



Jeffery J. Kelley Sr.

August 6, 1963 - August 1, 2025

Jeffery Jeane Kelley, Sr., age 61 of Highland, IL, died Friday, August 1, 2025, at Highland Healthcare Center in Highland, IL.

He was born on Tuesday, August 6, 1963, in Highland, IL, the son of Edwin and Lola (nee Schauster) Kelley.

On Saturday, August 2, 1986, he married Lisa Lynn Tellor in Granite City, Illinois, who survives.

He was a member of St. Jacob United Church of Christ. He was also a member of National Association Letter Carriers.

Jeffery was born in Highland, Illinois, and found his roots in St. Jacob. A proud graduate of Triad High School, Class of 1981, he carved his path through years of dedicated work—first at Bergmann Taylor, then Basler Electric—before walking routes as a devoted letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in Collinsville, a role he held with steadfast loyalty for 39 years.

A true “Deadhead” at heart, Jeffery found rhythm in the winding sounds of the Grateful Dead, the roar of NASCAR tracks, and the timeless rock anthems of KSHE95 every Sunday. His spirit was fueled by music, movement, and meaningful connections.

Above all, Jeffery cherished the joy of traveling with his son and daughter-in-law — those journeys filled his soul. In September 2024, alongside his wife, he embarked on a two-week European adventure. Together, they wandered the sun-drenched landscapes of Spain and Italy and crossed the Mediterranean by ferry, collecting moments like postcards in the heart.

Jeff treasured the lifelong bond he shared with his childhood friends, his Dank Buds, as well as the special closeness he held with his cousins, & Godchildren, all of whom brought joy, comfort, and deep connection throughout his life.”

Survivors include:

Wife - Lisa Lynn Tellor-Kelley, Highland, IL

Son - Jeffery Jeane (Mariah) Kelley, Jr., Edwardsville, IL

Brother-In-Law- Rodger Tellor, Glen Carbon, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Edwin Jeane Kelley, died 7/7/2014

Mother - Lola Jean Kelley (nee Schauster), died 10/1/2023

Father-In-Law - Heurshel L. Tellor, died 10/23/2011

Mother-In-Law - Mildred A. Tellor (nee Ellet), died 11/10/2020

Sister-In-Law - Robin L. Tellor, died 11/9/2020

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Friday, August 8, 2025, at St. Jacob United Church of Christ in St. Jacob, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 8, 2025, at St. Jacob

United Church of Christ in Saint Jacob, IL, with Rev. Philip J. Barbier, St. Jacob United Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment will be at Keystone Cemetery in Saint Jacob, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jacob UCC or Muscle Dystrophy Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Jacob United Church of Christ
207 West Main Street
St. Jacob, IL 62281
(618) 644-2142

Funeral Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My thoughts and prayers sent to the Kelley Family I'm so sorry to hear about Jeff I haven't seen you guys in a long time but Jeff and I were neighbors and friends for a long time he was such a great person to be around he's gonna be missed dearly my heart goes out to the family. Sorry I'm not gonna be able to make it I just found out and it's a little late to change what I have going on I'm so sorry.RIP Jeff fly High till we meet again !!!!

Sherri J Pate - August 08, 2025 at 03:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffery J. Kelley Sr..



August 07, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeffery J. Kelley Sr..

August 07, 2025 at 12:41 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album 1983 Good Times



Angus Y. - August 04, 2025 at 10:20 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album 1983 Good 'ol Days



Angus Y. - August 04, 2025 at 10:03 PM

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“ The LaBrot-Johnson Family purchased the Full O
f Love Bouquet for the family of Jeffery J. Kelley
Sr..



The LaBrot-Johnson Family - August 04, 2025 at 09:14 PM

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“ Lisa and family, My deepest sympathy. You all are in my thoughts
and prayers. Jeff was a wonderful husband and dad. May God carry
you through this very difficult time. Love, Pam Chandrl

pam chandrl - August 04, 2025 at 01:33 PM