



John Gurn Kelbaugh Jr.

May 13, 1930 - May 6, 2019

Join us in celebrating the life of John Gurn Kelbaugh, Jr. He was born May 13, 1930, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania to Helen (Chenowith) and John Kelbaugh, Sr. His family moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1940. John Jr. entered the labor force at the ripe age of 11, delivering newspapers for the Baltimore Morning Sun Paper, in addition to selling magazines to the same people he delivered newspapers. At age 12, he added the position of a soda jerk, working for the Loch Raven Drugstore to his resume. If that wasn't enough, on weekends he would caddy at the Hillendale and Mount Pleasant Golf courses of Maryland.

John entered the United States Navy in 1948, and was honorably discharged in 1952, having served on the DDR830 Larson when Israel became a nation and the USS Midway during the Korean War. After the Navy, John began doing concrete work, which included footings of houses, steps, porches and sidewalks, in addition to building homes and a church (Joppa Gospel Tabernacle) prior to doing the concrete work for his first high-rise building, the Belvedere Towers, in Baltimore on Falls Road and Northern Parkway. He was a concrete sub-contractor until retirement and led an ambitious career spreading the word of his pride and joy, Concrete Deck Systems of America. After he retired, he later became co-owner of Towson Sedan services until his early 80's, enjoying hours of driving customers to and fro.

John married the love of his life, Dorothy (Wilt) Kelbaugh in 1958. Their union lasted for 59 years.

John leaves behind his two daughters Lynda (Kelbaugh) LaPine (Richard) Superior, WI and Lori (Kelbaugh) Marshall, Frankford, DE; four grandchildren, Jana LaPine, Superior, WI, James LaPine (Pilar), Duluth, MN, Brittany (Marshall) Baig (Kamal), Washington, D.C. , and Jordan Marshall, Fort Polk, LA; two great-grandchildren, Kinley and Yanik LaPine, Duluth, MN and another great grandchild arriving in July; brother, Charles Kelbaugh (Juanita), Bel Air, MD; 31 nieces and nephews; and cousin, George Kelbaugh, York, PA.

He passed on May 6, 2019, in Frankford, Delaware in his home with his loving daughters beside him until his last breath. He went onto his new home which God gloriously prepared for him to spend eternity with his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy Wilt Kelbaugh, John was preceded in his death by his parents; brothers, Mahlon and Timothy; and sister, Dorothy (Kelbaugh) Hanth.

Dad said, "He wanted all to know that nothing was more important than to know the Lord, and that his grandkids & great grandkids are wonderful people!"

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Lynda, I am privileged to have met your dad (and mom). May the Lord comfort you and your family, as well as Lori and hers. He is the God of all peace. Your dad proclaimed Christ as savior and source of his peace with God. What a comfort at this hard time. We love you.

Stan-N-Mona Melling - June 09, 2019 at 07:46 PM

JB

“ Jim and I are so sorry for the loss of your father, Lori and Lynda, you took such loving care of him. My memories of John were mostly with Dottie at Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at Lori's house or ours, after which we played games at the dining room table. We had fun and laughed a lot. It was good talking with John at Brittany's wedding last year, I'm sending a picture of him with Lori and Lynda. He led a full life, starting to work early, serving in the Navy and starting his own company. He left many descendants, he was loved and will be missed. May God comfort you and give you peace. Jane Burkey

Jane Burkey - June 04, 2019 at 09:05 PM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.\u201c

H. Fields - May 13, 2019 at 09:14 AM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

Thomas Widgeon - May 10, 2019 at 05:59 PM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Isaiah 61:1,2 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - May 10, 2019 at 04:31 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss, may the God of all comfort be with your family during this most difficult time Please find comfort from God's word. (2Thessalonians 2:16, 17) (2Corinthians 1:3, 4) Hosea 13:14. My deepest sympathy go out to the family.

Suzette - May 10, 2019 at 11:38 AM

JO

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. May the wonderful memories of your loved one continue to provide a measure of comfort to you until God's promise is fulfilled at (John 5:28, 29).

JoyceA - May 09, 2019 at 03:29 PM

PW

“ To the family, My sincere condolences in the passing of John. Please find comfort in the words of John 5:28, 29: "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his (Jesus) voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, and those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment."

Phyllis W. - May 09, 2019 at 11:20 AM