



## Kelly R. Johnson

August 29, 1966 - October 6, 2021

Kelly R. Johnson, age 55, of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee following a short bout with Cancer.

He was born August 29, 1966 in Kankakee, the son of Terry D. & Gerilynn Froidcoeur Johnson.

Kelly married Amy Melvin in December of 1995 in Streator.

Beginning at a young age, Kelly was always passionate about playing sports and excelled through his hard work and determination. He played for the Lion's Little League and Elk's Pony League which he volunteered as a coach later in life. He played for the Azzarelli Colts Football team before being injured at the age of 10. Football has always been his favorite sport to participate in and watch with friends and family. During high school he joined the golf team enjoying success in that and in the fact that he was self-taught. Earning a golf scholarship, Kelly attended Illinois State University and pledged Delta Chi.

In his early 20's he participated in the Prairie State Volleyball league for the State of Illinois.

As an adult, he enjoyed playing ball with the Ultimate Sin softball team. Kelly belonged to bowling leagues and pool leagues which he enjoyed immensely not only for the sport of it but getting out and socializing with his friends.

Kelly attended Kankakee High School and was the first graduating class after Westview and Eastridge combined.

Kelly had worked at Blatchford's in Frankfort and Rohm & Haas (which later became Dow Chemical). Later, he sold insurance through Country Financial. His last job was working at BASF (Henkel) which recently became Kensing. In his spare time, he enjoyed a good game of chess, which he enthusiastically shared with his sons and family members who wished to learn.

The love for his family and friends knew no bounds. If anyone ever needed help whether it be physical labors or just sitting and talking, he was willing to make the time.

Kelly was involved with the area Jaycee's through which he met his future wife, Amy. He co-chaired the Air Show, assisted with the haunted house, and helped at the Homes on Parade when it was held in Bourbonnais. When Jeffers Park was being remodeled and built, Kelly was very happy to lend a hand in creating a new play space for the kids of the community.

He was an active member of the Aroma Park Boat Club and enjoyed boating with friends on the Kankakee River.

He was an avid Bears football fan, along with supporting the Chicago White Sox and Blackhawks.

He supported several organizations, especially those that his boys were involved including: the Brawlers Wrestling Team, Knights of Columbus Baseball Team, St. Joseph Catholic School and Bishop McNamara High School. No matter where the boys played, he was there pacing and providing encouragement for the entire team.

Kelly will be remembered as spirited and feisty as he persevered through all life struggles with strength and determination. He knew no strangers and made friends wherever he went. He spoke his mind and would welcome debates. Kelly had a great sense of humor and was sarcastic and witty. Kelly instilled a strong work ethic in his sons through his example.

Surviving are his wife, Amy Johnson of Kankakee; two sons, Lucas Johnson of Kankakee and Logan Johnson of Kankakee; his father, Terry D. Johnson of Kankakee; and his sister, Jennifer Johnson of Kankakee.

Kelly is preceded in death by his mother and maternal/paternal grandparents.

Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday, October 10, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 11, 2021 at St. John Paul II – West Campus in Kankakee.

Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Monetary donations may be made to support Burn victims to a foundation designated by family.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 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 Mass

OCT **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus  
953 South 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall



“ *Our heart felt condolences are with you and your family, at this very sad time.*

*Rest in Peace Kelly  
Don and Lynda Legris*

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**Arlynda Legris** - October 11, 2021 at 03:34 PM

KG

“ *Amy, I am so very sorry to hear of your husband, Kelly's, death. Please know I am keeping him and your entire family in my prayers. May God give you strength to continue on, hard as that certainly will be.*

*God bless you and your family.  
Love, Kathy Gibbons 📿📿📿*

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**Kathy Gibbons** - October 10, 2021 at 06:34 PM

PC

“ *PRAYRES. 📿 FOR AMY AND FAMILY RIP KELLY. AMEN !*

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**PAT CANUPP** - October 10, 2021 at 06:21 PM

MN

“ *Rest in peace kelly .We had some fun times together at Riggs Grove(and other places !) We will never forget you and your winning smile. Our condolences to Amy & the boys.*

*Remember the Blarney Stone!!!*

*Mike & Lisa Norman  
Somerset Kentucky*

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**Michael Norman** - October 10, 2021 at 03:49 PM

MT

“ Kelly will be sorely misses by all of us who knew him. I met him when he was a student in my class and in the student council for which I was faculty advisor. He was always kind, thoughtful, funny and fun. To his family, I wish God's comfort and peace and hope that fond memories will bring smiles.

To Kelly: In life, we loved you, in death, we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place no one will ever fill.



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**Mary Thomson** - October 10, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Kelly R. Johnson.



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October 10, 2021 at 01:27 PM

JS

“ Jackie Schomer lit a candle in memory of Kelly R. Johnson



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**Jackie Schomer** - October 09, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ We're sure gonna miss our conversations over the back fence.



Cindy Colevris - October 09, 2021 at 05:44 PM



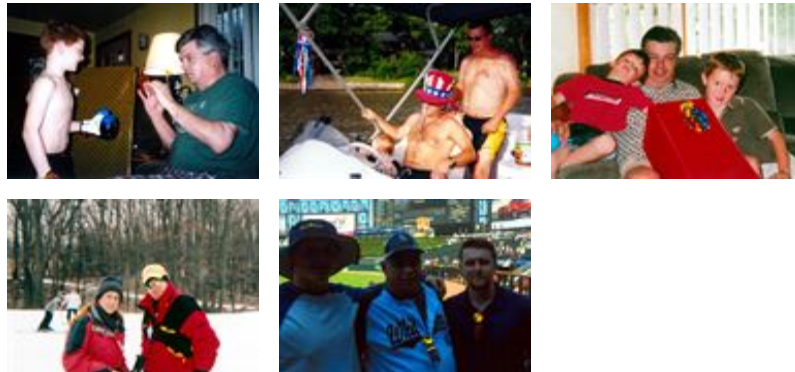
“ Jake Vaughn sent a virtual gift in memory of Kelly R. Johnson



Jake Vaughn - October 09, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - October 09, 2021 at 12:02 PM

MC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Mr. & Mrs. Mark Cooper - October 09, 2021 at 07:44 AM

KB

“ *We will miss you*



Kari Bellman - October 09, 2021 at 04:06 AM

TL

“ *Tammy Bolling Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Kelly R. Johnson*



Tammy Bolling Lancaster - October 09, 2021 at 01:37 AM

DZ

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Kelly when we were very young playing a YMCA youth basketball league. We were on the same team and became lifelong friends. Every time we saw each other we talked and had a great conversation. Peace to Kelly and his family*



David Zinanni - October 08, 2021 at 05:01 PM

MS

“ *Marci Smith lit a candle in memory of Kelly R. Johnson*



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**Marci Smith** - October 08, 2021 at 01:59 PM

RB

“ *Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss.*



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**Rhonda Bouchard** - October 08, 2021 at 12:18 PM

DK

“ *Darcy Kane lit a candle in memory of Kelly R. Johnson*



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**Darcy Kane** - October 08, 2021 at 09:46 AM