



Elbert Duane O'Kelley

March 16, 1950 - August 3, 2025

Elbert Duane O'Kelley, age 75, of Rock Spring, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 3, 2025. Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late Charles Thomas O'Kelley and Mable Elaine Ballew O'Kelley, Elbert was a lifelong resident of North Georgia and a devoted member of the Baptist faith.

A proud graduate of Rossville High School's Class of 1969, Elbert went on to honorably serve his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. His valor was recognized with both the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

Elbert dedicated over two decades to law enforcement, retiring in 1997 after 23 years of committed service with the Walker County Sheriff's Office. He was a steadfast presence for his loved ones, always available and deeply devoted to his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Doyle O'Kelley, Mary Lee Honeycutt, Paul O'Kelley, Jerry O'Kelley, and Tommy O'Kelley.

Elbert is survived by his cherished siblings, Barbara Powers, Bill O'Kelley, Robert O'Kelley, and Eugene "Bean" O'Kelley, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins who will carry his memory forward with love and pride.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 PM on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Chattanooga National Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to gather at the funeral home on Wednesday, August 6, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and again prior to the service on Thursday.

Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404
(423) 855-6590

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

AUG 7. 1:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Tribute Wall

WN

“ *Elbert was truly a good officer he loved his country. He loved his job and he loved people. Everyone will miss him. I will always remember him and never forget him. He did a lot for me. God bless you.*

walt norman - August 07, 2025 at 02:57 PM

CC

“ *Bean and family, I too worked with Elbert for many years at WCSO a s loved that! Such a nice guy, that would help in any way possible. Prayers for each of you! Caroline Cobb Walker 24!*

Caroline Cobb - August 06, 2025 at 11:15 AM

EG

“ *Edna(raymond Gideon lit a candle in memory of Elbert Duane O'Kelley*



edna(raymond Gideon - August 06, 2025 at 10:18 AM

PO

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Elbert at Walker County Sheriff's Department for several years! Elbert was a great guy! Always had your back ! He helped train me while I was there. I will always remember Elbert! Prayers and Gods blessings to all the Family!*

Patrick Oneal - August 05, 2025 at 07:15 PM

DF

I. Pray for the Family. I went to school with Elbert he was a very nice guy. He will be missed. Prayers and condolences to the family Donnie Feagans

Donnie Feagans - August 05, 2025 at 10:44 PM

KW

“ *So sorry to hear this. Elbert was such a nice guy. Prayers for his family.*

Kathy Walker - August 05, 2025 at 02:09 PM

BB

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Elbert was such a great guy and friend from years ago. He will certainly be missed. Prayers for the families and friends...* 🙏💔😔



Bobbie Bean - August 05, 2025 at 12:27 PM

BB

“ *So sorry for your loss. I had worked with Elbert at Walker County Sheriff's Department. He was always courteous and polite, also a very good officer. He will be missed. Prayers for the Family.*



Betty Bowman - August 05, 2025 at 11:17 AM

TF

“ *The Hubbard Family lit a candle in memory of Elbert Duane O’Kelley*



The Hubbard Family - August 05, 2025 at 10:54 AM

HF

The Hubbard Family lit this candle.

Hubbard Family - August 05, 2025 at 10:56 AM

BS

“ *Deepest sympathy to all the O’Kelley family during this time.
Elbert was a wonderful brother and friend to all. He is going to be greatly missed*



Prayers and God's Grace and Mercy be with you in the coming days



Bertie Spradlin - August 05, 2025 at 09:55 AM