



Clayton N Kelley

November 21, 1932 - September 24, 2014

Kelley, Clayton N. September 24, 2014, age 81, of Westland. Retired educator for Bedford and Garden City Schools. Beloved husband of Ruth for 58 years. Dear father of Jane (Bill) Colver and Diane Kelley. Loving grandfather of Shaun and Megan Colver. Visitation Friday 5-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh, Westland. Instate Saturday 10 AM until 11 AM Funeral Service at St. Matthew Lutheran 5885 Venoy, Westland. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Matthews Lutheran Church would be appreciated. To share a memory, please use the View and Send Condolences tab on this web page.

Tribute Wall



“ Clayton N Kelley

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Coach....more than winning or losing, you truly cared about the students/athletes you mentored. Wins and Losses?? You won the love and respect of everyone who knew you. It was my honor and my privilege to have known you. You were a blessing from GOD in my life.

Johnny Braman - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ "Quitters never win, and winners never quit." You had that taped over the door to the locker room in 1965, Coach. I will honor you all the rest of my days and keep doing the best that I can. You are among the major male influences of my formative years and that influence continues to this day. Thanks you for choosing teaching/coaching as a profession. I am proud to be one of "Kelley's boys".

Fred Lowe - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ i am sorry to hear about mr kelly he was great teacher at garden city high school. From of the students at the school Becky Mcbee . R.i.p mr kelly

Becky mcbee - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JO

“ Dear Ruth, Jane and Diane, Our thoughts and prayers are with you now. We're caring for Peg's nephew's boy this weekend; otherwise we would attend the services for Clayton. God Bless. Jim

Jim and Peg O'Hearn - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JS

“ Coach Kelley earned the title "Coach" for his success in turning boys into men. I personally can attest to the positive impact he had on my life and I know for sure that I'm not the only one. I was but an average wrestler...but I got great life lessons from Coach! He was way more than a wrestling coach! May God bless him and give comfort to his family...his was a life very well lived! We should celebrate that! Coach Kelley touched the future as an educator and a Coach...he brought all of his "Bedford Boys" to a new level and I'm sure that his students and athletes later in his career in the Detroit area school would say the same. God bless you Coach and know that one day you will again lead your Bedford Boys in another wrestling practice! Somehow I know that you will hear all of us! God bless!

John Supplee - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

CH

“ Coach Kelley, I am very saddened to hear of your passing. I'm glad that you took the time to tell me, one day after football practice, that I should try out for the wrestling team, it has made all the difference. A man's legacy is not determined by what he has accomplished but by what others have accomplished because of him. Coach you have left a huge legacy and have changed many lives. You are loved and will be missed greatly. God bless you and your family.

Chuck Halhober - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

TD

“ COACH, I am what and who I am today because of who and what you were to me over 50 years ago. Thank you will never be enough of a tribute to you. Thank you.
T. Davis class of 1961

Tom Davis - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

MJ

“ *Rest in peace coach. Your life made a positive difference in the lives of the the people you coached. And the people who had the honor of calling you friend!*

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jaffe - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

BT

“ *Clay was most of all a great human, easy to like. Taught with him for many years and enjoyed and cherished his friendship and mentoring ways.*

Bill Taylor - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

CR

“ *Thank you from the bottom of my heart for ALL you have done for Bedford Wrestling. If not for you, we would not have been. You had the foresight and strength of character to bring in this wonderful sport to the youth of Bedford. And people need to know it ALL started with you. God has truly blessed Bedford and Bedford Wrestling because of you!! Thank you, again and again!!!*

Coach Regnier - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

CF

“ I have so many wonderful memories from school & church of this wonderful man. Always quick with a smile and a positive & supportive attitude. He will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to you Ruth, Jane, Diane and your entire family.

Connie (Knopp) Freeman - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

RR

“ My condolences to the family. Speaking of family, Bedford Wrestling has had a profound and lasting effect on mine. Thank you for bringing this incredible sport to the Mules. You will always be remembered and I will always be grateful to you.

Rebecca Regnier - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

BP

“ Mr. Kelly, Don't remember if I ever got a chance to tell you, THANK YOU.....

Barb Braman Poland - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM