



Richard Lynn Kelley

April 1, 1960 - June 1, 2025

Richard Kelley, age 65, of Lubbock, Texas died Sunday, June 1, 2025 in Lubbock. He was born April 1, 1960 in Friona, Texas to Glenn and Kay (Collins) Kelley. He married Jetahn Bilbrey in Austin, Texas on February 24, 2001.

Richard graduated from Texico High School and then Texas Tech University with a degree in mechanical engineering technology. After graduation, Richard worked for Texland Petroleum until he retired in 2016.

After retirement, Richard began a career as a dog trainer. He had a natural gift of working with dogs and would often take the job of training dogs that others wouldn't work with. He could tell someone how to change their dog's behavior after just one look at the dog or just one conversation with the owner. He loved working with veterans and their dogs and referred to them as "his" veterans.

He took the time to appreciate the beauty of the outdoors, trees, plants, flowers, and a beautiful sunrise or sunset. He was instrumental in instilling that same love in many others.

Richard is survived by his wife, Jetahn; his three sons, Nick Kelley of Austin, Texas; Mike Kelley and his wife Mallory of Weatherford, Texas; and Luke

Kelley of Lubbock, Texas; his grandchildren Avery Kelley and Wayne Kelley. He was preceded in death by his mother Kay and daughter Brandi.

Family and friends are invited to join us in celebrating Richard's life and the impact he made on all of us. A Memorial Service will be held at The Worship Center South Campus, 12701 Indiana Ave, in Lubbock, Texas on June 4, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to This Able Veteran, 1714 Wolf Creek Road, Carbondale, IL 62902.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

The Worship Center South Campus
12701 Indiana Ave.
Lubbock, TX 79423

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Lynn Kelley.

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