



John "Richard" Richard Kelsey

April 5, 1920 - December 14, 2019

John "Richard" Kelsey, age 99, of Richland Center passed away peacefully on the evening of December 14, 2019, at Pine Valley Community Village in Richland Center. He was born in Gillingham, WI to Bert Emmet and Freda Viola (Gillingham) Kelsey on April 5, 1920. Richard was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He cherished his family and they cherished him. He was a man of faith, kindness, and grace. He grew up on a farm and started farming early in life. Richard worked and managed several different cheese factories. Later in life he was a custodian at Viola and Ithaca Schools.

Richard is survived by three sons John Wayne (Sandra) Kelsey of La Farge, WI, Robert L. (Shirley) Kelsey of Greenville, S.C., and Bert R. (Maureen) Kelsey of Richland Center; one daughter, Jeanie (John) Montgomery of rural Richland Center; 10 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, 12 great great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Eunice McNamer Kelsey, his eldest daughter Sharon Lynnette Frydenlund, his grandson David Kelsey, a brother Bert E. Kelsey, two sisters Eleanor Barton and Lettie Childs.

Funeral Services will be held at Noon on Saturday, December 21, 2019, at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center, WI. Rev. C.D. Fretz will officiate with burial in the Fancy Creek Cemetery. Friends may call on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home from 10:00 AM until the time of services at Noon.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Pine Valley Community Village.

Cemetery Details

Fancy Creek Cemetery (Gillingham)

Marshall Township, Richland, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Bible Baptist Church, Winneconne, WI purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John "Richard" Richard Kelsey.



Bible Baptist Church, Winneconne, WI - December 21, 2019 at 01:19 AM

ME

“ I will always cherish my many memories of time spent with Grandpa. One especially, when he would let me go to Viola Elementary with him when school was out. He would take a break, and we would go to the lunchroom for fig newtons and milk. He was always patient, kind, and loving to all of us grandkids. He was truly one of a kind. Through the blessed assurance of salvation I have through Jesus, I will see my Grandpa again one day! I love you, Grandpa!

Melinda Eskew - December 20, 2019 at 06:53 PM

SF

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family

Stan, Friti - December 19, 2019 at 10:46 PM

Jennifer Brown

“ Uncle Richard was a great story teller, I have very fond memories of him and aunt Eunice visiting, my folks, his brother Bert "Elwyn" when I was a young girl and him visiting with aunt Lettie when I was older. They were my most favourite Uncle and Aunt!!! I'm thankful they're all together again and having a glorious Christmas in heaven. Prayers to the family.
Jenny



Jennifer Brown - December 19, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ 152 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - December 19, 2019 at 10:39 AM

AR

“ I was blessed to be a caregiver of this kind sweet man he was a great storyteller and had a great sense of humor and I will always keep him in my heart!!!

Amy Riley - December 18, 2019 at 09:43 AM

Kimberly Julius

“ I spent alot of time with my grandpa growing up did alot of gardening grandpa grew the best strawberries. We also shared the love of horses which still is with me to this day. He will always be in my heart and I will always have alot of memories love ya kim

Kimberly Julius - December 17, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John "Richard" Richard Kelsey.



December 17, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John "Richard" Richard Kelsey.



December 17, 2019 at 12:17 PM

HD

“ My fondest memory of my grandfather is when I was spending time at their home (a renovated old schoolhouse) in Ithaca. My grandmother Eunice was combing his hair. She put a dollop of mouse on top and he exclaimed with a smile "I've been clobbered by a spittle bug"!!

Heather Davids - December 16, 2019 at 08:52 PM

DF

Too many wonderful memories to pick just one. We enjoyed vacations, holidays & just every day with my grandpa. A wonderful man! A great testimony to each of us. Thank you for being a great example of Christ to me! I love you forever!

Darcy Fish - December 16, 2019 at 10:03 PM

ES

Yes he was a was and grandma as well, they didn't miss a Sunday I believe not picking my brother Tony, sister Rosey, and myself to go to Sunday school -church and many chicken dinners at great -grandma Kelseys afterwards.

Elizabeth A Schulze - December 20, 2019 at 09:24 PM