



Bobby Joe Kelton

October 24, 1937 - April 7, 2016

Bobby Joe “Linky” Kelton, age 78 years, a resident of rural Creal Springs, Illinois passed away Thursday evening April 7, 2016 at 11:55 PM at his home.

Bobby was born October 24, 1937 in Marion, Illinois. He was the fourth of eight children born to Carl Kelton and Ethel (Davis) Kelton.

Bobby was united in marriage to Kay Sanders on April 11, 1964 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She survives.

Other survivors include: his children- Kevin Kelton of Maxwell, Iowa, Mark (Shelly) Kelton of Ozark and Amy (Robert) Joiner of Ashland City, Tennessee; 8 grandchildren- Jake, Jessica, Samantha, Dylan, Wyatt, Ashley, Katie Jo and Robert, Jr.; 2 great-grandchildren- Aspen and Easton; a brother- Roy Lavern “Red” Kelton of Florida; 2 sister- Edna Ruth (Richard) Carter of Johnston City and Dolly Irene (Carl) Hudgens of Marion.

In addition to his parents Bobby was preceded in death by: 3 brothers – Samuel William Kelton, John “Corky” Kelton and James Carl Kelton; and a sister – Betty Louise Yost.

Bobby was a graduate of the Marion High School Class of 1955. He served in the United States Navy from 1955 until his honorably discharge in 1964.

Bobby was employed as a correctional officer at the Marion Federal Penitentiary prior to his retirement in the late 1970's. He also was a skilled craftsman and self employed carpenter. Bobby installed and repaired heating and air conditioning units and also installed carpeting. He is remembered for his strong work ethic.

Bobby was a member of the Lake of Egypt Security Patrol and had served as a volunteer fireman for the city of Marion.

Bobby was affiliated with the Marion Seventh Day Adventist Church. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and spending time with family and friends during "deer weekend." Bobby's true passion, however, was fishing. He tried to fish daily and made quite a study of the weather and other conditions which might affect the day's fishing.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 12, 2016 at 2PM at the Freedom Cemetery, 4750 Illinois Route 37 South, Marion, Illinois. Pastor Tom Ferguson will officiate.

Military graveside rites will be accorded.

The family will greet friends from 1:30PM – 2 PM Tuesday at the Freedom Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Freedom Cemetery

Route 37 South
Marion, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Freedom Cemetery
Route 37 South
Marion, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Bobby Joe Kelton*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Chad, Carey, Joey and Will Sanders purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Bobby Joe Kelton.*



Chad, Carey, Joey and Will Sanders - April 11, 2016 at 09:33 PM



“ *Jimmie Pennington lit a candle in memory of Bobby Joe Kelton*



Jimmie Pennington - April 10, 2016 at 08:51 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Bobby Joe*



Kay Kelton - April 09, 2016 at 07:40 AM



Elizabeth
Harrington

“ Elizabeth Harrington lit a candle in memory of Bobby Joe Kelton



Elizabeth Harrington - April 08, 2016 at 03:39 PM



“ Kay my heart aches for you. Losing your best friend is so very hard to endure. Having the Precious LORD JESUS in our lives is what gets us through. The times we met and talked with Bob are cherished times. You and your family are and will always be in our prayers. If you need us please give us a call. GOD bless and keep you in HIS watchful care.

Anita Mills - April 08, 2016 at 07:48 AM



We are so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you and praying for you. May the Lord wrap His loving arms around you and give you His peace.

Tom and Vicki Mann - April 08, 2016 at 09:04 AM