



Richard Ray Kelly

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In Loving Memory

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Richard Ray Kelly, known throughout his life as "Ray," passed away peacefully on March 19, 2026. He was born on March 22, 1946, in Thomasville, Georgia, to the late Raymond Oscar Kelly and Audrey Lee Kelly (née Pitts).

Ray spent his early years growing up in Thomasville and Cairo, Georgia, before later settling in Jacksonville, Florida. In 1995, he made St. Augustine his home, where he became a cherished member of the community.

Ray dedicated 30 years of his life to public service in law enforcement. He proudly served 20 years with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and an additional 10 years with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. His career reflected his commitment to protecting and serving others with integrity and compassion.

Above all, Ray will be remembered as a wonderful and devoted father and grandfather. His greatest joy came from spending time with his family and building lasting memories with those he loved most.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Kelly, whom he married in 2005; his children, Bryan Ray Kelly (Jenifer) and Amber Rae Kelly (Carter); his siblings, Gary Kelly (Karen) and Ann Gregory (James); his nine cherished grandchildren, Anaya, Ciara, Bryce, Ethan, Avi Rae, Skylar, Ruby, Levi, and Benjamin; and his great-grandson, Nathaniel Rae.

Ray was a deeply active and faithful member of Shores United Methodist Church in St. Augustine, where he was heavily involved and formed many meaningful relationships. His faith and church community were central to his life.

A man of quiet strength, kindness, and unwavering dedication to his family, Ray leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and faith that will continue to inspire all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ray's honor to Shores United Methodist Church, 724 Shores Blvd, St. Augustine, FL 32086.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ I grew up as my mama and yall were friends. I use to be in awe of your presence in your police uniform. To me Ray Kelly was bigger than life so stoic . Thank for so many memories.
Brandy Somerset Jordan

Brandy Jordan - May 09 at 11:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Ray Kelly.



March 27 at 11:41 AM



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

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“ RIP Mr Kelly

Robert Hancock - March 26 at 08:27 PM