



Earl Eugene "Gene" Kelly

April 17, 1931 - November 28, 2016

Gene Kelly, a native Oklahoman, found it was just an oversight of geography for the man who enjoyed the best of many world's only possible through small town living when he purchased and built from the ground up "Wine Glass Ranch" in Elk County, Kansas with his wife, Jan.

A rancher and owner of the Howard State Bank, Gene passed away Monday, November 28, 2016 at Pleasant Valley Manor in Sedan, Kansas. He was born April 17, 1931, the oldest of 5 boys to Lee and Eva (Jackson) Kelly in Grainola, Oklahoma. Gene attended Grainola High School, Ark City Junior College, and Oklahoma A&M University before serving 2 years in the United States Army.

Gene met Jan and they married September 21, 1957 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. For a short time, they had a ranch in Rock, Kansas before settling at the current Wine Glass Ranch. Gene's background in ranching and farming was a great asset to the Wine Glass Ranch. During this time a son, Ken, was born, who has worked alongside his father and continues to maintain the family ranch.

In the 1980's, Gene became a stockholder and later majority owner of the Howard State Bank that now has 4 branches. However, Gene's true passion was raising Hereford cattle. In his earlier years, Gene was a calf-roper and participated on their Ranch Rodeo Team

Gene is survived by his wife, Jan, of the home, son Ken and granddaughters Kactus (Miles) Bidwell of Manhattan, Kansas and Kanyon Kelly of Caney,

Kansas and great grandson Kash Bidwell; brothers Chuck Kelly of Grainola, Oklahoma and Carl Kelly of Hewins, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Robert and Paul Kelly.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at Countryside Funeral Home at 206 East Washington in Howard, Kansas. Funeral Services will be Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the Severy United Methodist Church with Pastors Dave Warren and Stacy Ellsworth officiating. Interment will be at South Lawn Cemetery in Severy, Kansas. Arrangements are being made with Countryside Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com

Cemetery Details

South Lawn Cemetery

Severy, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

DEC **1**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Severy United Methodist Church
104 N. Greenwood St.
Severy, KS 67137

Tribute Wall

HS

“ *Rest Earl, until you hear at dawn,
the low, clear reveille of God.*

Thank you for your service to this nation.

Harry Simpson - November 26, 2017 at 12:42 PM

BG

“ *Barney Gillett lit a candle in memory of Earl
Eugene "Gene" Kelly*



Barney Gillett - January 25, 2017 at 10:08 AM

BG

*Jan and the whole Kelly family my thoughts and prayers are with you
all may god's peace be with you through the difficult days ahead i
always enjoyed talking with Gene & Jan at HTM and PVM Gene will be
deeply missed by all who knew him*

Barney Gillett - January 25, 2017 at 10:14 AM

CL

“ *Jan we were so sorry to hear of your loss.
Our heartfelt condolences.*



Carla & Earnie Lackey

Carla & Earnie Lackey - December 01, 2016 at 03:52 AM

AS

“ To the family of Gene Kelly, my thoughts and condolences are with you all.

Angela (Angie) Swanson - November 30, 2016 at 10:16 PM

BM

“ Prayers to you and your family through this tough time. May God wrap you in his loving arms and hold you close... Belinda Meyer and Family

Belinda Meyer - November 30, 2016 at 08:40 PM

TJ

“ I am sorry for your loss.



Tracy Jackson - November 30, 2016 at 06:19 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Harber lit a candle in memory of Earl Eugene "Gene" Kelly



Carolyn Harber - November 30, 2016 at 05:57 PM

MH

“ Mike and Terry Holler purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Earl Eugene "Gene" Kelly.



Mike and Terry Holler - November 30, 2016 at 05:10 PM

MR

“ Jan & Ken,

I am so sorry for your loss.

Mika Henderson Richards

Mika D Richards - November 30, 2016 at 01:22 PM

MU

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

MARTI UPSON-JOHNSON - November 30, 2016 at 10:43 AM

JB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Jan. You both touched my life when Mr Gene was at Howard Twilight Manor. You both showed me what True Love Was. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Jackie Davis Baty

Jackie Davis Baty - November 30, 2016 at 09:18 AM

JK

“ *Judy & Estal Knapp lit a candle in memory of Earl Eugene "Gene" Kelly*



Judy & Estal Knapp - November 30, 2016 at 08:53 AM

PH

“ *Patrick & Debra Holler purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Earl Eugene "Gene" Kelly.*



Patrick & Debra Holler - November 29, 2016 at 10:42 PM

DC

“ *Dear Kelly family,
My thoughts and condolences are with you during the loss of your loved one.*

Debbie Lanning Childress

Debbie Childress - November 29, 2016 at 10:08 PM

WR

“ *Sincere sympathy from Ronnie and I! He will be missed.
Ronnie & Wah-Leeta Rogers*

Wah-Leeta Rogers - November 29, 2016 at 09:57 PM

MS

“ *Marlene Shinkle lit a candle in memory of Earl Eugene "Gene" Kelly*



Marlene Shinkle - November 29, 2016 at 08:40 PM

JN

“ *Bob and I are so very sorry for your loss. Gene was a friend to all of us and he will be missed. My memory still runs to the many parades he attended on his sorrel horse..a true cowboy. Bob & Judy Nungesser*

Judy Nungesser - November 29, 2016 at 04:57 PM

FS

“ *Jan, Ken and the Kelly Family, So sorry to hear of Gene's passing into heaven. My thoughts, sympathy and prayers goes out to each of you. May God's peace be with you as you face the difficult days ahead. Florene*



Florene Smith - November 29, 2016 at 04:44 PM

CS

My sincere condolences.

Clay Story - November 29, 2016 at 10:23 PM

NL

May the love of family and friends bring you comfort, May God's love bring you peace.. Nancy Kirk Lewis

Nancy Kirk Lewis - December 09, 2016 at 03:20 PM