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Richard Kelly, 86, of Centerville, passed away on October 8, 2019 at MercyOne Centerville Medical Center.

Richard was born on July 6, 1933 in Princeton, Missouri to Oscar and Genevieve (Higgins) Kelly.

He married Nancy Bryan on July 25, 1954 and to this union, three children were born.

Richard served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955 during the Korean War and was stationed in Alaska. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves until 1961. During this time, Richard completed Watchmakers College.

He and Nancy later owned Kelly's Jewelry on the Centerville Square for 35 years. Growing up in Princeton, Richard and his twin brother Robert excelled in many sports-football, basketball, track, and baseball. They participated in the Princeton Merchants Baseball Club in the early 1950s. They played many traveling teams of the era with several of the players going on to the Major Leagues.

After retirement, he enjoyed golfing, assisting Nancy with her quilting, and was an avid Cubs fan. Richard was also a great storyteller and historian, a fact his friends and family would attest to. He will be deeply missed by all.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Ricki (Lance) Shankster; son, Scott (Jackie) Kelly; grandchildren: Sierra (Collin) Long, Aaron Kelly, Alexandra Kelly and Grant Kelly and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Judy and Ed Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Nancy; his parents; son, David Kelly; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Ruby Kelly.



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Per Richard's request, in lieu of a funeral, there will be a private graveside service for both he and Nancy at a later date at the Princeton Cemetery, Princeton, Missouri. Condolences may be sent to the family or shared at www.thomasfh.com and [facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome). To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Richard Kelly please visit our Sympathy Store.

Events Details are pending.

Cemetery Details Princeton Cemetery Princeton, MO



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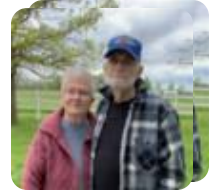


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HB

Holly And Michael Bain posted:

Holly And Michael Bain lit a candle in memory of Richard Kelly

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VS

Vince & Linda Sullivan posted:

So sorry for your loss. Vince & Linda Sullivan

October 9 at 7:00 PM



JT

Jaren & Jamie Tubaugh posted:

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AB

Angi Brockus posted:

Keeping the family in my prayers.

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