graduated from Carthage High School in 1966 and received the John Philip Sousa Award for outstanding band member as a trumpet player. He attended Panola College and graduated from Kilgore College. After graduation, he began his career at Texas Instruments as a draftsman. He became an integrated circuit designer and continued work for Texas Instruments in Houston; Lubbock; Johnson City, TN; and Nice, France. While at TI, he designed chips for Mariner Mars project in 1971. He worked on some of the first calculators for TI. In 1987 he was awarded a U.S. patent for a MOS integrated circuit design. He also worked for Intel in Oregon as an independent contractor. The last seven years of his career, he worked for Micro System Engineering of Sugar Land, TX designing IC's for pace makers and implantable medical devices.

Johnny married his high school sweetheart, Betty Denton on January 19, 1968. They had three wonderful children and just celebrated their forty-second anniversary. He is survived by his loving wife, Betty Denton Kelly; son, John Allen Kelly and wife, Lisa of San Jose, California; daughter Kimberly Underhill of Sugar Land, TX; daughter Karen Fuller and husband, Billy of Dillon, Colorado; grandchildren Kiersten Underhill, Lucas Fuller, Lyla Grace Kelly, and soon to be born baby girl to Karen and Billy Fuller. He is also survived by his sister, Richie Honeycutt and husband, Don; brother Henry Kelly, Jr. and wife, Mary; brother, Don Kelly and wife, Beverly; and mother and father-in-law, Joy and Webster Denton, Jr.

He was preceded in death by parents, Henry Kelly, Sr. and Grace Kelly.

Johnny was a member of Brooks Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Fairplay, TX. He has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, TX for the last three plus years.

He was a member of Saint John's No. 51 Masonic Lodge in McKinney, TX.

His hobbies were traveling, sailing his sailboat, gardening, woodworking, flying radio controlled airplanes that he built, photography, and visiting with friends via e-mail. He will be greatly missed by friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of John C. Kelly 676950 may be directed to The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Department of Neuro-Oncology, Box 431, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030. You can also go online to make a donation at www.mdanderson.org/gifts.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the Kelly family at www.davi-sgreenlawnfh.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ I had the pleasure of working with John at both Intermedics and Micro Systems. We became friends and later became neighbors. He spoke of his family often as he was obviously proud of them and loved them very much. John Kelly is missed... both professionally and personally. Our heartfelt condolences to his family and many friends.

Kelly Ashley - March 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I was a co-worker of John's at Intermedics and Micro Systems Engineering. John was a talented designer and one of the kindest, most gentle persons I have ever had the pleasure to know. My sincere condolences to Betty and all of John's wonderful family. God bless.

John Grimes - March 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So sorry for the loss, hope to see you at the service in Carthage.

James Fuller - March 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We love you.

Don & Linda Pate - March 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To Betty, John, Kim and Karen,

It deeply saddens me to hear of John's passing. We love you all and will lift you up in prayer. Your warm friendship while you lived in Tennessee provided us with many wonderful memories, and we will cherish those forever.

Don Schenck

Don Schenck - March 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Betty,
Keith and I want to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Keith & Diana Beck - March 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM