



S. Max Kelley

March 4, 1935 - May 18, 2018

Shirley Max Kelley, 83, of Cullman passed away Friday, May 18, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Mr. Kelley was born March 4, 1935 in Athens, Alabama to Mr. And Mrs. S.E. Kelley. Mr. Kelley was a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of the Baldwin Church of Christ. Max was a standout baseball and football player at both Athens and Cullman High Schools and went on to letter in both sports at the University of Alabama. He is a member of the Limestone County, Madison County, and Cullman County Hall of Fames and is honored by having his hand and footprints enshrined at the Denny Chimes Walk of Fame. Declining opportunities to play both football and baseball professionally, Max began a teaching and coaching career that spanned almost three decades, beginning in Dothan, Alabama, but with the majority serving the Huntsville City School system.

He was preceded in death by a wife, Nancy Ruth Kelley, a son, Steven Moore Kelley, a daughter, Pamela Lynn Kelley Gray, and a sister, Nancy Kelley Styles. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judy Kelley, a brother, Les Kelley, and a sister, JoAnna Kelley Vanderkolk. He is also survived by granddaughters Lauren Elizabeth Gray and Katherine Gray Hampton (husband Matthew and stepson Braydon Hampton), and numerous nieces, nephews, and step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Sunday, May 20, from 2:00-4:00 at Cullman Heritage

Funeral Home with funeral services immediately following. Burial will be at Valhalla Memory Gardens in Huntsville. Pallbearers will be Dan Styles (Garrett Styles presiding), Drew Styles (William Max Styles presiding), Bryan Styles (Carson Styles presiding), Tom Runnion (Walker Styles presiding), Clay Styles (Wyatt Styles presiding), Chris Gibbs (Connor Gibbs presiding), Stephen Tanner, and Brandon Tanner.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Gardens

Huntsville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home
255 County Road 1435
Cullman, AL 35058
(256) 734-0208
info@cullmanheritage.com
<https://www.cullmanheritage.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of S. Max Kelley.*



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“ *I was fortunate to have been a defensive lineman for Coach Kelley in the early 1970's at BHS. Also, I was a student in his Geography class and he trusted me enough to allow me to assist him in grading papers.*

Assisting me with an infected toe before a big game and providing me with structure, discipline and kindness are among my positive memories of coach. Coach Kelley is an example of a life well lived.

I am so sorry for your loss and hope coach will Rest In Peace.

*Bob Koehn
Class of 72*

Bob Koehn - May 19, 2018 at 08:15 PM



“ *God bless Mr. Kelley and be with his loved ones. Good person who seemed to love his job. Rest in peace.*

Mike Fisher - May 19, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of S. Max Kelley.*



May 19, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ *He had a wonderful sense of humor and the widest smile. I will never forget how he handed me his football ring and I put two of my fingers in it! (I only weighed 90 lb then...). RIP Coach, you will not be forgotten. -Rick Barnes, BHS Class of 1971.*

Rick Barnes - May 19, 2018 at 03:35 PM