



Mrs. Karen E. Kelly

December 2, 1939 - January 27, 2022

Karen E. Kelly, 82, died peacefully on Thursday January 27, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on December 2, 1939 in Pittsfield, MA. To the late George and Mary O'Brien Forrest.

She attended Lenox High School and was a 1957 graduate.

Karen began her career at KB Toys in 1973. After 30 years she ended her career as an Administrative Assistant for the Senior VP of Human Resources. She was proud to be one of the few that had the opportunity to retire from KB Toys before it's closing.

Karen was also a former Board Member at The Pediatric Development Center. She was a Communicant of both St. Ann Church and St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Karen got the greatest enjoyment spending time with and watching her grandchildren play sports.

Mrs. Kelly is survived by her 7 children: Kim E. Walker (Donald), of Lee, Lisa K. Kane (Tim) of Lenox, Sharon M. Keenan (Tom), Tari A. Curley, Mark T. Kelly (Kelly), Keith E. Kelly (Denise), Kevin J. Kelly (Melissa), all of Lee, 19 Grandchildren: Christopher, Katelyn, Rachelle, and Cara Walker, Carolyn Hogencamp (Brian), Jeffrey Kane, Amy Carreras, (Justin), Tommy Keenan (Danica), Kelly Gore (Ricky), Matthew Keenan, Ashley Alter, Lisa Curley, Mikayla and Ben Kelly, Bryan Kelly, Alyssa Farnham (Matt), Kevin Jr., Kaden, and Kyle Kelly, 9 Great Grandchildren: Sierra Twing, Mitchell and Darren

Keenan, Braelyn, Amelia, Declan, and Julius Gore, Jennie and Ellie Hogencamp, sister in law, Marsha Forrest, niece and nephew, Lynn Marie and Gige Ryan, Lifelong Best Friend, Carol Consolati, and her beloved cat, Lulu. Besides her parents, she is pre-deceased by her brother, Ned Forrest and her sister in law, M. Lynn Kelly Ryan.

Karen's Family would like to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to her granddaughter, Kelly Gore, for the care she gave to her grandmother and to her caregivers, Barbara, Fatima, Francine, Pam, and Tanya.

The Funeral for Mrs. Karen E. Kelly will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 11 am at St. Ann Church. Burial will follow in St. Ann Cemetery. Calling Hours will be held on Friday February 4, from 5:00-7:00pm at The Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main St. Lenox, MA 01240. Due to COVID protocol, Masks will be required.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Karen's memory may be made to either the Lee Youth Commission, Hospice Care of Western and Central Mass, or The Pediatric Development Center in care of the Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0699
eroche120fh@gmail.com

Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Church
134 Main Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Burial

FEB 5. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

St. Ann's Cemetery
1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall



“ Roche Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Karen E. Kelly



Roche Funeral Home - February 04, 2022 at 11:23 AM

DW

“ Our deepest condolences from the Wellington family. Karen was a very special woman and my mother and father have so many fond memories as well as those kids. 🙏❤️👍

Darlene Wellington - February 06, 2022 at 07:30 PM

JW

“ Dear Kelly Family,
I want to pass along my deepest condolences for the loss of your beautiful matriarch. Karen had so much for which to feel proud. From children to grandchildren and great grandchildren...the world is a better place, because of Karen and all of you.. I really mean it when I say this. I look at your family tree and see one good person after another... strong, intelligent, fun, kind, generous, and simply good people. I love that I have an attachment with so many of you in one way or another (whether I drank with you, taught you, coached you, or simply laughed with you). I am sad for your loss. Take care of yourselves.
Much Love,
Janet Warner

Janet Warner - February 06, 2022 at 02:42 PM

CS

“ Our deepest sympathies to all the Kelly family. She certainly was a special person and will be missed by many. Nanny was a character who raised one hell of a clan. Love ya all. Big hugs.
Dick & Cathy Salice

Cathy Salice - February 04, 2022 at 02:32 PM

PB

“ Sorry for all Karen was always a bright spirit and very nice.

Peg Biron - February 03, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen E. Kelly.



February 02, 2022 at 03:42 PM

CF

“ *Tari and the beautiful family that Karen loved and cherished so much - may God wrap his loving arms around you and give you the peace that only He can at this sad, sorrowful time. Your mom meant the world to me. She was one of the kindest, most level-headed, trustworthy, loyal persons I've ever known. I could not imagine life at Kay Bee without her. In addition to being the best right-hand I could have asked for on the job, she saw me through some major life events - my engagement, marriage, the birth of my daughter (she would 'schedule' 30-minute closed door meetings for me at about 2 in the afternoon the last month of my pregnancy so I could catch a nap!))! She always, always had my back. I have many photos of our time together at Kay Bee, but my favorite is one of her and the HR gang the year we all dressed up for Halloween as Cruella and the 101 Dalmatians - such sweet memories! Karen was beloved and will be missed. May God bless your family, Cathy Falzareno*

Cathy Falzareno - February 02, 2022 at 02:08 PM

BA

“ *Karen was the best. I enjoyed being with her and caring for her.*

barbara Arpante - February 01, 2022 at 08:05 PM

CS

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Karen and her daughter, Tari, during my time at Kay-Bee Toys. Karen always had a smile on her face and was so accommodating and helpful as I progressed in my career. I will always be appreciative to her for helping me develop and grow. Rest In Heaven my dear friend! Tari, prayers to you and your family!*

Chuck Smith



Chuck Smith - February 01, 2022 at 04:46 PM

TA

Oh dear Chuck, thank you for the kindest words. I am so sorry we lost touch. Mom would sometimes ask about you (and Paul), I'd have no answer. The last months were full of KB 'stuff'. She left peacefully with the Lord's blessing. We are grateful for that. Love to you and your family. Thank you for reaching out.

Tari - February 02, 2022 at 04:44 AM

DD

“ So sorry for you loss. Karen was absolutely the best and I enjoyed working with her. May she Rest In Peace and may God heal your grieving hearts.

*My love,
Donna DiGennaro*

Donna DiGennaro - January 31, 2022 at 08:41 PM

BM

“ I so sad to hear Karen had past. I am another KB friend of 23 years. Never heard a bad thing about Karen. She was a good person always with a smile. My sympathy to her large family. RIP Karen. 💕

Barb Fillio

Barbara Fillio, Adams, MA. - January 31, 2022 at 06:44 PM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am very sorry for your loss. Molly Curtin-Schaefer

Molly Curtin-Schaefer - January 31, 2022 at 05:07 PM

FR

“ *A wonderful woman with a great sense of humor. I am so glad to have met her and was able to spend time with her and the Kanes through the years.*

Francine - January 31, 2022 at 04:45 PM

JB

“ *To the Kelly Family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Janice Braim - January 31, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen E. Kelly.*



January 31, 2022 at 04:34 PM

MC

“ *Lots of fond memories of Karen. Sending hugs and prayers for all of the family as they go through this difficult time. Marylou & Bob Caron*

Marylou Caron - January 31, 2022 at 04:15 PM

JT

“ *So sorry to all. Karen was a great lady and I will always remember how thoughtful and caring she was to my Mom when she was ill. May she rest in peace.*

Jeanne & Bill Tyer - January 31, 2022 at 04:12 PM

SA

Karen will be missed very much by all I loved when she came with Lisa Jeffery and I to the basketball games my condolences to the whole family love you all

sarah - January 31, 2022 at 05:27 PM

JB

“ *To all the Kelly family I was saddened to hear of Karen passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time*

Janet Burch - January 31, 2022 at 03:58 PM

WD

“ *TO THE KELLY FAMILY, OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES !! MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.*

WILLIAM&SHEILA DELSOLDATO - January 31, 2022 at 03:53 PM

JL

“ *To the Kelly family,
We are so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. May she Rest In Peace and May God give you all comfort as you grieve this tremendous loss of your mother, grandmother.
With love and prayers.
Jean & Dave Lichtel*

Jean Lichtel - January 31, 2022 at 02:43 PM

JW

“ *Thoughts with the Kelly family. 🙏🙏
Jim and Audrey Wellspeak
Emerald Isle, NC*

Jim and Audrey Wellspeak - January 31, 2022 at 02:43 PM

DR

“ *Kim, Lisa, Sharon, Tara, Mark, Keith and Kevin and family*

I was sorry to hear about your mom please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers
Debbi Rhoades Rozon



Debbie Rhoades Rozon - January 31, 2022 at 12:41 PM

PD

Deepest Sympathy to Karen's entire Family
Beautiful lady
Remember her fondly from K B toys
Rest in eternal Peace

Pam Delmolino - January 31, 2022 at 09:08 PM

PD

I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. She was a lovely person.
Keeping her family in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely Peg & Nelson

Peg Daley - February 01, 2022 at 01:53 PM