



Mr. Richard "Friday" Kelly Sr

July 29, 1949 - March 6, 2018

Mr. Richard "Friday" Kelly, Sr., 68, of Pittsfield, passed away Monday, March 6, 2018 at Albany Medical Center. He was born in Alabama on July 29, 1949, the son of Richard and Idean Coleman Kelly. He attended schools in Alabama.

Mr. Kelly worked for General Electric in Pittsfield as an Industrial Engineer until his retirement in 2005. After his retirement Richard went back to work at Kimball Farms as well as part time at General Dynamics. He was currently employed at the time of his death.

Richard enjoyed gardening, especially growing collard greens in the community gardens at Canoe Meadows. He donated vegetables to local charity organizations.

Richard leaves behind his wife, the former Jacqueline Pride, whom he married on April 10, 2010. He is also survived by his three children, David Kelly of FL, Devin Kelly and Ciara Kelly, both of NC and 23 grandchildren. He is predeceased by his son, Richard Charles Kelly, Jr. He is also survived by sisters, brothers, and relatives from a blended family.

Funeral Notice: Funeral services for Mr. Richard "Friday" Kelly, Sr., will be Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 2 p.m, at the Second Congregational Church,

50 Onota St., Pittsfield. Burial will follow in Pittsfield Cemetery. Calling hours at the church will precede the service from 1 to 2 p.m. Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield has been entrusted with his arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Second Congregational Church
50 Onota St
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Richard "Friday" Kelly Sr*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 13, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ *I am Irlean Houston. My family call me Lean. Richard was me and my brother first cousin. Our Father was his uncle (Rat) Eugene Coleman. My father loved Ross. He would always tell me " I love that boy". We all lived in Alabama. We grew up there. When Ross came home, he would come and visit our father first. We will truly miss him. May God bless his wife, children and grandchildren and all his blended family. REST IN PEACE ROSS.*

Irlean Houston - March 17, 2018 at 10:22 PM

SR

“ I am Shirley Dean Robinson, Richard's (Friday) youngest sister. Richard called me "Shirdean" because it was half of my name and half of our mother's name (Shirley and Idean).

My mother had four children and Richard was the oldest. In fact, he was the first "baby" in the family and the "apple" of the grandparents, aunts, and uncles' eyes. My mother often addressed him as her, "first born."

Richard received his nick name, Friday, from his grandmother, who we all called, "Ma." Her former name was Paralee Coleman. She called Richard, "Friday" because he was born on a Friday. However, just in case Richard didn't tell you, he actually had three nick names. Friday was just one of them. My Aunt Sally Bell Randall (deceased), my mom's sister, called him, "Pop" and my Aunt Frances and Uncle Fred Coleman called him, "Ross." Again, the "apple" of all eyes!

One of the precious memories that I will always cherish as a child is when Richard came to the south during the summer months while he was on vacation with his children. He always stopped in Selma, AL (Tyler, AL) to visit our uncles after our grandmother had gone to be with the Lord. Then he would venture down to Pensacola, FL. He was driving a two door green Grand Torino. We all packed in the back seat and headed to Pensacola Beach where the sand was (and still is) as white as the snow on Pittsfield's ground.

Prior to arriving on the beach, we stopped at a nearby convenient store and bought lots of, as Richard described it, "junk food (chips, soda, cookies, etc.)." You name it and we had it.

We spent the whole entire day at the beach and ate "junk food" until our hearts were content.

We love you, Friday, Pop, and Ross and you will always be with us.

With Much Love!

*Your sister,
Shirley (Shirdean) Robinson*

Shirley (Shirdean) Robinson - March 14, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard "Friday" Kelly Sr.*



March 14, 2018 at 07:49 AM



“ *Sorry to hear this news. Richard was such a kind man and I am blessed to have known him. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."*

*Rev. Phillip Jackson
Eastvale, California*

Phillip Jackson - March 13, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ 14 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 13, 2018 at 12:46 PM

RN

“ *My condolences to Richard's wife and family. What a wonderful man. So sorry to hear of his passing. Penny*

Roberta Nolan - March 12, 2018 at 07:00 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard "Friday" Kelly Sr.*



March 12, 2018 at 01:50 PM

PA

“ *My name is Paralee Coleman Simon, I'm one Richard first cousin my father and his mother was brother and sister. I remember when we were young at our grandmother house we went to her garden and pull leaves from her beautiful collards greens. We both gotten a wiping. Richard "Friday" grew up gardening.*

Paralee Coleman Simon, a cousin from Alab - March 12, 2018 at 12:35 PM

WR

I'm Willie LeNora Reaves(Nora), Friday's oldest sister. I will miss you brother and I will never forget the times we've shared at our grandmother's farm house. Those times were so precious to me. This is where you became knowledgeable of gardening and grew the largest watermelons. I loved eating those. I still remember those times we talked on the phone for hours about all the people we knew growing up. Thank you for that. You were a kind and gentle man and I will never forget you. We will meet again brother.

Love You

Nora

Willie Reaves - March 13, 2018 at 12:20 PM