

Randy James Kelly (Duck)

January 16, 1970 – December 18, 2025

Randy James Kelly took his last “walkabout” unexpectedly December 18, 2025, on his way to work. He was born on January 16, 1970; and was one month shy of 56. Randy was called “Duck” most of his life; a nickname given to him by his grandmother, Dode. He was gifted with a fun loving, mischievous spirit and made friends easily, a daredevil to say the least. He loved dogs; and dogs loved him; the sign of a good heart. Randy attended school in Maricopa; he played football, wrestled and rodeoed. After high school, he attended Pima Jr. College, lived in the Aggie House and played every golf course in Tucson. At his parents’ strong urging, Randy came home and worked. He then joined the Army. Randy is a veteran of DESERT STORM. He married Tracy while he was in the Army. His first son, Jake, was born in 1997 and is a fine young father to Randy’s only grandson, Jettson. After the Army, Randy struggled off and on with addiction. We called it a “walkabout” when Randy would disappear from our lives; wondering where he was; how he was; and if he was. Randy would reappear and we would be grateful and relieved. He would land on his feet; get a good job and carry on. He was a hard worker and a perfectionist. He worked in various aspects of construction. The last few years, he was a machinist for a company in Peoria. Randy met Jessica in 2019. Their son, Jace, was born in 2021 and is four years old.

Randy is survived by Jessica; his sons, Jake and Jace; his grandson, Jettson; his dad, Owen; his mom, Shirley; two brothers, Eric and Scott; a sister-in-law, Lorena; and loving aunts, uncles and cousins, nieces and nephews. Randy’s final “walkabout” took him to a place where he is safe and in peace. Randy is loved beyond words. He can see clearly now ... the rain is gone.

A celebration of life will be held at Southern Dunes Golf Course, 48456 AZ-238, Maricopa, Arizona 85139. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Tunnel to Towers, in Randy’s name.

