



Howard Ross Kelley Sr.

June 27, 1945 - April 12, 2026

Howard Ross Kelley, Sr., age 80, passed away April 12, 2026. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on June 27, 1945 to William "Skeet" and Marguerite Kelley.

Howard proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy.

He retired after several years working for Chrysler Automotive. Howard enjoyed camping, old cars, and going to garage sales; he never missed his son racing his car.

Surviving are his children James (Sandra) Spires, Jeffrey Spires, Deborah (James) Buck, Howard Jr. (Barb) Kelley and Bryan (Mary) Kelley, along with many grand and great grandchildren, to many to mention but all loved.

Howard helped raise 3 of his grandchildren, Robert Gover, Deborah (John) Smith and Matthew Spires, who lived with him and Momma. He is also survived by his sister Cheryl (Charles) Cox, brother in law Doug Marquis, and Howard's companion Beverly Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Sharon Kelley, sisters Alice (Jay) Whaley, Kay (Wallie) Burch and Barb Marquis; daughter Tammy Trzonkowski and grandson James Kenneth Buck.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Saturday, May 2nd from 1:00 -4:00 p.m. The Funeral Ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. with Monsignor Chris Vasko presiding. Military Honors will be given. Interment will be private at Ft. Meigs Cemetery.

Please view Howard's video tribute and leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

MAY 2. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jennifer Pegorch & Tony Harper lit a candle in memory of Howard Ross Kelley Sr.



Jennifer pegorch & Tony Harper - May 01 at 07:20 AM

DB

“ Deborah Buck lit a candle in memory of Howard Ross Kelley Sr.



Deborah Buck - April 30 at 05:46 PM

CC

“ Howard, you are miss so much already I just don't know how I'll get along without your crazy phone calls. I love and miss you. I hope you found the family up there. Give them all a hug from me. RIP Howie

cheryl cox - April 28 at 06:58 PM

RT

“ Rex T. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Howard Ross Kelley Sr..



Rex T. - April 26 at 03:16 PM

RT

“ Rex T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Ross Kelley Sr..

Rex T. - April 26 at 03:16 PM

MP

“ Margaret E Plonski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Howard Ross Kelley Sr..



Margaret E Plonski - April 24 at 07:06 PM

MP

“ Margaret E Plonski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Ross Kelley Sr..

Margaret E Plonski - April 24 at 07:06 PM

MH

“ Every Halloween Party at Bartrams, Howard would always Crack us up in his costume, one time he was a nurse, so very funny, he was a very nice man with a great personality, and well liked by many. RIP Howard, you will be missed by many, glad to have known you and you're wonderful family. Hugs to heaven, Mary Jo Buck.

Mary Jo Halka. - April 20 at 02:20 PM