



William Patrick Kelly, "Bill"

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William Patrick Kelly, "Bill" died March 18, 2017, at 5:38 am at Methodist Hospice Residence. Memorial services will be Friday, March 31, 2017, at 4 pm, at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38119, in the Riverside Chapel. Mr. Kelly was a lifelong resident of Memphis and attended East High and graduated with a B.S. from Memphis State University. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Gordon Kelly and Edna Earle Kelly. He also leaves his brother, Michael Gordon Kelly, Sr., "Mickey", Michael's wife, Ernestine Kelly, "Ernie", a niece, Jennifer Kelly Jones, and his nephew, Michael Gordon Kelly, Jr. His 25 year career in public health with the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department included activities in both environmental and community health. He retired in 1995 as Manager of Environmental Sanitation. Throughout his life he enjoyed outdoor activities, especially waterfowl hunting and fishing. He was a lifelong member and sponsor of Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl. He spent four months in Alaska his first summer of retirement enjoying fishing for trout and salmon. During that time he met many new people both locals and other travelers like himself. This trip had been a lifelong ambition since high school, and he returned several more times with friends from Memphis and Jackson. Even though he fished and hunted in many parts of Canada and throughout many areas in the "lower 48", his favorite place of all was Sardis Lake. He grew up there with his dad and friends, and there was no place that he enjoyed more than Sardis. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Delta Waterfowl or the Mid South Food Bank. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN....."Celebrating Life Behind The Stone Wall".....



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