



## William D. 'Bill' Kelley

April 30, 1956 - April 4, 2022

William D. 'Bill' Kelley, age 65, a longtime resident of Forrest City, passed away, Monday, April 4, 2022, in Des Arc, Arkansas.

Bill was born April 30, 1956, in Caraway, Arkansas, and was the son of Calvin C. Kelley and Velma Mahan Kelley. He was a member of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church. He graduated in 1974 from Forrest City High School and was graduate of Arkansas State University. Bill was an Eagle Scout, an honor he shared with his three brothers. He worked for Reliable Life Insurance Company and served as a debate analyst and contributor for CBS News during the Presidential election years. An avid movie buff, he was known for his ability to critique any movie.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Bill is survived by his sister, Carla K. Astin (Lowry) of Forrest City, his three brothers; Rick Kelley (LeAnn) of Dexter, Missouri, Joe Kelley (Susan) of Southaven, Mississippi, and Matt Kelley (Lisa) of Wynne, Arkansas. He was the proud Uncle of 11 nieces and nephews and 11 great nieces and nephews.

The family greatly appreciates the doctors and staff of Des Arc Nursing & Rehab Center where he received outstanding care during the last year of his life.

The family request memorials in his name be directed to the Forrest City Public Library, 421 South Washington, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335, or a charity of the giver's choice.

Services will be held Graveside, 11:00 A.M., Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Forrest Park Cemetery in Forrest City. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Forrest Park  
Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

## Interment

APR 30 (CT)

Forrest Park  
Hwy 1 South  
2605 S. Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-8790

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Until we meet again dear friend.If I wrote down all the memories we have of Bill it would be a book.He wasn't just a friend he was family.We miss him but know he is in a better place.Prayers for Carla and all his family and friends.

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**Mary Crews** - April 28, 2022 at 03:58 PM

SK

“ We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family on the loss of Bill. We wish we could attend the celebration of his life with you on Saturday; oh how fitting on his birthday. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our love to you, Sheila, Dusty and Dee

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**Sheila Kelley** - April 28, 2022 at 02:25 PM

FL

“ Forrest City Public Library lit a candle in memory of William D. 'Bill' Kelley



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**Forrest City Public Library** - April 15, 2022 at 12:19 PM

JK

“ First time I ever remember going to a movie theater, Uncle Bill took me to see Batman with Michael Keaton down the road from his house. First time I ever swung a lightsaber, he let me stay overnight with his two stepsons. First time I ever worked off the farm, I went with Uncle Bill to West Memphis on the Guys chip route where I was given instructions of how to act in urban areas. During that summer I also learned how to use nail polish remover to remove the price tag on chips for deliveries to campsites so they could mark the price up. On the way to the campsite was first time I ever saw an armadillo in my life as they hadn't migrated North to Missouri at that time; it was dead curled up on its back with a beer can stuck in its hands to make it look like it was shuggin away. Love you Uncle Bill. /s/ Justin.

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**Justin Kelley** - April 07, 2022 at 12:33 PM

CA

*Oh how he loved his nieces and nephews.*

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**Carla** - April 08, 2022 at 12:37 AM

KF

*I always liked Bill. He was funny and nice, quiet, too. Mostly I remember how nice he was in high school.*

*Kim Horton Flanigin*

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**Kim Flanigin** - April 27, 2022 at 06:25 PM

BS

“ *Bill was a very quiet, polite person. He will be missed by many! RIP Bill and rejoice to be your parents in Heaven!*

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**Brenda Kidd Sage** - April 07, 2022 at 10:22 AM

DB

“ *Debi Williamson Bates lit a candle in memory of William D. 'Bill' Kelley*



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**Debi Williamson Bates** - April 06, 2022 at 09:47 PM

PM

“ *We will miss you sweet friend. So many memories of our times at Landmark, growing up. Many memories of our time at school together. So so many memories of our friendship after you and Bobby became friends. You were more than a friend to us, you were family. Rest peacefully. We loved you. Until we see you again, Bobby and Penny.*



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**Penny Martin** - April 06, 2022 at 06:54 PM