



Gilbert "Swede" Kelly

December 22, 1929 - February 5, 2019

Gilbert "Swede" Kelly, 89, of Kankakee passed away on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at his home. He was born on December 22, 1929 in Kankakee. Gilbert married Roselyn Deschand on August 28, 1954 at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Gilbert worked for Ford Motor Company Plant for 31 years. While there, he started the Ford Motor Company Coffee Club, which is still going on today. In his early years, he was an excellent skater, once appearing in a show in Japan. Gilbert enjoyed life and catered to his nieces and nephews. He also loved to cook.

Gilbert was a Veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife Roselyn Kelly of Kankakee; one brother Dale (Sandy) Kelly of Kankakee; a sister-in-law Leona Atkinson of Bourbonnais; good friends Connie and Larry Osenga of Kankakee; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers Junior Kelly, Roland Elwood Kelly, and James Kelly.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019 from 11am until the 1pm funeral service at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. State Rte. 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gilbert "Swede" Kelly*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to you Rose*

Marilyn Roy - February 08, 2019 at 11:10 PM



“ *Marilyn Roy lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Swede" Kelly*



Marilyn Roy - February 08, 2019 at 11:09 PM



“ *Rosie, soo sorry for your loss. Send deepest sympathy your way!*

Brent Davis - February 07, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your husbands death Rose. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Sally Blasingim - February 07, 2019 at 04:57 PM