



Chet William Kelly Sr.

November 28, 1961 - December 9, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Chet William Kelly, a native and resident of New Orleans, La., Chet passed away Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the age of 62, leaving behind a legacy that will forever be remembered. Chet was born November 28, 1961. He was preceded in death by his loving parents Francis "Bill" and Odine B. Kelly. Survived by his son, Chet William Kelly, Jr. (Carrie), former spouse and significant other, Lisa deGress, his sisters) Francine Kelly-Lacour (Roddy), Jill Kelly Frisard (Leon, deceased), Luanne Cabellero (Herb, deceased), Judy Murphy (Joseph); nieces and nephews, Justin B. Schmalz, Kayla K. Schmalz, Noel F. Frisard, Chuck Dominick, Carly Dominick, Brenna Murphy Malak (Cyril), Megan Murphy (John) Moynihan, and Joseph (Meagan) Murphy, Jr., along with countless friends and relatives.

For the past 40 years, Chet dedicated himself to his craft as a Licensed Plumber in Orleans Parish, however, Chet's zest for life extended far beyond his profession. He was an adventurer at heart, finding peace and joy in the great outdoors and the beauty of living on the water. Chet was always ready to celebrate life's moments with his friends and family. Whether it was casting a fishing line, going on one of his many hunting trips, enjoying Cajun food with his loved ones, or simply sharing a cold beer, Chet embraced every opportunity to make lasting memories. He had the remarkable ability to make connections with anyone he encountered. He had an infectious sense of humor, with a knack for finding the lighter side of life which effortlessly brought

smiles to the ones around him. Without even trying, he captured the hearts of those fortunate enough to know him. His loved ones hold countless stories of his vibrant presence, ensuring that Chet's spirit will live on through the tales they share for years to come.

Chet William Kelly, a true original, will never be forgotten.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service at L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the Mass to immediately follow at 2:00 p.m.

To share memories or condolences please visit www.muhleisen.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **16**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Mass

DEC **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
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Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Chet William Kelly Sr.



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - December 15, 2023 at 05:23 PM

JB

“ My name is John Bargnesi, I met Chet on June 21, 2021.

At the closing, when I purchased a fishing camp next to Chet, the previous owners said go meet Chet first, he will take care of you, and that's exactly what he did.

What Chet didn't know, is that I was fresh out of a divorce, and was still struggling. I shared that with him, and he simply said "you'll feel different soon", so I trusted him. My next trip to the Bayou from Arizona, I felt different, every trip I checked in with Chet and gave him the positive update.

He has given countless gifts to my children, every time they went to see him, they came back with something that he had given them (including some of the best fishing spots around the Bayou).

These are prep school kids, he taught them the other side of life (NO BOOKS and NO GRADES). My kids would invite their friends to the camp and hang out with Chet. The friends went back, and all they could talk about was Chet, and what a GOAT he is, he is a legend at Tempe Prep Academy.

When they came to my house in AZ, they ask about him, he touched them too. We will never forget Chet Kelly and will think of him when we have tough times and how it is guaranteed that we will feel different as time passes.

We are beyond grateful that we knew Chet and everything that he did for us.

We love you, Chet!

John Bargnesi - December 15, 2023 at 03:14 PM

KS

Thank you for sharing this John.

Kayla Schmalz - December 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM

JF

John thank you for sharing your story of my brother. He touched the lives of many in his own unique ways. He will be greatly missed by many.

Jill Kelly Frisard - December 17, 2023 at 10:41 AM

FK

John, thank you for sharing this story about my brother Chet. Chet spoke very highly of you and always looked forward to your trips to the bayou. He genuinely cared for his neighbors and he considered you'll his family. We all miss him deeply and will keep his memory alive through the many stories we all have of him. Thanks again for being such a good friend to my brother.

Francine Kelly-Lacour - December 18, 2023 at 08:43 AM

TF

“ Timothy F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chet William Kelly Sr..

Timothy F. - December 14, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Chet William Kelly Sr..



December 14, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Chet William Kelly Sr..

December 13, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ Francine K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chet William Kelly Sr..

Francine K. - December 13, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ Marquis Sen. Mgmt (Ron, Ryan, Patricia) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chet William Kelly Sr..

Marquis Sen. Mgmt (Ron, Ryan, Patricia) - December 13, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Chet William Kelly Sr..



December 13, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ Jan Bethea lit a candle in memory of Chet William Kelly Sr.



Jan Bethea - December 11, 2023 at 08:52 PM