



## Arthur Richard Kelley

April 19, 1945 - April 22, 2026

Arthur Richard Kelley, known to all as Dick, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2026, at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Michigan, at the age of 81.

Dick was born on April 19, 1945, in Detroit, Michigan, to Art and Betty Kelley. As the oldest of four siblings, he cherished hosting Christmas Eve dinners, a tradition the whole family loved and still fondly remembers.

He spent 34 dedicated years working at Ford Motor Company, where his steady presence and loyalty left a lasting impression.

At home, he was rarely still— especially in his garage, where he was always fixing, building, planting trees, or working on a project. It was easy to picture him there in his familiar denim shirt, music playing loudly from that old boombox, completely focused and content, happiest tinkering away.

Whether watching the Red Wings, boating on Lake Charlevoix, or camping with family, those were some of his favorite times. More than anything, he loved being outside— always finding something to do, tending to his yard or staying busy around the house.

Above all, Dick was a devoted family man. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of nearly 58 years, Nancy, whom he deeply loved and missed.

He is survived by his children and their spouses: Kevin and Julie, Scott and Sandy, Lori, and Tricia and Rob. He was a proud and loving grandfather to Jordan, Brendan, Quinn, Landon, Claire, Grace, Emma, Chase, and Caden, each of whom brought him immense joy.

He treasured longtime friendships with several couples who raised their families alongside his own and was always the first to lend a hand when someone needed it.

Dick will be remembered for his steady presence, his hardworking spirit, and his deep love for his family.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 4 to 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

The Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, May 8, 2026. Dick will lie in state at 11 AM, followed by the Mass at 11:30 AM at Saint Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, whose compassionate care brought comfort to Dick and his family. 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

To share a memory or message of condolence, please use the Share a Memory tab on this webpage.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenh.com

## Lie in State

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Kenneth Catholic Church  
14951 North Haggerty Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
vermeulenh@comcast.net

## Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Kenneth Catholic Church  
14951 North Haggerty Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
vermeulenh@comcast.net

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ Dick was instrumental in helping start family reunions and camping at Young State Park that lasted for close to 40 years. He taught his friends, our children and grandchildren how to ski, fish, swim, golf, love camping and the outdoors. He was a wonderful and loyal friend to all, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather to his family, and his passing will be missed and grieved by many. Rest in peace my friend...

---

**Mitchell Dimoff** - May 08 at 01:09 PM

JW

I just learned of the passing of 2 of my favorite friends from u of D college and sigma pi fraternity. Dick and Nancy were warm and kind and wonderful friends and hockey teammates and golfing buddies. He wore an eternal smile. Blessings to both of them. I'd love to get together with his children to share stories of some wonderful times together. So very sorry I missed the funeral. Call me? Blessings. Jim Williams 248-789-5005

---

**jim williams** - May 09 at 03:26 AM