



Robert L. Kelly

October 3, 1955 - August 23, 2012

Kelly, Robert L. Age 56 August 23, 2012 Beloved son of Thelma and the late Bill Kelly. Loving father of Christine Michael Lope and Robert P. Claire Kelly. Proud grandfather of Andrew. Dear brother of Mike Donna Kelly. Uncle of Kurt Robin Kelly and David Kelly. Born and raised in Plymouth, Indiana, Rob graduated from Valparaiso University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He then received his Juris Doctor from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1981 where he also earned a Master of Science in Molecular Biology in 1994. Upon graduating from U of D law school, Rob began a long successful career as an intellectual property attorney in the Metro Detroit area. During his career he gained national recognition for successfully representing the inventor of a home remedy who tried to save his son from a debilitating nerve disease, depicted in the movie Lorenzo's Oil. He was also an avid musician and will be greatly missed by many close friends and family. Visitation Sunday 3-7 p.m. and Monday 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. 4 blocks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Burial Tuesday 10:30 a.m. at Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth, IN. Memorial Contributions appreciated to the Boys and Girls Club of South Oakland Co. Share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Christine Kelly was added to the Family Tree.*

Michael Lope - September 22, 2015 at 02:13 PM

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MH

“ *Christy and Rob jr., though I didn't know both of you, your father was a dear and close friend since we met while I was in college, 1977. Robert and I shared many a good time together, and I will miss him greatly.*

michael hegyan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ *Christine and Robert, Your dad, Rob, was one of the kindest and intelligent attorneys I had the pleasure of working for. He spoke very highly of both of his children and grandson. I only just found out of his passing, my sincere condolences to you both. I will remember him and his happy demeanor and feel very fortunate to have been able to know him. Susan K. Olson*

Susan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My condolences to Rob's family. Rob was a great boyhood friend. Many great times we had together growing up. I will miss him.*

jim stadler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I graduated with Rob from Plymouth High. AM so sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathies. Betsy L Story

Betsy L Story - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To Rob's Family, I just learned of Rob's passing and had to write to express my sincere condolences. I knew Rob from his years at Dykema, where I remain as a member. Not only was Rob a great lawyer, but he was a wonderful person - kind, generous, concerned. He mentored many of our IP lawyers in the firm and was highly regarded and well liked. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and wish I would have known sooner.

Marilyn Peters - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Rob's Family: I just heard the news of Rob's passing this afternoon Aug.27 and write to extend my sincere condolences. I worked with Rob for many years at Dykema. Rob was one of the kindest, most sincere men with whom I have ever had the pleasure of working. He thought not of himself, but always of others first. He was the type of individual who would give you the shirt off his back if needed. I greatly enjoyed working with Rob and will never forget his assistance, mentorship, and care. In this time of sorrow, I am hopeful that knowing how great a person Rob was to so many of us will provide some comfort.

William Kolakowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ To Rob's Family, I attended college with your Dad at Valpo. I remember him as a very kind, sincere, ambitious and gifted person. Although we lost contact over the years, I understand he accomplished quite a bit in his professional career. Was very sorry to hear about his health this past year. This had to be very difficult for the entire family. Special thanks to Leslie for taking Rob into your home this past year. Your compassion comes as no surprise. Love.....Jim & Marie

Jim Greci - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Please accept our sincere condolences, Christine. May the kind sentiments and ongoing prayers of family and friends bring comfort to you, Mike, and your family. Sincerely, Jim and Eric

Jim and Eric Sullivan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We were very sorry to hear of the untimely passing of Christine's dad. Our best wishes go to her, Mike, and the rest of Bob's extended family.

Jeff & Wendy Page - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Christine, We were so sorry to hear about your Dad. You can be sure our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Marty & Dennis

Marty & Dennis McGinnity - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM