



## Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf

October 10, 1957 - October 8, 2021

Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf, age 63, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 8, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Leach; children, Ryan (Ashley), Andrew, and Sarah Leach; grandsons, Corbin and Landon Leach; father, Robert Utendorf; brothers, Jay (Julia), Dean (Lynn), and Kent Utendorf; sisters, Rose (Norm) Schnipke, Molly (Chris) Elgin, and Gina (Scott) Tann; sister-in-law, Karen (Gary) Culbertson; brother-in-law, David (Sherri) Glodowski; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, Agnes Schroeder Utendorf. Kel completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Miami University and his Doctorate at Michigan State. For many years he was employed with the Social Security Administration in Washington D.C. and recently as an Operation Research Analyst at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He recently retired and was enjoying his time with his family, especially his grandsons.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 pm Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio. Funeral Mass will be Celebrated at 10:30 am Thursday, October 14, 2021 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: Miami University Miami Fund, or the St. Joan of Arc Building Fund.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell

450 West Olentangy Street

Powell, OH 43065

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *By far the smartest & more importantly, nicest guy I ever knew. I lost contact when Kelvin pursued the seminary life . I remember how often he saved us in eighth grade from Sr, Providentia 's wrath when he answered the math question correctly. I myself am sad because I wanted to arrange an Eighth Grade reunion ( 50 yrs ) in 2022. Kelvin was unique, He was extremely intelligent but never made you feel inferior, In Jesus name rest in peace fellow classmate. God Bless!!*

**Gary Selhorst** - October 21, 2021 at 09:51 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



October 14, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Kelvin was a younger first cousin and I believe that I babysat him several times. He was a very bright kid and went on to make a contribution to society. My sympathy to the family. He was way too young to die.*

**Kathy Schroeder Beattie** - October 14, 2021 at 11:27 AM

GG

“ I worked with KRU (sometimes I called him that) a few years at Wright-Patt. My favorite part of being his co-worker was actually our conversations about non-work things. We'd talk about HS football - Columbus Grove (and the 'Mighty' MAC), 4-H and how Kent's kids and my nephews/nieces were doing, how fast Sarah was in soccer (middle school at the time?), and where the next planned bike excursion would be ;- ) He could talk about many topics and you'd see the beaming smile as he talked them!! Kel was influential and made a positive impact on my life...

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**Greg Gehret** - October 14, 2021 at 08:09 AM

KE

Greg - thanks for the comments- Kel enjoyed that the two of you shared a livestock connection as well - I started trying to estimate the number of my kids games he went to & gave up - iOS safe to say it'd be a 4 digit number

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**Kent** - October 14, 2021 at 06:04 PM

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“ Kel, I wish I could see you again. It's been a little over two years since I last saw you and I remember that exact conversation to this day. I wish I would have told you how much I appreciate and respect you, but I don't think I ever did. We had a unique connection and I always enjoyed our nicknames for one another. You K-dog and I E-dog. You were so easy to talk to and joke with, and you always made me feel at home. I will miss you. My deep condolences go out to the Utendorf family and Elaine. Rest In Peace K-dog.

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**Evan Boswell** - October 13, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



October 13, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



October 13, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ *Mercy NPD team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



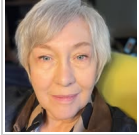
**Mercy NPD team** - October 13, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *Sorry to hear the news about cousin Kel. We will remember him, and your family, in our prayers.*

*Jerry and Donna Schroeder*

**Jerry Schroeder** - October 13, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ Elaine, Tom and I can't believe Kel is gone. Kel was the funniest, most genuine person we know and he will be so missed by all of us.

Terri Stafford - October 12, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.

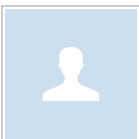


October 12, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ In our prayers we remember your entire family in your time of sorrow.  
There are so many memories of Kel that we all share as your extended family and friends. Find peace and comfort from our Heavenly Father.  
Mike & Rita

Mike & Ria - October 12, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.



October 12, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



October 12, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Tom & Dawn Utendorf and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



**Tom & Dawn Utendorf and Family** - October 12, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Barbara, Marcy, Anne, and Laura Utendorf purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



**Barbara, Marcy, Anne, and Laura Utendorf** - October 12, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *The Van Hoy Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



**The Van Hoy Family** - October 12, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



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October 11, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



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October 11, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelvin "Kel" Robert Utendorf.*



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October 11, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *My Uncle Kel was an amazing man. He was one of my most influential mentors, a kind and loving Uncle, and a friend. He will forever be missed. We love you Uncle Kel!*



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**Kirstene Adkins** - October 11, 2021 at 04:43 PM