The 1947 obituary
for William Joseph Kelly, father
of Lord's owner Bill Kelly, Jr.
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MEDFIELD

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William Kelley Dies In Medfield

MEDFIELD, Jan. 11—William Joseph Kelley, 50, died at his home at 32 Miller street, yesterday afternoon after a long illness. He was born in Medfield, the son of John Joseph and Agnes (Gafuty) Kelley, lived here all his life, and attended the Medfield schools. He was a member of the Medfield police force for 12 years and for the past 13 years was employed at the Norfolk prison. During his younger days he was well known as a baseball player and sportsman. He studied the violin under Arthur Fiedler of the Boston Symphony orchestra, and Charles Martin Loeffler, famous violinist and composer, and played for a time with Peachy and Kean's and Sullivan's orchestra.

Mr. Kelley was instrumental in founding the first Legion post in Medfield and was the first commander of the Beckwith post, 110, A. L. He was a veteran of World War I. He will be accorded a military funeral with full honors. Legion services will be held at the Roberts Funeral Home Sunday evening at 8 p. m. Bearers will be Frank G. Haley, John Ross, Louis Connors, and Edwin F. Penniman, all past commanders of the post. All Legion members are asked to be present. George Nourse will act as color guard and William Alley as sergeant-at-arms. Members are asked to appear in uniform.

Besides his wife Charlotte, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Anita) O'Fria of Medfield, and Mrs. Lee (Charlotte) Irwin of Boston, a son, William, Jr., and two sisters, Mrs. Grace Murphy of Dorchester, and the former Elsie Kelley, now of Connecticut.

Friends may call at the Funeral Home today between 7 and 9 p. m., and tomorrow from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Edward's church Monday, at 9 a. m., with Rev. John Garrick, and Rev. Thomas Connell conducting the service. Interment will be in the family lot in Vine Lake cemetery.