



## Kelly M. Caldwell

July 2, 1963 - December 2, 2020

Kelly M. Caldwell, age 57, of Gravois Mills, was called to his heavenly home on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born July 2, 1963, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Bert and Helen (Wesson) Caldwell.

On April 22, 1989, in Kansas City, Missouri, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Nancy (Barton, Boteler) Caldwell.

Although much of Kelly's career was spent in sales, where he learned his work ethic from his father and also his good friend, Bill Weimer, Kelly found his calling in the ministry. First, as an Elder and then as a Pastor, when he was installed in 2014. Officially commissioned in 2019, Kelly was currently Pastor of West Lake Christian Church in Laurie where he fulfilled his life's passion by lovingly serving others and the Lord. He served as the president of the West Lake Ministerial Alliance and played an active role in his Practice of Ministry Group.

Kelly enjoyed spending his free time hunting, mostly for pheasant and deer, was a bee guardian, enjoyed gardening where he started plants from seeds, boating on the lake, and doing mechanical work on vehicles, especially helping his nephews. He also loved his Allis-Chalmers and John Deere tractors. Kelly enjoyed wood working. He made furniture for his family that they will treasure always. He also was proud to be an Eagle Scout.

Above all, Kelly loved his family. He will be remembered for his kind, gentle spirit, loving heart and sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, he is survived by his son, Danny Boteler and wife Cathy of Liberty, Missouri, and granddaughters, Megan and Molly Boteler; mother, Helen Caldwell of Laurie; Missouri, brothers, Dave Caldwell and wife Debbie of Lane, Kansas, Brent Caldwell of Smith Center, Kansas and Joe Caldwell and wife Pam of Overland Park, Kansas; brother-in-law, Mike Barton and wife Carol of Highland, Indiana; aunt, Shirlene Wesson of Kansas City, Kansas; numerous nephews, nieces, great-nieces and nephews,

cousins and many friends. He was preceded in death by his Dad, Bert, his uncle, Leonard Wesson, and his aunt, Gertie Caldwell.

A private family service will be held. Memorial contributions are suggested to: West Lake Christian Church, 936 Highway O, Laurie, MO 65037, or Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc., 355 Lexington Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10017.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes** - December 05, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Beautiful tribute. My husband & I were only recently blessed to enjoy just one conversation with the Pastor & his wife over a meal, but I shall never forget that one moment in time. My condolences to all who loved him.

**Robert & Elizabeth Wald** - December 05, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Beautiful video. Just wish it had been 30+ more years before the making.

**Norma Johnson** - December 07, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ So very saddened to hear of Pasttor Kelly's passing, I am a summer resident at the lake and always enjoyed and learned from his messages, he will be deeply missed.

**Patti Fallon** - March 13 at 06:01 PM

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“ Pastor Kelly always made his sermons easy to understand. I told him one time how I liked his style which was humble and easy to relate to. He was always there for my parents in their illnesses. Thank you for serving in such a powerful way.

**Peggy Goellner** - December 06, 2020 at 11:32 AM

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“ Kelly was such a special person and truly one of a kind. He touched so many people's lives and was loved by all who knew him. We are so glad we got to see him last summer at the lake. We will cherish the special memories we had with him. We will miss him terribly. Thinking of Nancy and Danny and the rest of Kelly's loving family and friends during this difficult time.



**Stacie Pacyniak** - December 06, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ 138 files added to the album LifeTributes



Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - December 05, 2020 at 02:18 PM

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“ To the family and members of Lake West Christian Church, our hearts are broken upon hearing of Pastor Kelly's passing. Pastor Kelly was such a wonderful person and he will be missed. I thank him, and all members, for the support given to Community for Christ in Sunrise Beach. I personally always listened to his words of encouragements and guidance. Rest in peace Kelly, and thank you for all you have done for CFC and for me too!

Karen Mellody  
Director of Community for Christ

Karen Mellody - December 05, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ Kelly was such a great guy. His strong leadership & his love for God & his wife Nancy were evident in all he did and said. He was a good mentor, a humble pastor, a true friend. His laughter was contagious & his big bear hugs were the best! He was always so kind & caring to my son, Justin, who has autism & is nonverbal. He had a way of making everyone feel comfortable and welcomed. He could challenge you to dig deep & really think one minute, and have you laughing the next. He will be so missed. RIP Kelly, until we meet again...

Lorinda Grauel - December 05, 2020 at 08:13 AM

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“ Kelly and Nancy stopped overnight to visit me in my new Texas house last year. My kids and grandkids met up with us for dinner. Will cherish that time with him- He brightened the room when he was around! We'll miss him!



**Jan Barton** - December 04, 2020 at 09:16 PM

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“ Nancy, Danny & the rest of our family are in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss Kelly terribly!



**Dana Hughes** - December 04, 2020 at 08:28 PM

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“ Kelly was like a Gentle Giant. He was always so kind and would enjoy a laugh or two. He would help anyone if help was needed. I will miss him very much. Ann Lovelace

**Ann Lovelace** - December 04, 2020 at 06:23 PM

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“ We thought so much of Kelly. He helped us through some tough medical issues. Sorry we can't be there. But we will meet you in heaven

**Betty Miller** - December 04, 2020 at 01:50 PM

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“ Kelly was a gentle soul. He cared for all without judging them. He will be surely missed. Prayers for Nancy and his family.

**Ruth Mahill** - December 04, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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“ Kelly had the heart of Christ and it compelled him to always put others needs above his own night or day. His selfless love made each of us feel closer not only to him but to the God in whose name he served. His smile and genuine concern brightened the darkest situations. Nancy, your partnership not only supported Kelly but let all of us experience the light of Christ shine through YOU. We love you. We will hold you and the family in prayer as you grieve, and mourn. God (and Kelly!) will be that strength that carries you on.

**Norma Johnson** - December 04, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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“ Pastor Kelly was the reason I went back to church!!! He was enlightening and a breath of fresh air. He was genuine and true , but most of all caring ! Caring to everyone who entered his life . I will so miss him. But I do know he is with our Lord, and will be taking care of our world and his loved ones. I look for to seeing him making our world a better place from heaven.



**lisa buman** - December 04, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ Kelly always had a warm smile and caring heart. He will be missed by many. Sending my sympathy to Nancy and the family.  
Joy Baze

**Joy Baze** - December 04, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ Kelly was a joy to around. We are blessed from having know him. May God bless his precious family! Dave & Marjorie Hall

**Marjorie Hall** - December 04, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ Kelly was such a wonderful person and I always looked forward to seeing him. He was one of those people who could brighten the room upon entering and turn your bad day into a great day. I will forever cherish the moments I had with him. Sending my prayers to his wonderful wife, Nancy and all affected by the loss of this wonderful man.



**Jessica Iman** - December 04, 2020 at 11:22 AM

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“ Kelly was such an AMAZING person, friend and Pastor, full of love, laughter and selflessness. Kelly married our son and daughter-in-love in October of this year and delivered such a beautiful message to the "kids". During the rehearsal dinner, a family member of the bride was stuck in St Louis, Kelly and Nancy offered to not only pick her up but let her stay at their home. Of course we knew how special they are but others were shown how we should "be like Christ". Kelly will surely be missed by so many.



**Tricia Vandewater** - December 04, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ Love that picture. Will always remember Kelly hand in hand with Nancy sharing every joy and each hurdle life gave them . It is well with his soul..may it be well with each of ours.

**Norma** - December 04, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ Wonderful picture and couple....hand in hand

**Sherry Reavis** - December 04, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ We felt 'at home' in church with Kelly. He and Nancy were welcoming and loving from the first moment we met.

We shared laughter, our love of God and of family. We were newly friends but his warmth and caring will be sorely missed.

**Beverly Sundstrom** - December 04, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Great picture of Kelly and Nancy. That was a wonderful evening and Kelly delivered such a meaningful message to Riley and Sarah. You could say it was meaningful to all of us.

**Marty** - December 10, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ I met Kelly several years ago at minister meetings in Lebanon, and attended a couple seminars with him. Kelly and I shared a love for God's word, and shared a love for Beekeeping. Kelly was a man after God's own heart... Pastor Daniel Dorey  
Clever Christian Church

**Pastor Daniel Dorey** - December 04, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ It is with great sadness to hear of Kelly's passing. He was a good friend to both of us. Our thoughts and prayers to Nancy, his family and congregation.  
Pastor Chuck (and Joyce) Chorpeneing, Community Chapel Church of God

**Joyce Chorpeneing** - December 04, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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“ Mary Fiser lit a candle in memory of Kelly M. Caldwell



**Mary Fiser** - December 04, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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“ Kelly was a very special man. He always had a smile and was willing to help you in any way. We were very lucky to be able to call him our friend and know we have a special angel in Heaven watching over us. Will miss him dearly.

**Tom and Sherry Reavis** - December 04, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ Kelly was a good friend and colleague in the ministry. We shared many similar ideals and theological thoughts. Thoughts and Prayers for his family and congregation!!

Pastor Dave Beese, former pastor of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

**Dave Beese** - December 04, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ Kelly was blessed with a great sense of humor and a booming laughter to go along with it. He had an adoring look that he bestowed on Nancy that was priceless. Such a lovely man and gone far too soon. He will be missed sorely by all who had the good fortune to know him.

**Edie McGinnis** - December 04, 2020 at 09:45 AM

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“ Susan Emert lit a candle in memory of Kelly M. Caldwell



**Susan Emert** - December 04, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ Kelly was a very humble, life loving, total caring man who loved helping people. He had a special way of helping everyone he met. My thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and family to help them accept and get through this sad time. Our town has lost a very wonderful person.. heaven has gained another beautiful spirit.

**Susan Emert** - December 05, 2020 at 08:29 AM

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“ Kelly was my friend and Pastor. I will never forget him and will always cherish the lunches and times we had together visiting.

**Terry Mathena** - December 04, 2020 at 07:54 AM

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“ I will cherish my sweet husband Kelly in my heart until I meet him in Heaven, Nancy

**Nancy Caldwell** - December 04, 2020 at 06:46 AM



“ Nancy, please know my heart is aching with you. Kelly was such a sweet, sweet man. There will be another hole in our family. We will miss him. Love to you, Danny, Cathy, Molly and Megan.

**Jan Barton** - December 04, 2020 at 08:13 PM