



Kelly , Joseph Terrell Jr., - 94, of East Windsor, NJ, (formerly of Atlantic City, NJ) passed away on Sunday June 3, 2018. Joe was born on February 15, 1924 in St. Louis, MO to Joseph Terrell Kelly Sr and Naoma Lee (Barham) Lamb. He graduated high school in Parkville and attended Park College until he joined the US Navy in 1943, where he went to communications schools at Kansas, Columbia, and Harvard prior to his honorable discharge as LTJG in 1946. An accomplished tenor, he sang in the choir throughout his life, beginning with his time in the Navy. He married his wife of 61 years, Ruth Virginia Geisdorf, in Philadelphia, PA in September 1946. He received his BS in Electrical Engineering from Washington University in St Louis in 1947 and began a 39-year career with Atlantic City Electric in 1950. Joe also earned an MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in 1954 and his Juris Doctor from Wayne State University in 1959. A longtime resident of Atlantic City, he generously volunteered with the YMCA, becoming president, and the Red Cross, where he rose to become Atlantic County Executive Director. Following his retirement in 1989, he focused his efforts on volunteering with the Red Cross and other organizations and on raising his grandchildren, who affectionately knew him as 'Boppi'. Joe's kind and easygoing nature along with his generosity won him many friends and admirers. He is survived by his son Joseph Kelly III of Minneapolis Minnesota, his daughter Gaye (Kelly) Robinson of Holden, MA, his grandson Kyle Robinson of Baltimore, MD, his granddaughter Kelly Robinson of Philadelphia, PA, and his great-granddaughter Coraline Robinson of Baltimore, MD. Services and interment were private. To share your fondest memory of Joe please visit www.jeffriesandkeates.com. Family services by Jeffries and Keates Funeral Home, Northfield.