



August 1, 1944 – December 11, 2015

James Edward Kelly, 71, of Middletown, N.J., passed away on Friday, December 11, 2015 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

Jim left his mark in this world in so many ways. In his youth in Rutherford, N.J., on the Babe Ruth Little League team, his 1960 batting average still stands as a monument to young players present and future. He was a three-sport All- State athlete and captain at St. Mary's High

School, Rutherford, N.J.

Jim went on to Bordentown Military Institute in 1963 where he and his roommate Floyd Little carried on their winning football streak to 33 victories in a row. Jim was honored on the first team All-Prep of 1962.

Jim went on to Notre Dame on a full scholarship and was a member of both the 1964 and 1966 National Championship teams. Jim is nephew to John F. Kelly, Captain of the 1939 Notre Dame Championship team.

As a high school football coach, Jim influenced hundreds of young athletes and led them in a positive direction for three decades. He coached with his close friend Jack Jones at several N.J. High Schools including Immaculate Conception in Montclair, De Paul High School in Wayne, Clifton High School and Paul the VI in Clifton as well.

He was President and Owner of Target Transportation in Cranford, N.J. He was also President of the Newark Traffic Club. In addition he was instrumental in founding St. Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame and was Master of Ceremonies for the event each year. He is an active member of the Notre Dame Monogram Club and the Notre Dame club of the Jersey Shore.

In 1968 Jim married Judy Daly, his high school sweet heart. He is survived by his mother Alice, Sea Girt; Judy; two children, Krista, Jimmy and daughter-in- law Kate and six cherished grandchildren, Alice, Hugh, Declan, Sean, Jamie, and Meredith.

Also, surviving are three brothers and their wives, Joe and Jane, John and Ginger, and Jeff and Janet along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

His father, Joseph Kelly, Sr., predeceases him.

James will be reposing at the Evergreen Memorial Funeral Home 1735 Route 35, Middletown, NJ on Sunday, December 20th from 1pm - 6pm. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on December 21st at 11:30 AM at St. Mary's Church in Rutherford, N.J. Interment to follow at Hillside Cemetery in Lyndhurst, N.J.