



Rev. Clark T. Kelley O.S.F.S.

May 13, 1930 - August 14, 2014

Rev. Clark Kelley, O.S.F.S. passed away peacefully on August 14, 2014 at Hospice of NW Ohio in Perrysburg at the age of 84. His body was unable to rebound from a fall and subsequent hip replacement surgery three weeks earlier. At his passing, he was 84 years old, 59 years professed and 50 years ordained.

Fr. Kelley was born in Lamar, CO and grew up in San Francisco. He earned a high school diploma from Auburn Academy in Auburn, WA in 1948 and enrolled in the U.S. Navy the following year, proudly serving from 1949-1953. He converted to Catholicism during the war, and entered the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales immediately upon discharge. He earned a BA degree in French and Spanish from Niagara University in 1960 and a Masters of Divinity degree from DeSales Hall School of Theology four years later. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1964.

After ordination, Fr. Kelley taught a year at Fr. Judge High School in Philadelphia, PA before a five year tenure at Salesian High School, Detroit, MI. From 1970 - 2012, except for two years at Aquinas High School - Southgate, MI, he served as both teacher and chaplain at St. Mary's High School - Stockton, CA. Declining health necessitated a move to Toledo, OH in 2012.

Fr. Kelley will be remembered for his love of Christ and the Church and his wonderful work as a teacher and homilist. He cherished celebrating Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother and Salesian Spirituality and a great interest in European history and the royal families. He enjoyed cooking, fine dining, and good conversation. He loved dogs, especially labrador retrievers. He cherished his friends in Stockton and was grateful for his Oblate vocation.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 18 at St. Pius X Church, 3011 Carskaddon Ave., Toledo, Ohio. Visitation will precede Mass, beginning at 5:30 PM, in the church. A brief interment service will take place at 10 AM on Tuesday, August 19 at Resurrection Cemetery - Toledo.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Ave
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
2950 Ilger Ave.
Toledo, OH 43606

Funeral

AUG 18. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VW

“ *Father Kelley was one of my most memorable high school teachers. I enjoyed his sense of humor and learned a lot from him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*
Valarie Trede Walker

Valarie Walker - August 20, 2014 at 08:38 PM

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“ *Rest well Father Kelley, our family will always remember your kind face and gentle wave as you walked the perimeter of St. Mary's High School for your morning exercise. You seem to convey with your smile that at that moment, 'this prayers for you'. Condolences, thoughts and prayers for your family during this time...heaven is shining just a bit brighter tonight.*

The Carl Family

Kelly Carl - August 20, 2014 at 09:38 AM

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“ *I think it was Fr. Kelley that got me interested in history and I will never forget him. He was my history teacher at St. Mary's High School in Stockton, CA. I'm sorry for you loss.*
He was a good teacher and Priest.

Susan Good - August 19, 2014 at 03:12 PM