



## Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler

April 22, 2019

(nee Kelly) Passed away peacefully on April 22, 2019 at the age of 74. She was the loving mother of four children, Kimberly (John) Langeberg, Brian (Sara) Kessler, Julie (Christopher) Lau and Christopher Kessler. She was dear "Nana" to her six grandchildren, Emma Kessler, Lillian Kessler, Lauren Langeberg, Molly Langeberg, Evan Lau and Connor Lau. She will be remembered fondly by her siblings Miriam (William) Beebe, Kathryn (Louis) Bodony, Thomas (Mary Ellen) Kelly, John (Janet) Kelly, her sister-in-law, Mary Ann (Richard) Kelly and her dear friends, Jerryl Hanson and Bob Edwards. All will cherish the wonderful times they shared. Mary Margaret is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Laurine Kelly, her sister, Lucille Kelly, and her brothers, Edward, Robert (Dorothy) and Richard Kelly.

Mary Margaret was raised in Rantoul, Illinois. She attended St. Malachy Catholic School and, later, Rantoul High School. The sweet natured cheerleader and homecoming queen was known to her many friends and loved ones by different names: Mary Margaret, Margie, Kelly, and later, Mom and Nana. She will be missed by all.

Mary Margaret devoted her life to helping others. After graduating from St. Mary's School of Nursing in 1965, and later obtaining a bachelor's degree, she spent her working years dedicated to the nursing profession. She was accomplished in her field and, after 38 years of working in the Emergency Room at St. Francis Hospital in Milwaukee, she retired from nursing. After

retirement, Mary Margaret continued to dedicate her time and talents to helping others. She often served as reader or Eucharistic Minister at church. At her adopted parish of St. Josephat's Basilica in Milwaukee, she volunteered to help teach English as a Second Language. She also volunteered with the kindergarteners at Cooper Elementary School in Milwaukee. To the kids of Cooper Elementary, she was known simply as "Miss Kelly". The world will know one less pair of helping hands without Mary Margaret.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated.

Memorial Visitation Friday, May 3 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Rozga Funeral Home with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, May 4 at 11:30 AM at the BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT (601 W. Lincoln Ave, Milwaukee). Inurnment to follow at Forest Home Cemetery Halls of History.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Home Cemetery

2405 W Forest Home Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Lincoln Village Chapel  
703 W Lincoln Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
(414) 671-5200  
<https://www.rozgafuneral.com/>

## Vigil Service

MAY 3. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Lincoln Village Chapel  
703 W Lincoln Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
(414) 671-5200  
<https://www.rozgafuneral.com/>

## **Memorial Mass of Christian Burial**

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MAY 4. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Basilica of St. Josaphat  
601 W. Lincoln Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

## **Cemetery Committal Service**

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MAY 4. 12:40 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Forest Home Cemetery  
2405 W Forest Home Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler.



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May 03, 2019 at 06:58 AM



“ *Celestial Love* was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler.



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May 02, 2019 at 03:00 PM

Kristen Adams

“ Will miss who I knew initially during high school as Kim's loving mom. I am glad to have many fond memories over the years visiting her home and hanging out in the kitchen or having sleepovers, getting rides (Kelly was not fond of freeway driving, so getting on the on ramp was an adventure), then spending time together at many family birthday parties, baby showers, and other functions over the years. I will never forget Kelly's kindness to me and my children and the wonderful encouragement she provided to me during several very difficult times in my life. I have many cards and thoughtful notes from her that I cherish. She adored her family and was loved by so many. Sending thoughts and prayers to Kim, Brian, Julie and Chris as well as all of Kelly's beautiful, smart grandkids and all those that cared for her. She will be missed by so many. Thanks for everything "mom." Xo



Kristen Adams - May 01, 2019 at 10:05 PM

MH

“ Mariana and Hakim purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler.



Mariana and Hakim - May 01, 2019 at 05:32 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler.



April 30, 2019 at 05:22 PM

KO

“ I and my daughters had the privilege of living "right next door" to "Kelly" and her sweet children, Kim, Brian, Julie and Chris. She will always live in my heart for she was more than just a friend. She was like a sister to me and a second "mom" to my girls. I wish I could hug her one more time, but I know Jesus is doing that now. See you again, one day. Love, Kathy Orkowski and daughters, Pam, Gwen and Cheryl.

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**Kathleen Orkowski** - April 30, 2019 at 03:54 PM

JE

“ My friend, my friend... you will be missed more than any amount of words can express. I love you for so many reasons, but most of all because of how you loved : your children, your grandchildren, your friends and life. We've shared many wonderful times together and our road trips were the best. Bob & I couldn't have asked for a better travel buddy. You so lifted me up during hard and difficult times and taught me how to move forward when I needed the encouragement to do so. And as one nurse to another... you were an honor to work with for so many years. I was gifted with your presence and expertise each and everyday in the Emergency Department.. yes, my friend, you will be missed. But we will stay in faith and it will make us all stronger because we know God works where there's an attitude of faith. And you are such a woman of great faith. I will carry memories of you in my heart forever. And I know we will meet again. Rest In Peace my friend. Jerryl Hanson & Robert Edwards.

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**Jerryl Hanson & Robert Edwards** - April 30, 2019 at 03:25 PM

JH

*My Dearest Kelly,  
It was 4years ago today that you were lifted up into God's Glory. Bob & I both miss you beyond words, but know you are in the loving arms of your Creator. Continue to rest in peace and marvel in that angelic eternal life you have so earned and so deserved.  
Jerryl Hanson & Bob Edwards*

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**Jerryl Hanson** - April 22, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler.*



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April 30, 2019 at 01:24 PM

SG

“ *Kelly and I worked together at St. Francis for many years. I'm one of the ER doctors and I have missed her there. She was a fantastic nurse, a real hoot and we had a lot of laughs together. We thought about things very similarly! I tried for years to get her to call me by my first name but she was the consummate professional.  
You have my deepest condolences.  
Warmest regards,  
Dr. Sue Gedanke*

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**Susan Gedanke** - April 29, 2019 at 09:12 PM

JA

“ Joel & Kim, Lisa & Marc, Lori & Kev, Ed & Amy purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler.



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Joel & Kim, Lisa & Marc, Lori & Kev, Ed & Amy - April 29, 2019 at 08:40 PM

KA

“ Kim & Joel, Lisa & Marc, Lori & Kevin, Ed & Amy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler.



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Kim & Joel, Lisa & Marc, Lori & Kevin, Ed & Amy - April 29, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler.



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April 28, 2019 at 11:57 PM

GK

“ Her picture brought back so many good memories of our Air Force days in Florida when the only person keeping us off the road to perdition was "Kelly". Truly a blessed, beautiful woman. May she rest in peace. "Go deana Dia trocaire ar a anam dhilis".  
Gerry Kirwan

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Gerard A. Kirwan - April 26, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ Aunt Mary Margaret was adored by all her nieces and nephews (and there are a lot of us!), but one special memory was her wedding. Instead of just having one flower girl, she had all five of us little kelly girls serve as flower girls. She was so kind, she didn't want anyone to feel left out! Margie was a special woman. So strong and yet tender. I will miss her quick and contagious laugh. Her wit and her beautiful warmth. Good-bye for now, my sweet Aunt Mary Margaret...your light touched my heart and brought me great joy and comfort.

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**Lisa Kelly** - April 26, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ Janet Berra lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler



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**Janet Berra** - April 25, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Kelly" Kessler.



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April 25, 2019 at 07:33 PM