



Kelly Robert Kaluza

August 21, 1949 - May 9, 2022

Kelly Robert Kaluza, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and friend died peacefully on May 9, 2022 at the age of 72.

He was born August 21, 1949 in Richmond, Texas, to the late Edwin Jerry (EJ) and Mary Lee Kaluza. He grew up in Fairchilds, Texas, and graduated from Needville High School. As a kid, you would find Kelly in the cotton fields helping on his family farm. After graduating high school, he married Jerry Anne Steinkamp, his high school sweetheart, and they left for Austin where he attended the University of Texas at Austin. He graduated, with honors, in Petroleum Engineering in 1971. He was an avid and lifelong Texas Longhorn fan.

After a brief stint in petroleum engineering, Kelly opened the doors to his civil engineering and surveying business and hung the sign “Kelly R. Kaluza and Associates, Inc.” For almost 40 years, Kelly proudly led the design of countless projects spanning numerous counties, and he was the city engineer for several municipalities. Kelly considered his employees family and made lifelong friendships with his clients.

He loved to fish and hunt. In the late 80s, Kelly and Jerry Anne bought a ranch in Brackettville, Texas. This was his favorite place. In those early years, he spent countless hours with Jerry Anne, his parents, brother, sisters, nephews,

friends, colleagues — anyone willing to make the 5 hour drive on a Friday night. In years following, he successfully had his daughters, sons-in-law and grandsons hooked on the ranch. Over the last several hunting seasons, you would find Kelly bundled in a deer stand with as many of his grandsons who could fit but not before he destroyed the kitchen making trays of cinnamon toast!

He and Jerry Anne enjoyed weekend gambling trips with their dear friends Ren and Sharon Davis.

Kelly was a devoted father. Moreover, he lived for his grandsons Jack, Luke, Logan and Cotton. Kelly was known as “Bucky” to them (and eventually to many others). When he wasn’t spending time with his grandsons at the ranch, he would be their loudest fan at sporting events, teacher of all things (some not always appropriate) and best friend. He also found delight with his granddogs!

He loved people. He never met a stranger. He was patient. He was generous. He was smart. He was kind. He looked forward to every hug. In fact, when he didn’t get that hug you’d often hear “What did you forget to do today?”

Kelly is survived by the love of his life and wife of 53 years, Jerry Anne Kaluza; daughters Natalie Janik and husband Paul, Christie Dull and husband Chris; grandchildren Jack Janik, Luke Janik, Logan Janik, Megan Dull and Cotton Dull; sisters Carol Zahradnik and husband Eddie, Marilyn Buchta and husband Mark; sister-in-law Linda Kaluza and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents EJ and Mary Lee Kaluza, brother Gary Kaluza and nephew Keith Zahradnik.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the KZ (Keith Zahradnik) Jamboree,

supporting mental illness awareness. (Mailing address is 13451 Linden, Sugar Land, Texas 77498.)

Kelly's services will be held at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg, Texas on Monday, May 16, 2022. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m., services at 11 a.m. and lunch reception immediately following.

Pallbearers will include Jack, Luke and Logan Janik, Cotton Dull, Llarance Turner and Troy Burditt.

Honorary pallbearer will be Ren Davis.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY 16. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471
(281) 341-8800

Service

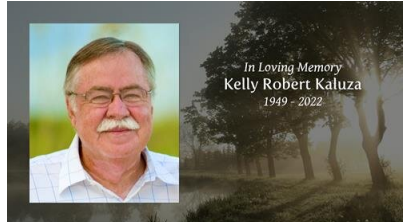
MAY 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471
(281) 341-8800

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Kelly Robert Kaluza*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - May 13, 2022 at 10:14 AM



Aunt Jerry, I'm soo sorry to hear about uncle Kelly. My thought and prayers are with y'all. Uncle Kelly was a great man.

Jennifer King - May 15, 2022 at 09:33 PM

CM

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss. May God be with you and your family and ease your pain.*

Sorry Marcene and I could not make it to the funeral. Lots of good memories. I know you will take comfort in knowing he is with the Lord.

C. J. Mazac

C. J. Mazac - May 16, 2022 at 11:24 AM

SS

“ jerry and family so saddened by the loss of Kelly. My prayers go out to the whole Kaluza families. Couldn't make it to pay my respects but Carmelo and I are thinking of y'all. Found memories of him and Gary we will miss both, but know they are in heaven with God together. Love all Susan and Carmelo Sanchez

Susan Sanchez - May 16, 2022 at 07:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kelly Robert Kaluza.



May 15, 2022 at 08:51 PM

JS

“ Mrs. Kaluza, Natalie and Christie- I am so sorry for your loss. I spent a good deal of my teenage years at your house and I know he much he loved his girls. He was so much fun to be around! I loved every minute I spent with your family. Though time, marriage, jobs, etc, have taken us away from each other, please know the Kaluza family holds a very dear part of my heart. Mr. Kaluza- I know you are up in Heaven now and not in any more pain. God bless you and your sweet family.

Jenny Smith - May 15, 2022 at 12:46 PM

LB

“ *Linda Beck lit a candle in memory of Kelly Robert Kaluza*



Linda Beck - May 14, 2022 at 11:54 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelly Robert Kaluza.*



May 14, 2022 at 02:38 PM

SS

“ *Stacey Schodek lit a candle in memory of Kelly Robert Kaluza*



Stacey Schodek - May 13, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Kelly Robert Kaluza.*



May 13, 2022 at 12:49 PM



Deanna
Dusek
Reid

“ Jerry, Natalie, and Christie, I am so sorry to hear of Kelly's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and your extended family. Sending you love and hugs.

Deanna Dusek Reid

Deanna Dusek Reid - May 12, 2022 at 06:04 PM



CM

“ Colony West HOA and Chuck & Robin Manes purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Kelly Robert Kaluza.



Colony West HOA and Chuck & Robin Manes - May 12, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kelly Robert Kaluza.



May 12, 2022 at 01:26 PM

JW

“ Jerry & family, please accept my condolences for your loss. Kelly was a person that you would just naturally like. As a freshman during orientation at UT he flagged me down as I walked back to the dorm just to talk to me when he noticed that I, like him, had registered as a petroleum engineering major. We have been friends ever since that day. I have many fond memories of Kelly during our UT days - intramural flag football, dominoes, studying in the PEB at all hours of the night. I will truly miss him. Rest in peace my friend.
John Wessels

John Wessels - May 12, 2022 at 10:30 AM

GN

“ It was my great pleasure to work with Kelly on several projects for the City of Sugarland spanning several decades. What a positive person, never saw him down. We enjoyed swapping hunting stories. He will be greatly missed.

Greg Nichols - May 12, 2022 at 09:18 AM

RK

“ My deepest condolences to the Kaluza family. Kelly was a friend to all who knew him.

Ranelle Krejci - May 12, 2022 at 12:58 AM

RW

“ My condolences to the Kaluza family. I have had the privilege to have known Kelly and worked with him on numerous construction projects since he opened office in the late 80's both on the contractor and municipal owners side. I can say that Kelly always paid great attention to detail and would always assure all was in order on his projects and was well admired by everyone he met.

Ross Woodfin

ROSS WOODFIN - May 11, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelly Robert Kaluza.



May 11, 2022 at 08:14 PM

MZ

“ I had the opportunity to work with Kelly on several projects with City of Richmond and City of Needville, he was such a great gentleman and very professional in his work. Rest in peace Kelly, till we meet again. My sympathy to the family.

Mark Zgabay

Mark Zgabay - May 11, 2022 at 06:48 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Cheryl Saenz - May 11, 2022 at 04:46 PM