



## Richard "Dick" Kelter

May 2, 1938 - October 7, 2022

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Lakeland – Richard "Dick" Kelter, 84, passed away October 7, 2022.

Dick was born in Ottumwa, Iowa on May 2, 1938, to the late William and Bernice Kelter. He served in the Army Reserves and the National Guard for Iowa. He moved to Lakeland from Sunrise Beach, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri 19 years ago. Dick served in numerous capacities for the Sandpiper HOA, and started a walking club in the community. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, where he served as a Minister to the Sick, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and was a part of the Knights of Columbus Council 2505. Dick attended Lakeland Police Citizen Academy. He was a member of the Elks in Sunrise Beach. Dick was an avid reader, and was a big fan of the Kansas City Chiefs. He showed his support for his team and community by becoming a Red Coater, and helped form an honor guard for the team. He owned his own company, Progressive Sales & Marketing in Overland Park. Dick also worked and promoted Weight Watchers for over 10 years while living in Lakeland.

Dick is survived by his wife, Dianne Wultzen Kelter of Lakeland, FL; brother, Jim (Linda) Kelter of Omaha, NE; daughters, Dana Bainbridge of California, Cheri (Frank) Payne of Iowa and Lori (Dave) Head of Kansas City, MO; son, William John Bainbridge of New York; stepsons, Michael Douglas of Lakeland, FL, Mark (Leslie) Douglas of Florida, Josh Turner of Lakeland, FL, Justin (Ashlee) Turner of Altamonte Springs, FL, and Joe (Christina) Turner of

Orlando, FL; stepdaughters, Katie (Johnny) Turner of Lakeland, FL and Karlie (Chris) Davis of Lakeland, FL; and 16 grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be conducted Friday, November 4th at 10 am at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 820 Marcum Road, Lakeland, FL 33809. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: St. Anthony Catholic Church – Lakeland, FL, St. Patrick Catholic Church – Laurie, MO or Cornerstone Hospice – Lakeland, FL.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
820 Marcum Road  
Lakeland, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Kelter.*



October 31, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *We have known Dick and Dianne for some time. We love that he loved and treated Dianne with much respect and affection. Dick will be missed by so many. Heaven sure gained a wonderful angel. Coulby and Sandy Gunther*



**Sandra L Gunther** - October 27, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Our family had the pleasure of spending sometime over the years with Dick and Diane. We have known Diane and her family for years prior to meeting Dick. That being said, we always felt like he had been part of our lives for years! We send our love and support to all.*

**Lee Jerde** - October 24, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ *Prayers for Dianne and the rest of the family. He's kicking up his heels now and Praising God.*

**John Ingrassia** - October 22, 2022 at 01:53 PM

BH

“ Our memories of Dick are all in Sandpiper. He gave of himself to make our community the best place to live. May you find comfort remembering what he did for all of us and for the special love you shared which is a gift that will always live on in you.

*Beverly and Bob Hoeksema*

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**BEVERLY and BOB HOEKSEMA** - October 22, 2022 at 11:38 AM

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“ I know that Dick is celebrating his new life in Christ. What a great man! We will miss him here in our community. My prayers and blessings are with you Dianne, and ll your family. Peace and comfort, Fr. Tim LaBo



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**Fr. Tim LaBo** - October 22, 2022 at 11:18 AM

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*Richard was a great brother in-law, every time we visited we had a great time! He Even looked great in my pink Cubs hat 😊*

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**Barb Wielgopolan** - October 23, 2022 at 03:54 PM

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*sincere condolences to Dianne and family on the passing of Dick. A gentle giant of the Sandpiper and St Anthony community, Dick has gone to glory and will be grreatly missed. My love and prayers, John Angel.*

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**John J Angel** - October 25, 2022 at 12:12 PM

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“ I remember the many conversations we shared by the pool. He was a very warm and kind hearted guy. He always seemed to make sure things were always the best for everyone.  
*He will be missed.*

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**Dave Wultzen** - October 22, 2022 at 10:39 AM