



Kraig Kelsey

April 24, 1965 - August 24, 2025

Gale “Kraig” Lynn Kelsey, age 60, of Cumming, GA, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 24, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Born on April 25, 1965, in Independence, Missouri, Kraig dedicated his life to ministry, music, and serving others. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Southwest Baptist University, where he met the love of his life and ministry partner, Missy. For over 42 years, they served side by side, sharing their faith and voices in song, and building a life centered on Christ and community. Kraig was a joyful and passionate follower of Jesus, known for his fun-loving spirit, magnetic personality, and gift for making everyone feel seen, welcomed, and loved. He had an incredible ability to connect with people, rarely going anywhere without seeing someone he knew, and was often the heart of every gathering. His laughter, encouragement, and genuine care left a lasting impact on everyone he encountered.

With a deep love for senior adults, Kraig and Missy led numerous trips across the country, creating joyful experiences and lifelong memories for those he served. His ministry touched lives across generations, whether through youth camps early in his career as a youth pastor in Rogers, Arkansas, or more recently at First Baptist Church of Alpharetta, where he served faithfully as Pastor of Member Involvement and leader of the First City Prime ministry. Kraig’s legacy is one of faith, family, and love. He is survived by his loving wife, Missy; his three sons, Koby and his wife Morgan with their children Everrae and Sunday, Klay and his wife Tara with their children Michaelyn and

Isla, and Kyler and his wife Averie; his parents, Dale and Karen; and his sister, Kimberlee and her husband Donnie Shook; as well as many beloved extended family members, including nieces, nephews, cousins, and mother-in-law who were deeply impacted by his life. He was preceded in death by his brother, Scott.

A visitation and reception will be held on Friday, August 29th, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alpharetta, where the family will receive friends. A celebration of life service will follow on Saturday, August 30th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the same location.

In remembrance of Kraig, the family kindly requests donations be made to First Baptist Church of Alpharetta in support of the ministries that Kraig so passionately served.

First Baptist Church Alpharetta

44 Academy Street

Alpharetta, GA 30009

<http://firstcity.com/give>

Cemetery Details

Sawnee View Memorial Gardens

1390 Dahlonga Hwy
Cumming, GA 30040

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Of Alpharetta
44 Academy St
Alpharetta, GA 30009-3702
(770) 475-6556

Celebration Of Life

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Alpharetta
44 Academy Steet
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a <http://firstcity.com/> in memory of Kraig Kelsey



Northside Chapel - August 29, 2025 at 07:42 PM

LH

“ Lynn Hayes purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Kraig Kelsey.



Lynn Hayes - August 29, 2025 at 03:28 PM

LH

“ Lynn Hayes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kraig Kelsey.

Lynn Hayes - August 29, 2025 at 03:28 PM

CK

“ Those of us from ICS knew him as Gale. He and I met at 11 years old. He was the first to welcome me into a new school. He was loved by everyone. He made us laugh and always made us feel good. He was a good friend. A bunch of us met Missy once and knew she was a perfect match for him. Following him on Facebook it was evident the amazing man he became and the love he had for his beautiful family. I know he will be missed by so many. My sincerest condolences...

Cindy Kinney - August 29, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kraig Kelsey.



August 28, 2025 at 11:07 AM



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

August 26, 2025 at 10:01 PM

MH

“ Madison H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kraig Kelsey.

Madison H. - August 26, 2025 at 08:49 PM

SI

“ I had the privilege to sing with Kraig in college at SBU. I will treasure those memories forever! Sincerest condolences and much love to his dear family! Thank God for eternal life!



Shelly Ireland-Muff - August 26, 2025 at 07:39 PM

SF

“ Sharla, Hutch, Heath, Hunter & family purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Kraig Kelsey.



Sharla, Hutch, Heath, Hunter & family - August 26, 2025 at 06:59 PM

SD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sue & Bob DiProva - August 26, 2025 at 06:13 PM

SD

Bob & I had Kraig & his team decorate our last house & every time I look around, I see my Kraig... I told him I love Red & bless his heart, he made curtain in kitchen a beautiful red short tie back curtain that I'm always seeing my Kraig as well as a dainty red Lamp setting right there in the bar And red throughout our house ...I'll always have our Kraig here with us in this way. He was & still is & always will be very Special to Bob & I.

Sue & Bob DiProva - August 26, 2025 at 06:19 PM

SD

He'll be missed in so many ways

Sue & Bob DiProva - August 26, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JP

Loved him dearly, and enjoyed so many fun trips under his leadership. He will be sorely missed. He has left a lasting legacy at FBCA!

Jack & Linda Porter - August 27, 2025 at 05:21 PM

EE

Love you two with all my heart! ❤️

Edith ENNIS - August 29, 2025 at 12:28 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kraig Kelsey.*



August 26, 2025 at 06:05 PM