



Kelly Ann Bruch

August 27, 1958 - January 20, 2025

Kelly Ann Bruch, née Cordrey, born on August 27, 1958, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 20, 2025.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Joan Hart and Donald Cordrey Sr. Kelly is survived by her father, Donald, and her brothers: Donald Cordrey Jr. and his wife, Donna; Faron Cordrey and his wife, Kiki; Tim Pianka and his wife, Kris; and Gary Pianka and his wife, Kay. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her late husband, Steven Bruch.

A devoted mother, Kelly leaves behind her three children, Adrienne Edge, Toby Donoway, and Chad Donoway, step children, Robert Bruch & Katherine Bruch, as well as eleven cherished grandchildren; Piper, Simon, Austin, Alyssa, Gaige, River, Cameron, Wolfgang, Ash, Travis & Lana and many nieces and nephews.

Kelly dedicated much of her life to serving others. She volunteered with the Good News Club, helping children develop their reading skills, and was a faithful member of Centenary United Methodist Church. She found joy in spending time with her family, camping, cooking, and being outdoors. Over the last six years, Kelly devoted herself to caring for the elderly. She also had a passion for collecting sea glass, finding beauty and meaning in every piece she discovered.

A memorial service to celebrate Kelly's life will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church in Laurel, where a visitation for family and friends will be held from 1:00 to 2:00.

Kelly's kind heart, love for her family, and unwavering dedication to helping others will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Centenary United Methodist Church of Laurel, DE, online at <https://gofund.me/af46804c> [You may also search for "Kelly Bruch Memorial Donations" on the Gofundme website] or by mail to: Centenary United Methodist Church, 200 W Market St, Laurel, DE 19956.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home of Delmar. Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Centenary United Methodist Church
200 W. Market Street
Laurel, DE

Celebration of Life

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ My Kelly...we knew each other in high school and then reconnected on Facebook about 12 or 13 years ago. You are the most giving and selfless person. You were one of the people who knew my daughter was my daughter without being told when she waited on you in Bon Appétit. My daughter passed away in 2014 and you were such a comfort to me as I know you were to many others. Even struggling with your own health you nurtured others. I will never forget our beach days and lunches and even several delicious dinners you prepared for me. I loved helping you cater for your moms anniversary party at her home. You are an excellent cook. When I moved to Florida our visits became further apart but we never lost touch. You came and stayed at my beach house in the summer of 22 (maybe 23) and being such a beach lover I was so happy you came after having to cancel the previous year because of Covid and we didn't want to risk your compromised immune system. I love the sea glass art you made for my beach home and I will cherish it forever. Rest in peace my beautiful friend. I couldn't make it home for your service but I know you know I was there in spirit. Thank you for the honor of knowing such a beautiful soul. Kiss Stacey for me and I will see you guys when I get there. I'm so glad you're no longer in pain but I will miss you. I can't wait to see you again.

Janet Crockett - February 02, 2025 at 08:33 AM

TT

“ The APM Nuclear Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kelly Ann Bruch.



The APM Nuclear Team - January 24, 2025 at 12:41 PM

BW

“ Kelly was a proud member of the Seaford class of 1976 and a wonderful person. She will be missed at the reunions

Bill Weber - January 24, 2025 at 12:16 PM

MS

“ Kelly was such a kind, thoughtful, beautiful person and was always putting others before herself. She was such a dear friend to my mother and she really helped me during a very tough time in my life. I love her dearly and I'm so sorry for the family's loss. She will be missed. -Maggie Sheehan

Maggie Sheehan - January 24, 2025 at 05:07 AM

RS

“ Kelly I will always remember how I beat you in Dominos. I enjoyed getting to know you. You will be missed. Roy

Roy Scriba - January 23, 2025 at 07:10 PM

EB

“ Kelly will forever live in my heart. She was my only friend when I moved to Salisbury & she made it so home for me. She was always there for me. We had so many wonderful times together - going to the beach - that was her favorite!! Looking for seaglass. Too many adventures to mention!! I love her forever and so treasure her friendship. I am truly sorry for your loss. She will NEVER be forgotten.

Ellen Bruch - January 23, 2025 at 03:14 PM

CH

You were one of her best friend for sure Ellen

Chad - January 24, 2025 at 07:56 PM

LS

“ I will always cherish the fun visits Kelly made to New Jersey. Playing games, Halloween parties and just hanging out. Love to Toby and family.

Linda Stamper - January 23, 2025 at 02:50 PM

DS

“ I met (kelly) several years ago through my father-in-law Lee Scriba. We hit it off immediately. She was just someone that you talk to and get along with. I lived 2 1/2 hours away so we didn't get to see each other as often as I would've liked when we did we spent the entire weekend together. We had a little mini trips and activities that we got to do she introduced me to Seaglass hunting. I instantly felt like she was a sister. (kelly) was the most generous, loving and giving person I had ever met. I can't imagine not having her in our lives. I know she's at peace with her mom. I feel selfish wanting her here on earth. Kelly you fought hard just like I knew you would. I will see you again someday dear friend. I miss you terribly. May you soar on angels wings.



Diane Scriba - January 23, 2025 at 02:36 PM

Jl

So sorry for your loss. Kelly was a very special, caring person. I met Kelly through her mother, Joan, and Joan's husband, Everett Hart. Always there for others, especially me; Always willing to help in any way she possibly could. An amazing lady! We know exactly where she is now!

Jill - January 24, 2025 at 10:10 AM