



Kelly Wade Geiken

January 26, 1956 - September 27, 2021

Kelly Wade Geiken, age 65, of Roswell, Georgia, passed away Monday, September 27, 2021 at his home.

He was born January 26, 1956 in Kankakee, the son of Norman & Marjorie Martin Geiken.

Kelly married Virginia “Ginny” Wilson on February 23, 2002 in Marietta, Georgia.

He had been a financial advisor at Edward Jones Investments. Kelly served as a mentor and in several leadership roles within Edward Jones. He helped his clients work toward and achieve their dreams.

Kelly was a member of the Rotary Club and Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce. He was involved with Next Step Ministries and Southeast Cherokee Business Network.

Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his daughter, Abby.

Kelly was curious, enthusiastic, and a people person. He enjoyed fishing, nature, and loved all things space related. He loved animals, including dogs, cats, birds, and bugs.

He was a spiritual person and a member of North Point Ministries.

Surviving are his wife, Ginny Geiken of Roswell, GA; one daughter and son-in-law, Abby & Mike Hassett of Chicago; his mother, Marjorie Geiken of Kankakee; one sister, Jamie & Robert Glenzinski of East Peoria; one grandchild on the way (due Thanksgiving day); two nieces and three nephews

and their children; and many lifelong best friends.

Kelly is preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 4, 2021, also at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ Kelly was frequently part of the SSA sales team that sold ERP deals in the US, Caribbean, and Europe with me. We walked many streets in Italy and Germany together selling to Eaton Corporation. He was the best team member anyone could ask for because he was energetic, competent, well-prepared, reserved at the right times, funny, always on time and always willing to explore. I just learned he had passed today when I was looking him up on LinkedIn and could not find him. I miss his laughter. Ken Sweinberg

Ken Sweinberg - July 29, 2024 at 01:39 PM

PB

“ We trained together in our early days at EDJ. Such a nice and positive guy and always looked at the bright side of things even through the tough training tasks. We talked yearly after that and it was always fun catching up. I miss you KG.

Pat Brooks - January 18, 2024 at 01:18 PM

PG

“ Kelly was a fellow Rotarian and my immediate predecessor as Assistant Governor (AG) in Area 16 of Rotary District 6910. In that regard, he put in place several protocols that enhanced my role as AG He was the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Cherokee County. Kelly was a great Rotarian who proudly displayed the Rotary Four Way Test visibly in his office.

One lovely memory I have of Kelly is that every holiday season he would have an open house at office featuring his famous chili! My challenge was always getting to his open house before the chili was all gone!

Rest in Peace, my friend!

Peter Gleichman - October 07, 2021 at 04:44 PM

JL

“ What a fun loving, friendly and loving man we've lost. Thank you for all the sage advice. See you in Heaven! Hugs to Ginny and all the family. We pray for peace and comfort for you all. John & Linda Lullie

John and Linda Lullie - October 04, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ I've known Kelly since we were very young, growing up in the same neighborhood, playing at the park, going to the same schools. He was a wonderful and fun guy who always had a smile and kind word for all! I have no doubt that he is flying with the angels! My sympathy goes out to his family on their loss. Rest In Peace Kelly!



Ruth Birr Denoyer - October 03, 2021 at 03:29 PM

YM

“ Your friends, Bill & Irene Mullin purchased the Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" for the family of Kelly Wade Geiken.



Your friends, Bill & Irene Mullin - October 03, 2021 at 02:07 PM

VH

“ Veronica Herzing lit a candle in memory of Kelly Wade Geiken



Veronica Herzing - October 02, 2021 at 10:28 PM

LS

“ Louis Seeley lit a candle in memory of Kelly Wade Geiken



Louis Seeley - October 02, 2021 at 05:16 PM

LS

“ When I gather my thoughts about Kelly and begin to type, I feel a Novella is in order. To me, Kelly lived a selfless life. He could always find a way to make you laugh. Through one of the darkest times in my life, Kelly ministered to me and gave me hope. He gave me the start to my career, trained me, and gifted me with his legacy. He's now in a better place and I will miss him, but I know if I can live as he did, I we see my brother soon. One of our last conversations he said to me: "I'm closer to God than I've ever been and closer to my wife than I've ever been". We will all miss you Kelly and we are all better for having known you.

Louis Seeley - October 02, 2021 at 05:16 PM

GG

“ Ginny Geiken lit a candle in memory of Kelly Wade Geiken



Ginny Geiken - October 02, 2021 at 02:24 PM

JB

“ I first met my brother-in-law Kelly before he and Ginny moved to Georgia. I recall the amount of effort Kelly put into his career change, establishing himself as a successful financial planner. Yet Kelly's warmth, humanity, and zest for life was effortless. What a guy!
Jeff Bauman

Jeff Bauman - October 02, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ 103 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - October 01, 2021 at 01:58 PM

BW

“ *For twenty years, Kelly was an engaged and loving member of his wife’s family, the Wilson’s. He was patient, thoughtful, kind, and always looked at the bright side of things. He saw more beauty than bother. He brought joy and laughter to the family. He was close to his in-laws, Bill and Edie. In spite of the distance in miles, they spoke often and developed a strong bond. We are most thankful for the love and devotion he shared with our sister, Ginny. We witnessed how he was fully present to support and uplift Ginny through times of deep and sorrowful loss. His diagnosis of brain cancer/glioblastoma came so unexpectedly and his passing within a year has stunned us all. He and Ginny had exciting, adventurous plans for their retirement. His was a life cut short. Kelly, we miss you already. You are and will always be a true blessing to our family.*

Bill and Patty Wilson - October 01, 2021 at 01:14 PM

MD

“ *Mike Deuschle lit a candle in memory of Kelly Wade Geiken*



mike deuschle - September 30, 2021 at 10:17 PM

MD

“ *My best friend of 51 years.....not a better person and friend on this earth.....he was one of a kind and I will miss him everyday.....my heartfelt condolences to Ginny, Abby, Jamie, Mrs. Geiken and all that loved him.....God Bless you Kel.....*

mike deuschle - September 30, 2021 at 10:16 PM