



Kelly J. "Toby" Cardiff

November 11, 1944 - July 28, 2023

Kelly J. (Toby) Cardiff, 78, passed away on Friday, July 28th, surrounded by love, in Jackson, OH. He spent the last 5 years living in Jackson, OH with his family. Toby was a former resident of both Duluth, MN; and Sanford, FL. Born in Duluth, MN to W. Jane and Kelly J. Cardiff. He spent his entire career with the Paulucci Family in the food industry.

He had special relationships with all his grandchildren, and was especially proud of his sons, Todd & KJ. Being the blended family that we are, he embraced (or embarrassed) kids, grandkids, girlfriends, boyfriends, and anyone who came through our door. Everyone was family.

Toby lived for the weekends when we would do something fun, he loved Sunday Fundays, family BBQ's, golf, hockey, watching his grandkids play hockey, mini donuts, betting on sports with KJ, Diet Coke, boobies, Christmas, the casino, chocolate, traveling, and telling a good story or joke. He loved going on buying trips for the family store- flea markets and buying markets. He was a crafter, and his family all has something special that he made.

He taught us that you can never have too many paper towels, envelopes, paper clips, and empty boxes. He was an avid collector of STUFF. If you have stock in the Bradford Exchange you should probably sell it, they may go out of business. He was wildly inappropriate sometimes, but gave us so many

laughs and memories. He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, W. Jane and Kelly Cardiff; and daughter Heidi Cardiff. Survived by sons Todd (Jana) Cardiff; and KJ Cardiff; Grandchildren: Amy Cardiff, Joshua Cardiff, Kelly Cardiff, Hunter (Abby) Cardiff, Jesse Cardiff, Justin Goldberg, Tyler Goldberg, and Ashley Goldberg; Great-Grand-Children – Collin, Kelly, Maddy, and Emrie; and sister Judy (Jim) Snow.

The family will have a private celebration of life at a later date. Inurnment will be at Sunrise Memorial Park, Hermantown, MN.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Huntley and the staff at Holzer in Jackson; Holzer Hospice Staff, and Four Winds Community for the care they provided to Toby.

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kelly J. "Toby" Cardiff.



August 07, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kelly J. "Toby" Cardiff.

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“ We were so sad to hear of Toby's passing. He was very kind and loyal to Jen, Lois and the rest of the Paulucci family. A wonderful smile and great wit. He was someone to be admired for giving so much of himself to others.

*Paulucci International and the Paulucci Family Foundations
Paul Mellini, Steve Striplin, Tom Cox and Jennifer Smith*

STEPHEN STRIPLIN - August 07, 2023 at 02:56 PM

KC

I was one of his great grandchildren

Kelly Cardiff - July 12, 2025 at 02:50 PM

PD

“ *I send my condolences to Judy and her family.
Patty Hastings Davidson 1975 Duluth Central Grad.*

Patty Hastings Davidson - August 05, 2023 at 12:51 PM

CM

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Toby's passing. He was always very kind to me and always appreciated his truthfulness and demeanor. I'm sure he will continue to make those happy in their thoughts and memories.*

Chris Murray - August 04, 2023 at 09:12 AM

CH

“ *Really sorry to hear of Toby's passing..he was typical Cardiff..in that he always had a quick joke..a wisp of a smile..and some quip to make the day lighter. During the time I knew him..he was the primary "driver" for Lois Paulucci the Paulucci family matriarch. He literally gave up the pursuit of his own business ends to serve Lois and Jen. I admired him greatly. His children should know...that there was no stronger individual than their father. He made the best of many bad situations..and he remained loyal...when others weren't as loyal to him. He'll be missed. Rest easy, "Tobe"...rest easy!*

Carl Hill - August 01, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields Thinking of You Combo Tin was purchased for the family of Kelly J. "Toby" Cardiff.*



August 01, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *To Todd: Just recently heard that you and your wife own Nana's House. And that you have frequented my daughters shop (Darling Creations). So sorry to hear of Toby's passing. I remember good times from the Jenos Plant and Ginettas. Condolences to you and the rest of the family.*

Corynne Sprague - July 31, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *So sorry, Todd and Jana! I know he was very happy living with his final years with you! Prayers*

Dianne Moore - July 31, 2023 at 03:16 PM