



## Patricia "Kelly" Elise O'Connor

September 18, 1948 - September 7, 2020

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 11AM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.

Patricia "Kelly" O'Connor, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and loving friend took her place among the angels on September 7, 2020 from complications resulting from Cancer and COPD. She will be missed dearly by her three children, Katie, Michael, and John, the grandchildren she showered with limitless love and affection, and her hilarious, loving, and relentlessly stubborn siblings and in-laws.

Kelly was born September 18, 1948 and spent her early years in Queens and Mineola, NY before embarking to SUNY Cortland to pursue a career in teaching. There, she fell in love with Ed O'Connor, with whom she laid roots in Binghamton, NY, while building a family and ever-expanding friendship network - who carry her legacy of unfettered optimism, compassion, kindness, and humor. Kelly spent her last three plus years in Lewes, DE with friends and family, while living out her dream of spending her days by the Ocean.

A celebration of Kelly's life will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM.

All are also invited to participate via live-streaming of the services by visiting Kelly's webpage or at the following link <https://webcasts.lifetribeutes.com/1089200>

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and in keeping with safety protocols, social distancing must be observed, and masks must be worn during all aspects of funeral services.

Donations may be made in Kelly's name to the American Cancer Society via: <http://main.a.csevents.org/goto/PatriciaKellyOconnor>

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

**14**  
Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel  
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

**SEP** **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I was so very Honored to have spoken at the Service yesterday! She was such a vibrant light in this world and I am sure will live forever in the life of those she touched!!!!

**Carolyn Cooke** - September 15, 2020 at 01:08 PM

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“ I have never met anyone who loved the Beach as much as Kelly did. She was always so positive and full of life. She would hop in her car and drive miles to help her family and friends. She LOVED her Grandchildren and her children. She would greet you with Hello Gorgeous and whatever else was going on, you knew time spent with her would be full of encouragement and food. She told me that she so missed her long talks with her husband. May she be getting him up to date and sitting by her beloved Ocean.

Donna Beck

**Donna Beck** - September 14, 2020 at 10:08 PM

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**jo ann oneill** - September 14, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ Kelly was a wonderful person. She will be missed.

**jo ann oneill** - September 14, 2020 at 01:42 PM

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“ Fred and I send our love and sympathy to the O'Conner and Magill family. You have been in our thoughts during this special time for your families . So glad you were able to be near Kelly and surround her with family love . I am sure she would say she was one lucky lady ! Peggy Brill

**Peggy Brill** - September 13, 2020 at 09:50 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia "Kelly" Elise O'Connor.



September 13, 2020 at 06:07 PM

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“ To Kelly's family,  
I met Kelly back in the 80's when Ed first hired me to do some home improvements at their house off Reynolds Rd. They both became friends as well as good customers while I was in business. I remember Kelly as an energetic and enthusiastic mom to her three young (at the time) children, and someone who was willing to engage in discussion on just about any topic under the sun! I enjoyed those discussions. Many years later later, Kelly provided me with much needed encouragement as I pursued a mid-life career change into public education. I recently retired after 25 years as a high school teacher, and Kelly is one of the people who helped push me down that path. I'll be forever grateful!  
My condolences to Kelly's family and friends. She was one in a million!  
Mark Stevens

**Mark Stevens** - September 12, 2020 at 11:47 PM

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“ To Katie and family...I am so sorry for your loss. I was blessed to be part of the weekly meditation group when she lived in Binghamton. She was so funny and caring...going to miss her..

**Donna Russin** - September 12, 2020 at 08:29 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Kelly and her family. I met Kelly my first year of teaching at BOCES. (I was 21; she was 23!!) Her warmth, friendliness and sincerity were apparent. She was so helpful, assisting me in navigating that initial year as a new teacher in a new city. We had numerous fun times in those early, carefree years, attending many get-togethers, parties and other events with faculty friends. She often invited me and others over after school for dinner at her and Ed's apartment on Floral Avenue. The tuna casserole was always a tasty culinary delight for us as well as enjoying the company.

As time passed, Kelly taught at Ben Franklin School and we became colleagues once again. She was a caring, excellent teacher.

May she rest in peace for all eternity

Diane D Wheeler-Busch - September 12, 2020 at 10:24 AM

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rose minetti - September 12, 2020 at 09:09 AM

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“ SISTERS OF SIGMA RHO SIGMA purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Patricia "Kelly" Elise O'Connor.



SISTERS OF SIGMA RHO SIGMA - September 12, 2020 at 08:34 AM

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“ Dearest Katie, Mike, John & your families: Tom & I were so very sorry to learn last week of your mom’s passing. So many wonderful memories come flooding back of sharing all those years when you were growing up & times spent at both your home & ours with summer pool time, overnights, school events, riding bikes & more. Time spent with PTA and building the playground at Harry L. We will cherish all those memories & more of your mom -she was a special friend. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Ginny & Tom

**Ginny Curran** - September 12, 2020 at 07:39 AM

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**Carolyn Cooke** - September 11, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ Always welcome in her home

**Carolyn Cooke** - September 13, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ I love this picture!

**Patti Anderson** - September 14, 2020 at 06:16 PM

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“ To The Family of Kelly

I am very saddened to hear of the passing of Kelly. She was a beautiful person and I was Blessed to know her. She was a wonderful neighbor and had the pleasure of her spending a week with me here in Florida. She loved her children and grandchildren with such pride and joy. My Thoughts and Prayers are with Kelly and her family.

Sincerely,

Marlene Danielowicz

**Marlene Danielowicz** - September 11, 2020 at 09:14 AM

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“ When I think of Kelly, I see her sitting in her favorite rocking chair on the deck near the entrance to the pool reading her book as peaceful as she could be. I'd always stop to chat with her for a minute to catch up with what was happening in the 'hood. What a lovely, funny and captivating person she was. Always with a smile or a quip, ready to help anyone at any time. Such a wonderful neighbor. We will all miss her very much.

Susan Thompson

Susan Thompson - September 10, 2020 at 09:04 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. Kelly was a wonderful neighbor. She always had a smile and something happy to say. I will miss her.

Mary Marchegiano - September 10, 2020 at 06:53 PM

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“ I was Katie's college roommate and will always remember visits home to the family. Kelly insisted I call her "Mom O'Connor." I was always welcomed with warm hugs, a big smile, and wrapped up in their family as if I was one of them. My condolences to her family. She is missed. <3



Sharon Costianes - September 10, 2020 at 06:29 PM

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“ Kelly was so much fun! We were always laughing! I love her and miss her.



Ingrid Ruppe - September 10, 2020 at 04:43 PM

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**Carolyn Cooke** - September 10, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ With Sorority gals at Cortland Reunion

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**Carolyn Cooke** - September 10, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ Sorority gals at Raquette Lake

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**Carolyn Cooke** - September 10, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ At the sorority house

**Carolyn Cooke** - September 13, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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**Carolyn Cooke** - September 10, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ Kelly and Ed at College

**Carolyn Cooke** - September 13, 2020 at 05:31 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia "Kelly" Elise O'Connor.



September 10, 2020 at 03:35 PM