

Life Legacy

Emery J. Kelly, age 82, of Arpin, Wisconsin died Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at the House of the Dove, Marshfield, WI surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 AM Saturday, January 27, 2018 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hewitt, WI. Fr. Antony Arokiyam will officiate. Visitation will be at St. Michael's Church on Saturday from 9:00-10:30 AM. Burial at a later date in the parish cemetery. Military Rites will be provided by American Legion Post 54 of Marshfield, Wisconsin. Ritchay Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids, WI is assisting the family.

Emery was born July 31, 1935 in Chicago, IL to Emery and Ruth (Nagel) Kelly. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force as an air weather service forecaster from March 1955 until September 1960. Emery married Janet J. Hagerstrom Zeman and her six children, on September 18, 1964 in Anaheim, CA.

Emery earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from UW-Stevens Point in 1969 and later earned his Master's in Guidance Counseling from UW-Stout in 1975. He was a teacher at Pittsville Schools for 10 years and later was a guidance counselor in California.

Emery also worked at Job Service for the State of Wisconsin; was a substitute teacher for various schools in the area and was an author publishing two books, "Kites in the Wind" and "Paper Airplane". Emery was a scout master for the Boy Scouts for Troop #123 of Pittsville.

Emery's greatest love, other than his wife and family, was teaching and he was teaching right up to the day of his passing. He was always there to help when things went wrong. He would get a call when things were not working right and would help to make it right again.

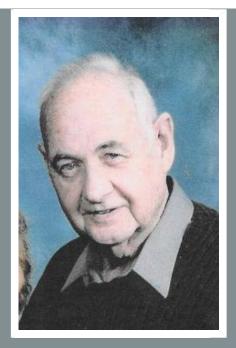
Emery is survived by his wife, Janet; six children, Mary Mussel, William Zeman, Kathy (Ray) Wojcik, John Zeman, Dan (Helen) Zeman and Julie Kasner; 11 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; sister, Joy (Norman) Wideburg; brother, Robert (Barbara) Kelly and also by several nieces and nephews.

Emery was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Edward Kelly and son-in-law, Kenneth Kasner.

The Kelly family would like to thank the staffs at the House of the Dove and the Palliative Care Unit at Ministry St. Joseph Hospital for the loving, compassionate care given to Emery.

"Hearing former students and people telling him how he changed their life made Emery feel good."

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Death: January 23, 2018

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