



Kelly Joe Stewart

December 5, 1949 - May 30, 2022

Kelly Joe Stewart, 72, of Chanute passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022 at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center. Kelly was born on December 5, 1949, in Fort Scott, Kansas, the son of Charles and Shirley (Lamb) Stewart. Kelly grew up in Bronson and graduated from Marmaton Valley High School in 1967. Farming was Kelly's passion and he absolutely loved harvest time when he was able to be on his combine. In addition to farming, Kelly served the City of Chanute honorably as a firefighter for over 25 years. He was also known as a person that could fix anything; if you broke something he could fix it, even if it didn't look pretty, whatever you had broken would be fixed.

On July 18, 1994, Kelly married Kathy Yarnell in Miami, Oklahoma, they were married for 27 years until his passing. His children and his grandchildren were his life, and he enjoyed spending as much time with his family as possible. Kelly will always be remembered as a friend to many and he would help out anyone that he could.

Kelly is survived by his wife Kathy Stewart of Chanute, his son John Stewart and his wife Julie of Chanute, his daughter Kaylee Handshy and her husband Stan of New Braunfels, TX, step-son Kevin Burch of Chanute, step-daughters Tami Burch of Chanute and Tara Fairchild and her husband Paul of Pittsburg, KS, sisters Sherry Johnson of Tulsa, OK and Kathleen Strawder and her husband David of Ottawa, KS and thirteen grandchildren: Zoie Stewart, Maizie Stewart, Kaylyn Handshy, Emmalee Handshy, Josh Handshy, Josiah Handshy, Caden Handshy, Hailey Stewart, Chloe Stewart, Joey Burch, Emily

Burch, Mia Wilder and Jesse Wilder.

Kelly was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Kayla Stewart. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Chanute Church of the Nazarene. Memorials have been suggested to the March of Dimes or the Muscular Dystrophy Association and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Nazarene
1313 W. 14th St
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Kelly was my first captain as I started my career in the fire service. He was a great guy, and was great to work with. I enjoyed helping him on the farm on days off some as well. Rest easy Cap.



Kyle Starr - June 14, 2022 at 12:58 AM

PS

“ Kelly was my step brother. What a good person! Prayers for his family to find peace and comfort.

Penny L Snell - June 11, 2022 at 03:13 PM

BP

“ To The Family,

I was sorry to hear of Kelly's passing. We will not be able to attend the Celebration of Life. My husband just returned to work from vacation and will be working Saturday.

Kelly was my cousin by marriage. I was in the third grade when Phyllis & Kelly married.

We lived in the little white house with the big garden across from the oil lease. Kelly's Grandpa & Grandma Lamb were our neighbors. I didn't see Phyllis & Kelly once they moved to Chanute. They did come by the house when Johnny was born. I am sure they were at Gordon's funeral and Uncle Don's. All of the Stewart kids and most of the Anderson kids were a lot older.

All these years Mom & Dad and I, as a married adult, have decorated the baby's grave. Now it is just me & my husband left. I will decorate Kelly's grave next Memorial Day and in the future. It doesn't seem possible that he is gone. I always remember him smiling.

You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

Love,

Betty Hyatt Pierson



Betty Pierson - June 06, 2022 at 03:48 PM

BR

“ *Becky Roles lit a candle in memory of Kelly Joe Stewart*



Becky Roles - June 05, 2022 at 12:14 AM

KA

“ *Kim Almquist lit a candle in memory of Kelly Joe Stewart*



Kim Almquist - June 03, 2022 at 08:15 AM

BA

“ *I grew up around Kelly and his family. His father was known to us as Russell Stewart. Kelly married my oldest sister Phyllis in Iola, KS in 1967. I knew Kelly as a beloved brother in law. They had three kids, a son Johnny Russell Stewart, daughter Kayla, and daughter Kaylee. Kelly and Phyllis later divorced. Kelly attended Elsmore schools in Elsmore, KS growing up until transferred to Moran when schools were consolidated in the 1960s. Kelly played sports in school. Kelly was an EMT and Firefighter in Chanute. He rose in rank until he became Fire Chief right before his retirement from the Chanute Firehouse.*

Before that career, he worked at several different camper manufacturers in Chanute beginning in 1967. During all that time, he was also an avid farmer. Kelly has always been close to our family and treated us all with great respect. We all held Kelly in great reverence and respect returned. His loss has been a shock to us all. God bless Kelly Joe Stewart. Our condolences are extended to his family. His brother in law, Bobbie Ray Anderson

Bobbie Ray Anderson - June 03, 2022 at 01:38 AM

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“ *Pam Catterson lit a candle in memory of Kelly
Joe Stewart*



Pam Catterson - June 02, 2022 at 08:00 PM