

## **Half Staff – Dr. Thomas A. Kelley Jr.**

**April 21, 2006**

Dr. Thomas A. Kelley Jr. passed away in the arms of his loving wife, on Friday, April 21, 2006 in the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was the husband of Cathleen (Purrington) Kelley, with whom he shared 14 years of marriage. Dr. Kelley was born in Somerville, the son of the late Dr. Thomas A. and Eleanor (Bowen) Kelley Sr. He was a graduate of Boston Latin High School, class of 1952. He received his B.A. from Harvard University in 1956, and earned his M.D. from Boston University School of Medicine in 1961.

He served his internship at Long Island Jewish Hospital from 1961 to 1962 and his residency and fellowship at New York University Medical Center from 1962 to 1965. He was licensed in Massachusetts, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and New York. He served as adjunct associate professor of medicine (physical medicine and rehabilitation) at University of Louisville, Kentucky for several years, and as assistant adjunct professor of medicine at University of Louisville from 1970 to 1978. He was assistant professor of rehabilitation at Thomas Jefferson University Philadelphia in 1969, and associate in medicine (physical medicine and rehabilitation) from 1967 to 1969. He served as associate in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York, from 1965 to 1966.

After his retirement to Rockport, he continued to work in rehabilitation medicine as consultant at Shaughnessy Kaplan Rehabilitation Center Salem for many years and was also a team physician for the Boston Bruins hockey team. During his illustrious career, he held numerous staff positions: He was medical director at the Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Louisville, and attending physiatrist at University Hospital, Louisville. He served as consulting physiatrist at the following: Audubon Hospital, Baptist Hospital East, Clark County Hospital, Commission for Handicapped Children, Floyd County Memorial Hospital, Highlands Baptist Hospital, Jewish Hospital, Kosair Hospital, Methodist Hospital, North Clark County Hospital, Norton Children's Hospital, St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Mary & St. Elizabeth's Hospitals, Southwest Jefferson Hospital, Veteran's Administration Hospital. He served as director, Rehabilitation Center of Jefferson Medical College Hospital, Philadelphia, consultant physiatrist at the Veterans Administration Hospital Coatesville, Pa., consultant physiatrist, VA Hospital Wilmington, Del., assistant attending physician, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Philadelphia, director Department of Electrodiagnosis, Elmhurst Division Mt. Sinai Hospital, and consultant physiatrist for the Crippled and Disabled, New York.

Dr. Kelley was a member of several professional services: the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, American Assn. of Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis, American Assn. of Academic Physiatrists, the American Medical Society, Kentucky Medical Society, Kentucky Medical Assn., Jefferson County Medical Society, and the Louisville Society of Medicine.

Dr. Kelley had many committee appointments: Advisory Committee to the Medical Schools of the Association of Academic Physiatrists, the Rehabilitation Practices Committee of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, the Medical Advisory Committee at University Hospital, the Kentucky Medical Assn. – Occupational Health in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Kentucky Medical Assn. Claims & Utilization Review Committee, Jefferson County Medical Society Editorial Committee, Jefferson County Medical HMO Advisory Committee, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, National Survey Consultant, the Graduate Medical Education Committee,

University School of Medicine, and the Physical Therapy Advisory Committee University School of Medicine.

He received the Kentucky Physicians Award and the Louisville Physicians Award in 1972 from the Kentucky Commission on Employment of the Handicapped. He also published the "Rehabilitation of the Spinal Cord Injured Patient" The Spine; Chapter 19 (Aug. 28, 1974) & "Needles & Neuropathy" Post Graduate Medicine, Vol. 58 (Nov. 2, 1958)

In addition to his wife, he leaves three sons, Lance Cpl. Donald Purrington, USMC, on leave from Iraq, Matthew Purrington from Gloucester, and PFC Thomas Purrington, USMC, soon to be heading to Iraq. He also leaves a former wife; three children; four brothers; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements: At the family's request, services and internment were private, and any donations in his memory may be sent to the Kaplan Family Hospice House, 78 Liberty St., Danvers, MA 01923. Arrangements by the Cuffe McGinn Funeral Home, 157 Maple St., Lynn, MA