
Samuel Lee Kelly Sr.

A retired railroad worker and church member

Samuel Lee Kelly Sr., 83, of Franklin, died Friday, Oct. 18, in a local hospital.

A native of **Edinburgh, Texas**, he came to **Franklin** 30 years ago and was the son of the late **John and Bernice Mayes Kelly**. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two daughters, **Sheril McCarty and Bonnie Kelly**. He worked as a switchman for the railroad and was a member of the **Liberty Baptist Church**.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, **Martha Rheta Harrison Kelly**; a son, **Samuel L. Kelly Jr.** and wife **Kay**; a daughter, **Karen Higdon** and husband, **Robert**; a sister, **Nora Kelly**, all of **Franklin**; eight grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and six nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held **Monday, Oct. 21, at Liberty Baptist Church**. **Rev. Andy Cloer and Rev. R. E. Stephenson** officiated. Burial was in the **Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery**.

Pallbearers were **Doyle Woods, Larry Bolick, Joe Allen Samuel Kelly III, David Deats and Randy Allen**. Honorary pallbearers were **Macon County E.M.S. and Cowee Volunteer Fire Department**.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the **Cowee Volunteer Fire Department or Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery Fund**.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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