

## **Kelly Wayne Holmes-Moon | 1963-2016**

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Kelly Wayne Holmes-Moon, 53, of Denton, formerly of Greenwood, died Wednesday Sept. 28, 2016, in Denton.

Funeral is noon Saturday, Oct. 1, at the First Baptist Church of Denton, 1100 Malone St. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Greenwood. Pallbearers are David Meek, Darrin Ditmer, Drake Ditmer, Charles Smith, Troy Riedel, Chris Rousseau, David Hayslip and Terry Moon.

Kelly was born Feb. 5, 1963, in Perryton to Beth Montgomery and Harold Wayne Holmes. He was adopted as an adult by Jimmy Wayne Moon.

Kelly graduated from L.D. Bell High School in 1982 where he was a member of the gymnastics and rodeo teams. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy where he proudly served as an interior communications technician (IC3) aboard the U.S.S. Haddo submarine from 1982 to 1985 based out of San Diego, then serving in the Naval Reserve until 1989. Kelly went on to obtain an associate of arts degree in criminal justice from Cooke County Junior College in 1993. After the Navy, Kelly worked for Brinks Security, then General Dynamics until 1991 when he founded the Rocking KM Rodeo Co. operating out of Greenwood with his brother, Monty Moon. The Rocking KM contracted rodeos and rough stock for the North Texas High School Rodeo Association and TRA events until 1997.

Kelly became the founder/owner of BoatSpeed Marine Services in 1998, specializing in racing sailboat repairs and optimized racing rudders/bottoms/keels until the time of his death.

Kelly also worked as a corrections officer in Bridgeport and served as a police officer for the cities of Trophy Club and Rhome. He later joined Peterbilt as an assemblyman for the past 14 years where he made many lasting and supportive friendships.

Kelly had a true joy for riding bulls and broncs as a member of the Texas Rodeo Association, eventually earning his PRCA card in 1989. While in Wise County, Kelly served the community as a member of the Wise County Sheriff's Posse and the Greenwood/Slidell Volunteer Fire Department.

Kelly became a dynamic competitor and leader in the Texas sailing community when he began racing a J/24 sailboat in the J/24 Texas Circuit, first as crew in 1998, then on to owning his pride and joy, BadMoon #267. He raced in and supported the circuit until the week prior to his death.

Kelly also served as the J/24 District 14 governor and lead organizer and promoter of the J/24 Texas Circuit. Due to his leadership and passion for the J/24 class, Kelly was honored to be selected to serve as the J/24 U.S. Class president from 2011 to 2012 and in 2013 was designated the copyright holder's representative by Rod Johnstone, the maker of the J/24, a title he held at the time of his death. He has also served many years as the captain of Fleet 5 and governor-at-large of the J/24 Class.

Kelly had a passion for teaching kids which began with his coaching of the LD Bell High School Rodeo Team (NTHSA) from 1987 to 1996. He served as an avid volunteer sailing coach for the University of North Texas sailing team and the Aqua Monkey's youth program at the Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club.

Kelly was a lucky man who loved and served others, who never met a stranger and was known mostly by his profound Christian faith.

He was preceded in death by his grandson Derick; and grandparents Colonel and Sue Montgomery of Greenwood and Roy and Vergie Binion of Booker.

Kelly is survived by his wife, Tonja Holmes-Moon; parents Beth and Jimmy Moon; father Harold Holmes; children Christopher Holmes and wife, Johanna, of Aledo; Ashleigh Holmes of Granbury, Robbie Rae Holmes of Lake Worth and Rebekah Holmes of Carrollton; grandchildren AlecZander, Hailey, Tyler, Autumn, Aniya and Tommy. Other survivors include his brother and best friend, Monty Moon and wife, Jennifer, of Paradise; brother Scott Holmes and wife, April, of Bastrop; aunt Robbie Smith of Cottondale; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and "special sisters and brothers." Memorial donations may be made to [texascattledogrescue.com](http://texascattledogrescue.com) or [lonestarlabs.org](http://lonestarlabs.org).