



## John Roy Kelley

February 9, 1931 - October 25, 2024

John Roy Kelley was born February 9, 1931 to William and Estelle Kelley in South Bend, IN.

He graduated from Washington Clay High School in 1949 and attended Purdue University

for two years before enlisting in the United States Navy, where he proudly served for four

years on the USS Marquette in Norfolk, VA. His Chief Petty Officer asked him over dinner

one night, which was how he met the love of his wife, Hazel Taft. They married and moved

back to Granger, IN when he served his four years and he started his career at Dodge Steel

manufacturing where he was a member of the United Steel Workers. He was also a

member of the Knights of Columbus and was a member of St. Pius the 10th Catholic

Church. He was on a bowling league and loved to grow a garden.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Hazel, grandson Cory McKee,

brothers William and Thomas Kelley and sisters Rose Mary Bressler and Sharon Winans

Debolt.

He is survived by his children, Eugene (Vicki) Kelley of South Carolina, Elizabeth Kelley and Patrick (Teresa) Kelley of Tullahoma, sisters Barbara Toepp and Mary Vest, sister-in-laws Linda (Buddy) Nettles, Jan Taft and Everdine Kelley and brother-in-law Harry Taft, 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. There will be no services at this time, the family will have a celebration of life at a later date.