



## Mr. John J. Kelley

November 9, 1928 - February 12, 2016

John J. Kelley

Beloved Brother and Friend

LOWELL—John Joseph Kelley, a former Lowell resident and the husband of the late Rita Kelley, passed away on Friday morning, February 12, 2016 at the Blaire House in Tewksbury. He was 87 years old.

John was born in Lowell on November 9, 1928, the son of the late George and Katherine (Donohoe) Kelley. He was a graduate of the Sacred Heart Grammar School and Keith Academy.

John continued his education, receiving a Master's Degree in History. John professed his vows as a Xaverian Brother, taking the name Brother Gilbert. He taught in Xaverian Brother's Schools for 20 years before leaving the order to teach at Lowell High School.

John married Henriette "Rita" (Kuehn) and they were happily married for many years until Rita's death in 2013.

John is survived by his only sister, Sr. Kathleen Kelley, SSMN of Buffalo, NY; his step-daughter Regina Provencher, her husband Robert, and their family; and a very dear friend Wanda Karbowniczak.

### FUNERAL NOTICE

KELLEY—in Tewksbury, February 12, 2016, at Blaire House, John J. Kelley,

87, a former Lowell resident. Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL on MONDAY from 2 until 5 PM. John's FUNERAL will begin on TUESDAY MORNING at 9 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by his FUNERAL MASS at 10 o'clock at ST. WILLIAM's CHURCH, Main St. Tewksbury. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur Memorial Fund, 241 Lafayette Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14213.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS

978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 458-8464  
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
[sean@faymccabe.com](mailto:sean@faymccabe.com)  
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## Funeral Mass

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. William's Church  
1351 Main Street  
Tewksbury, MA 01876

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John J. Kelley*

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“ *My sincere sympathy to John Kelley's family in his passing away! John used to work for me as a bank courier at Union a National Bank in Lowell, and was an excellent employee. It was always very pleasant to talk with him. I never new that he was an Axvarian Brother. I find this very interesting, because when I started to work at Ste. Rita's Parish in Lowell, the former Pastor Father Daniel Magni was an Axvarian Brother. Next time I talk to Fwther Dan, I will have to ask him if he new John. God bless!!*

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