



## Alton Doyle Kelley

July 9, 1935 - May 16, 2021

Alton Doyle Kelley, 85 of Athens, passed away on Sunday, May 16th, 2021 at his residence. Mr. Kelley was born on July 9th, 1935, to W.H. Kelley and Amy Brackeen Kelley.

Mr. Kelley is survived by his wife Jewel Kelley; daughter Diane Adams (Ricky); son Randall Kelley (Angie); half brother Jerry Kelley; stepson Jeff Worthy; stepdaughters Kayla Paul and Brenda Robinson; grandchildren Heather Gilliland (Geoff), Andrew McClendon (Sara), Anthony McClendon (Erica), Tim Adams (Whitney), Zach Kelley, and Colby Kelley; and great-grandchildren Mikey, Mercedes, Ava, Avery, Harper, Lainey, Laken, Nevaeh, Bray, Lily, and Peyton.

Preceded in death by his parents; stepson Tim Worthy; brothers Ralph Kelley, Billy Kelley, Fred Kelley, Ronald Kelley, Donald Kelley, and Wayne Kelley; infant sister Hellen Louise Kelley; and sister Freda Beckham.

Funeral services for Mr. Kelley will be Thursday, May 20th, 2021 at 11:00am at Berea Baptist Church with Pat Lawrence officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30-11:00am at the church. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Kelley was a member of Berea Baptist Church. He was also a member of a bluegrass band, Madison County Ramblers.



# Tribute Wall

AM

“ A tribute to you pops thank you for teaching me to be a better man work hard for what you have trust in the lord and everything will be ok..the memories of you are stuck in my brain you taught me how play the guitar the bluegrass way and to crappie fish still don't like it to this day love all the boat rides I goto to take cuz you and Andrew went fishing I sit back and just watch the smiles you put on anybody face you would do anything for anybody near perfect man had his flaws and they were righted pops you will never be forgotten I will look to the skies with a smile to my face knowing I will see you again I love you pops

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**Anthony McClendon** - May 18, 2021 at 05:59 PM

DA

“ I just dont have the words daddy to describe this hurt...I love you more than I can say...you were the best daddy a girl could have and I'm so proud to be your daughter...you always made sure I got what I needed and most of the time what I wanted...and was always there when i needed you.. You were every bit of what a Christian man was...a loving husband, loving father, adoring and loving grandfather & great grandfather.....I can say I have the best memories..from spur of the moment vacations, road trips, and camping and fishing...you taught me to drive the boat, pull the boat with my car, to hunt & fish...you taught me how to fly fish and those memories of us fishing and you pulling the boat up to the trees so u could shake those willow flies out just to watch me lose my mind and you just laughing your heart out....memories of you scaring randy and me as we watch those scary shows to try to teach us a lesson....I have so many good memories, but lord knows I rather have you here...but I can only imagine when you closed your eyes here on earth and took that last breath, you took your first breath and opened your eyes in heaven in that same moment...I can see you taking momas hand and strolling those streets of gold and reuniting with your moma, brothers & sisters and all who have gone before you...I know you are singing, shouting, and probably dancing....and I know you touched jesus.. Daddy i will always be a daddys girl..now & forever...give moma a kiss from me..I miss you both....its not goodbye...its see you later....

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**Diane Adams** - May 18, 2021 at 05:25 PM

HG

“ I will miss you so much papa. You were pretty much my dad for most of my childhood. I will miss the bluegrass festivals, Penns burgers, taking us on the boat. Thank you for everything you taught me and making sure I was in church and laying that foundation. I know I will see you again I love you and tell granny I said hi.

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**Heather Gilliland** - May 18, 2021 at 03:57 PM

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“ *The best Grandfather you could ever ask for. More than a granddad. He was my best man, friend, mentor , role model. I'll miss our fishing trips, hunting trips, truck rides, smoking bbq on Saturday's. You taught me how to be a great husband, father. You meant the world to me! Sara and the girls all adored you too! They loved their Papa Kelley. We will miss you forever Papa and will see you again! Tell Granny I said hello and I love her. I love you Papa and will see you again! Love always, Andrew*

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**Andrew McClendon** - May 18, 2021 at 11:33 AM