



Kelley Dan Kelton

December 18, 1962 - August 2, 2015

Kelley Dan Kelton, age 52, passed away on 02 August 2015, in Rusk, Texas. He was born 18 December 1962, to the late Rosalyn Elliott Kelton and Dan Kelton and is survived by parents, Dan and Sue Kelton of Jacksonville, sisters Holly Kelton of Fort Worth, Robin Bunch of Jacksonville and sister and brother-in-law, Tina and Jon Hargett of Jacksonville as well as several nieces and nephews.

He lived in Rusk for the entirety of his life. Kelley was a man that loved to help others. His love of trucks and large machinery led him to become a truck driver and heavy machine operator for many years. He went on to become an EMT and Volunteer Firefighter for the City of Rusk. He later became an employee of the City of Rusk for the Fire Department and the Water Department.

While he will be memorialized privately graveside with immediate family, a Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date for those that wish to come honor and celebrate his life. It was also Kelley's wish that in lieu of flowers or food for the family, that donations be made to the Volunteer Fire Department of Rusk.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kelley Dan Kelton*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Kelley was a really good man and friend... Knew him for over 30 years and had the pleasure of getting to work with him when he worked for Isaacs Wrecker Service. He will be missed. Praying for his family.*

Debra Youkey - August 05, 2015 at 07:03 PM



“ *Carla Phillips-Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Kelley Dan Kelton*



Carla Phillips-Maxwell - August 05, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Kelley's family. This old worlds loss is heavens gain. I know you are worshiping the King of Kings now, along side your dear mother.*

Misty Bowden O'Leary - August 05, 2015 at 12:08 AM

TD

“ Kelley was a wonderful man, a great friend to every person he knew and an extremely generous, and giving person. A one of a kind person that touched many people and blessed all that knew him. I gave him a card many years ago with this quote on it and to this day it sums up our relationship. " I love you not only for who you are, but for who I am when I'm with you. I love you not only for what you have made of yourself, but for what you are making of me. I love you for the part of me that you bring out" You will be missed immensely!!! I love you Kelley.

Tina Davis Day - August 04, 2015 at 11:02 PM



“ It breaks my heart that Kelley is gone . I have nothing but very fond thoughts of him in hs . I remember that white chev pu truck that he loved so much God rest your soul my old friend !! Praying for the family and those left behind

Paul Zabriskie - August 04, 2015 at 08:58 PM

JW

“ Kelley was a great guy, a friend to many. Have known him since his childhood when he lived in my neighborhood in Rusk. He was always willing to help others. That's how I best remember him. He knew the value of friendship, as everyone who knew him well remembers. He will be greatly missed, but he has gone on to a rich reward for a life well lived.

John C, Williams - August 04, 2015 at 07:03 PM

PE

“ Kelly was a great guy . We went to school together from kindergarten till graduation. We had many fun times especially in Mr. Claytons class .



patricia evans - August 04, 2015 at 06:51 PM

BJ

“ Kelley was such a kind person that always had a smile and a kind word. Every time I ran into him he always spoke and ask how we were doing. He was so good to our family. Kelley we love you and will miss you.

Becky Jacobs - August 04, 2015 at 05:30 PM

SR

“ Our deepest condolences to your family.
Ernest and Susan Roberts, Lake Jacksonville

Susan Roberts - August 04, 2015 at 03:38 PM

CL

“ Kelly was a very great friend and would do any thing to help we go back a long way he is and will be missed love you my friend I will see u again in heaven...cliff mcelfresh

cliff - August 04, 2015 at 01:42 PM

JC

“ Rusk has suffered a great loss with the passing of Kelley. He never wanted any praise or attention but he contributed so much to this town and community. Sometimes we don't realize how much a person like Kelley does for us until they are gone. I was proud to have for my friend and I will miss him greatly. My prayers are with the Kelton family.

James Campbell - August 04, 2015 at 11:57 AM



Virginia Warlick

“ Kelley was a person you never could forget he always had a smile and would crack a joke too he always told me I smelled good and called me Gena Lou you will be missed God Bless

Virginia Warlick - August 04, 2015 at 11:54 AM



“ Kelley was a very special friend that will be missed. He touched many lives in a positive way! So many great memories beginning as far back as 1st grade on the playground. One of my favorite memories was from Valentines Day. I sent 1 card to three boys. I couldn't decide which one I liked most: Kelley Kelton, Bobby Patrick or Donnie Cooper. They were not in my home room class & I ran short on cards so they had to share, LOL! I still have the bracelet he gave me in 4th grade for Christmas. RIP in Kelley. XO

Carla Bostick - August 04, 2015 at 11:53 AM

SS

“ Johnny and I loved this guy - so did our kids. Always a friendly smile, always a ready hug, always just Kelley. Comfortable to be around, easy to talk with, easy to love. Our hearts are broken. His legacy is that smile and his genuineness. Our prayers are for you, Dan and Sue and family, in your grief.

Sandra Sanders - August 04, 2015 at 11:23 AM

JA

“ I remember mine and Elizabeth's softball days and slumber parties at the Kelton's and all the tournaments. What I will always remember Kelley for is how good he was to Suzettes kids and the 6pm scanner tests. My thoughts and prayers are will the family. He is up in Heaven catching up with Jamie, Thomas Lee, Clifford and all the other wonderful firefighters who went to Heaven before him.

Jana Cleveland Angelley - August 04, 2015 at 09:02 AM

GM

“ RIP Kelly!!! You were a great friend to both me and Ronny, and you will be greatly missed!! You touched the lives of so many even though you did not seek attention! You were always so dedicated to your work, the Fire Dept., and to helping those around you! Rusk lost a great man and Heaven gained an angel!

Geneva Miller - August 04, 2015 at 07:17 AM



“ I have known Kelley for several years, and there are so many things I could say about him. We worked side by side at many fires and wrecks, and sat and talked like brothers. It is hard to let someone go that means so much to us, but feel sure that we will see them again. I can truly say that Kelley Kelton taught me a lot, and I thank him for that.

Terry Phillips - August 04, 2015 at 01:17 AM



“ Kelley taught me so so much. When he married my mother, he taught me that step parents aren't always "wicked", but could love you like you were their own. During the next 17 years he taught me that you didn't have to share blood to be family, and he later taught me that something like a divorce doesn't change the relationship between a father and child nor grandfather and grandchild. Kelley was kind, loyal, honest, and caring. I was blessed to have two amazing fathers in my life, and I'm heartbroken that your time was cut short. Love you and miss you.

Erin Allbright - August 03, 2015 at 11:36 PM

JP

“ Was there ever a bad i thing to say about Kelley? Growing up in the fire department, he was always there to lend a hand when needed. He invested so much time helping others, even when he wasn't trying. He will be greatly missed around here, and it won't be the same without him! Until we meet again!

Jonathan Phillips - August 03, 2015 at 10:56 PM

AW

“ I have known Kelley all my life as we went to school together from K-12. He has always been so kind, funny and would help anyone . He will b greatly missed, but heaven has gained a wonderful Angel..I , we will miss you Kelley. Please keep an eye on all of us down here and know u are now in a much better place....RIP...

Anita Woody - August 03, 2015 at 09:04 PM

GC

“ I so enjoyed getting to know Kelley thru my time at True Value. Kelley and I laughed many a time about our situations and our future. God Bless his family. Good man gone too soon....

Greg Chancey - August 03, 2015 at 08:33 PM



“ *Kelley was a good man, I enjoyed my time working with and around him. Janet and I are praying for his family that God grant them peace and comfort.*

Roy Cavazoz Jr. - August 03, 2015 at 08:16 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kelton family. Love them!
Tom -Maria Hargett.*

Tom & Maria Hargett - August 03, 2015 at 07:26 PM



“ *God blessed me with 2 of the most amazing Dad's in the world; yesterday I lost one of them. He was wonderful, everything about him was wonderful, and so much of who I am is because of him. I am so incredibly thankful for having been raised by him. He never stopped being a father to me, erin or eric and he never stopped being Pawpaw Kelley to halle, ben and jackson. I miss you and love you so much.*

Elizabeth Allbright - August 03, 2015 at 06:35 PM



“ *what an awesome person that was taken entirely too soon!! i will miss you my friend!!! you will always be in my heart!! i love you kelley!! gaylynn*

Gaylynn Martin - August 03, 2015 at 04:03 PM