

Atchison, KS

Marion I. "Bud" Kelley, 87, Atchison, Kansas died Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Country Care Nursing Facility, Easton, Kansas.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. at the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow the visitation at 7:00 P.M. sharp at Shiloh Baptist Church until 8:00 P.M. Memorial contributions are suggested to Shiloh Baptist Church and may be left in care of the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home with whom final care has been entrusted. Online condolences may be left at [www.arenbergpruett.com](http://www.arenbergpruett.com).

Bud was born July 17, 1931 in Atchison, Kansas the son of Guy Paul Kelley, Sr., and Mary Cluke Kelley. He attended Lincoln School and graduated from Atchison High School.

He and Alberta Clayton were united in marriage on May 5, 1957 in Atchison, Kansas. Alberta preceded him in death on April 18, 1983. He then married Cheryl Todd on November 20, 1983 and she preceded him in death on May 9, 2014.

Bud began his employment with Locomotive Finished Materials (L.F.M.) in Atchison and later became employed with Kansas Power & Light Company where he served for 25 years until his retirement in 1998. Following his retirement he drove a school bus for USD 409 and owned and operated the Bud Kelley and Son's Cleaning Service.

Bud served his country with the United States Navy from September 10, 1951 until his honorable discharge on September 9, 1955.

He was an active member of Shiloh Baptist Church of Atchison. He was chairman of the Church Deacon Board; a choir member; and chairman of the laymen for the Northeastern District, and drove the bus for Camp Ascension. Bud was also a member of the NAACP. In his spare time he loved to share his talent of singing, he sang with the Navy Bluejacket Honors Guard; the Atchison Rivermen; the Kelley Family Choir and sang for numerous weddings and funerals. He was also an avid sports enthusiast.

Survivors include seven sons, Rev. Michael (Gladys) Kelley, Atchison, KS; Marion Kelley, Jr., Stockbridge, GA; Marcus (Tammi) Kelley, Sr., Atchison, KS; Mario (Missy) Kelley, Atchison, KS; Sean Tolson, Atchison, KS; Billy (Vickie) Lewis, Wichita, KS; Alfred "Al" Steed, Kansas City, MO; four daughters, Rela Kelley, Atchison, KS; Roxanna McMillian, Topeka, KS; Roslaine (Rick) Stillman, Atchison, KS; Dian Cunningham, Dalton, GA; two brothers, Otha "Dude" (Anna) Kelley, Atchison, KS; George (Rita) Kelley, Sr., Atchison, KS; a sister, Viola Lewis, Detroit, MI; twenty four grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren and a great-great granddaughter, Harmony Foster.

Bud was preceded in death by a son, Brock Tolson; a granddaughter, Abigail Kelley; a

grandson, Rev. Sean Kelley; brothers, Guy Paul Kelley, Jr.; Lewis Kelley, Sr.; William Henry Kelley; Michael McNair; and sisters, Sylvia Busey; Elnora Garlington; Loretta Downing and Ethel Downing.