
PETER MICHAEL KELLY



KELLY PETER MICHAEL KELLY (Age 93) July 6, 1922 - June 25, 2016 Peter M. Kelly was born in 1922, the youngest of eight children, in New York City July 6, 1922 and passed away peacefully on June 25, 2016 in Roanoke, VA where he has resided for the past three years. He is survived by his wife and lifelong sweetheart, Betty Kelly, to whom he was married for 70 years. He is also survived by his three children, Peter F. Kelly of Roanoke, VA, Alice Kelly Rose of Orange County, CA, David Kelly of Lexington, KY, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Dr. Kelly was raised in New York City and remained a Yankees fan his entire life. He attended Stuyvesant High School and Union College (Schenectady) where he earned a BS in Physics. A [WWII](#) Veteran, he served his country proudly in in the US as well as Germany and occupied Japan. He spoke fluent German. He attended the California Institute of Technology where he was awarded a master's degree in Physics and two PhD's in Physics and Electrical Engineering. His long-term career emphasized telecommunications and computer networks. He conducted research and taught in the areas of artificial intelligence, digital communications, telemetry and radar and missile instrumentation among other things. A Washington, DC resident for over 50 years, Dr. Kelly was founder and president of Kelly Scientific Corporation, an engineering research company and he served as an adjunct professor in the graduate School of Electrical Engineering at the George Washington University. During the Johnson administration, he provided analysis regarding the Communications act of 1934 to the White House and Congress. He served as a consultant to several Federal Agencies. In addition to academic and professional accomplishments, Dr. Kelly was always involved in the community, serving as a Sunday school teacher for many years and a Boy Scout and Indian Guides leader. He was always focused on the accomplishments and success of his family and took great pride in his Irish heritage. He continued to work until well into his eighties and was a lifelong learner. While he will be dearly missed by his family, they are grateful for his longevity. There will be a viewing at 1 p.m. Sunday July 3 at Oakey's Funeral Home on Brambleton Avenue in Roanoke, VA. The family will gather privately to hold a memorial service. While he will be dearly missed by his family, they are grateful for his longevity. There will be a viewing at 1 p.m. Sunday July 3 at Oakey's Funeral Home on Brambleton Avenue in Roanoke, VA. The family will gather privately to hold a memorial service.

Funeral Home

Oakey's South Chapel

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