



## John Lee Kelly Jr.

April 12, 1945 - August 17, 2021

John Lee Kelly, Jr., age 76, a resident of Valparaiso Indiana passed away from COVID on August 17, 2021, at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago, IL. John was born on April 12, 1945, in Cleveland, Ohio. John was a graduate of Valparaiso University (1968) and Valparaiso University School of Law (1973). He practiced law in Lake and Porter Counties of Indiana for forty-five years prior to his retirement. He specialized in criminal defense and family law. He served in the United States Army from 1968 through 1970.

John is preceded in death by his father, John Lee Kelly, Sr. and his mother, Margaret Elizabeth Mollison Kelly both of Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

John is survived by his wife of thirty five years, Jeanne Marie Brock Kelly, his brother David Eugene Kelly (Sharon) of Spring Hill, TN.

John also leaves three children, seven grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. Son Scott David Kelly (Heather) of Allen, TX, daughter Kimberly Ann Kelly Phillips (Charles) of Denton, TX, and son Brian Christopher Kelly (Jessica) of Magnolia, TX.

Grandchildren; Sara Kelly Ruyle (Tyler), Christian Kelly, Allyson Kelly, Reily Kelly, Joseph Phillips, Jillian Phillips, Kennedy Kelly; Great grandchildren; Gabriel Ruyle and Oliver Ruyle.

John was an avid Civil War history buff, loved his family and treating friends and family to wonderful homemade meals. He loved his home, his garden and his orchids.

John was a successful organ transplant recipient in 2019. This left him more vulnerable to this disease, despite full vaccination. In his honor, please consider organ donation. Get vaccinated, wear a mask, and help protect the other vulnerable people that you meet.

Consistent with his wishes, the family will conduct a private memorial service. Burns Funeral Home – Crown Point, entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Northwest Indiana Foodbank ([foodbanknwi.org](http://foodbanknwi.org)) located at 6490 Broadway Merrillville, IN 46410.

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“ I worked with John as his secretary for 23 years. He was a great man and wonderful boss. The Kelly family became my family and we shared lives for many great years. He will be greatly missed by all of us, Kathy Stupar

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**Kathy Stupar** - October 07, 2021 at 10:24 AM

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“ John and I practiced federal criminal defense together in the 90's and John was an excellent attorney and friend. We were in significant federal jury trials before tough judges like Sharp, Lozano and Moody. I always loved seeing John and Jeannie, even after becoming a judge. Northwest Indiana has lost a good attorney and good person.

*Dave Chidester*

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**David Chidester** - August 20, 2021 at 07:52 AM