



Thomas Dan Kelley

October 19, 1950 - May 19, 2022

Thomas Dan Kelley age 71 died unexpectedly on Thursday May 19, 2022 while on vacation with family in Georgia.

Danny wore many hats, Director/Assistant Director of Newport Boys Club, county commissioner, social worker, and a criminal investigator. All of these lead up to his true passion of teaching. He taught 20 + years in the Cocke County School System teaching at Northwest retiring from Smokey Mountain Elementary a few years ago. His students loved him and were positive he was the reason they excelled.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents Tom and Berniece Kelley. He is survived by his wife Joan, his daughter Karen (Patrick) Trentham, granddaughter and the apple of his eye Julia Elizabeth Trentham, his brother Roger (Sandra) Kelley, step sons William (Brittany) James, Fred James, Glenn James, step grandchildren Bryson, Kaylee, Labrina, Amber, Hunter, Taylor, and T.J.

Visitation will be from 4-7 pm on Thursday May 26, 2022 with services following at 7 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your favorite charity.

Family and friends may sign online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home in Newport, TN.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Memorial service

MAY **26.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Dan Kelley*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - May 23, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *I remember having him for 6-8th grade. I was one of "those girls" lol he was the best teacher I ever had and still love learning to this day because of him.*

Steffie Arington - March 16 at 07:22 AM



“ *Thomas Dan Kelley*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



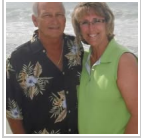
“ *Prayers for Roger, Sandy, and family...*

Sheila - May 28, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *Mr. Kelley was an amazing teacher to me at Northwest and an even greater man. He impacted so many of our lives for the better and I am eternally grateful. Condolences to his wife and family.*

Jason Stewart - May 26, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ Joan I am doing sorry to eat abot Danny. He was a special person and loved by many. Mao you and your family feel God's loving arms around each of you 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤�

Sharon Styles - May 26, 2022 at 12:40 PM

SO

“ This is a heartbreaker. The family is in my prayers

Susie Owenby - May 24, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - May 23, 2022 at 05:49 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear of Danny's passing. He was my Police Academy roommate in 1985. We had a blast. He will always have a special place in my memories. Thanks for the friendship roomie.

Maurice Shults - May 23, 2022 at 05:12 PM

CS

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you and bless you with many happy memories. Danny was such a great Christian man and will be missed greatly by all who knew the Word Whisperer.

Claude, Earlene,Julie,Chuck Strange - May 23, 2022 at 12:57 PM

AH

“ Mr.Kelley was truly one the best teachers I had ever had. He was kind and really worked hard to make his classes fun, I dont know how many times a neighboring teacher would come over and ask us to quiet down, we would start banging on our desk saying Kelley, Kelley.He was so much fun and taught us that we could have fun and learn at the same time. He also taught my daughter. If all the teachers took a page from his book of teaching all kids would love school and learning. Mr.Kelley was always there if we needed him for everything not just school work but for our lives. He will be greatly missed!

Amanda Henderson - May 23, 2022 at 09:56 AM

SE

“ Joan and family,

*So sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking of you during this difficult time.
Love, Selina, Craig, Telina Morris, and Tyler Durham*



Selina - May 23, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Dan Kelley.*



May 23, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *Willie and family I'm So sorry for your loss. Much love and prayers..*



Pat Evans Larry Stephenson - May 23, 2022 at 08:22 AM



“ *Joan & Roger, Sorry to hear about Danny's passing. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*

Bobby and Gail Clevenger - May 23, 2022 at 07:38 AM



“ *Mr Kelly taught my 2 boys he was a caring teacher a wonderful human being. When my husband was diagnosed with leukemia he gave me encouragement through this journey. My deepest sympathy to the Kelly family keeping you in our prayers The Lamontagne family*

Louise Lee - May 23, 2022 at 12:34 AM

AJ

“ *Mr. Kelley was my favorite teacher of all time. A lot of people in class with me, knew he and I had a special bond. He just gave to all the kids in his class. He probably never knew how important he was to me. Fly high sir. You will be so missed. You made a difference in my life and in many others.*

Amanda Jill - May 22, 2022 at 10:43 PM

MC

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Sending heartfelt sympathy to all the family and loved ones. Prayers for family and friends.*

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - May 22, 2022 at 10:37 PM

SD

“ *Danny was a wonderful teacher and beloved friend. I worked many years with Danny and his wife Joan. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Sherrie Dillard - May 22, 2022 at 07:34 PM

JR

“ *June Russell and Mary Lou Watts*



June Holt Russell - May 22, 2022 at 07:21 PM

BT

“ There are no words to express what this wonderful soul left in the hearts of so many. So sorry for your loss Joan and family. My dear friend I will be lost with out you. Fly high you are with the angels now.

Brittany Toliver - May 22, 2022 at 06:57 PM

BT

“ Brittany Toliver lit a candle in memory of Thomas Dan Kelley



Brittany Toliver - May 22, 2022 at 06:49 PM

RB

“ Danny was a mentor to many, a friend to many, and loved by many. We will miss you! Prayers for this family.

Russell Brown - May 22, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ Coach Kelly used to be my teacher and he was one of the best, im so sorry to hear this news. Rest in peace Coach, you'll be remembered and missed ❤️

Chelsea Armstrong - May 22, 2022 at 05:02 PM

MW

“ *Missy And Mike Wood lit a candle in memory of Thomas Dan Kelley*



Missy and Mike Wood - May 22, 2022 at 04:52 PM

AE

“ *Joan, as you know...Danny and I worked together at NW. May God bless you. Danny will be missed.*

Ann Breeden Evans

Ann Breeden Evans - May 22, 2022 at 04:09 PM

VM

“ *So sorry to hear this. Danny was a great teacher and a good man. Prayers for the family.*

Vonda Mckinney - May 22, 2022 at 03:56 PM

DH

“ *Joan I am so sorry for the passing of Danny. May God bless you all in the coming days!! Love Debbie Hurst*

Debbie Hurst - May 22, 2022 at 03:25 PM

CB

“ *Our condolences to the family. Prayers for his loss. Danny was a good man & will be missed by many. We're so saddened from immediate death.*

Connie & Marsha Ball - May 22, 2022 at 03:01 PM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss. Thanks for letting me sub. for you at Northwest school.

Starr Mantooth - May 22, 2022 at 02:00 PM

RN

“ He was one of the best men I've EVER had the pleasure of meeting and working with, I'm going to miss his baseball talk, bless you Danny. RIP

Rob Napieralski - May 22, 2022 at 01:39 PM

DO

“ Our very deepest sympathy. Danny truly made his mark.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - May 22, 2022 at 01:35 PM

CA

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you..

Carroll and Marilyn Austin - May 22, 2022 at 01:07 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - May 22, 2022 at 12:14 PM

PE

“ I enjoyed being Danny’s friend and colleague at Northwest. He was always nice and pleasant to everyone. The students liked him a lot and he did his best to always be there for them. He will be missed.

Penny Ervin - May 22, 2022 at 12:06 PM

LS

“ I was in his very first class at Smokey Mtn. Men we tricked him into everything. Had so much fun..truly a great man and a true friend. Will be very misses. Fly High Mr.Kelley

Linda Speir - May 22, 2022 at 11:54 AM

JY

“ I played BabeRuth and high school baseball with Danny and we played some intramural sports together at ETSU. Danny could hit that ball. Back in the 60's when the new outfield fence was put up at the city park baseball field (didn't have one prior to this), Danny was the first person to hit a home room over the left field fence. We lost touch after ETSU with both of us going different directions. Danny was a good guy. Prayers for the family.

Jimmy Youell

Jimmy Youell - May 22, 2022 at 11:04 AM

MD

“ I worked many years with this wonderful man and excellent teacher, we shared many laughs and hugs. Joanie, I have no words. Fly high, Mr. Kelly,see you on the other side

Marlene Denton - May 22, 2022 at 10:44 AM

SC

“ I worked with Mr.Kelley at Smoky. He was always good to me. He was my sons teacher prior to my working at Smoky.
The kids loved him ...
I enjoyed reading his quotes on Facebook from the “Word Whisperer”

I'm so sorry for your loss, Joan and family, you are in my prayers.



susie clark - May 22, 2022 at 10:36 AM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss Danny was always a good man!

mitch coakley - May 22, 2022 at 10:17 AM