



Kelly Ann Brazeal (Mansfield)

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Kelly Ann Brazeal, daughter of George and Glena Shull Rasmussen was born May 23, 1958 in Springfield, Missouri and departed this life on June 11, 2013 at the Heart of the Ozarks Healthcare Center in Ava, Missouri at the age of fifty-five years and eighteen days.

Kelly was united in marriage to Russell Brazeal and to this union two sons were born. She was preceded in death by her father, George and her sister, Kris.

Kelly is survived by her sons, Tim Brazeal and his wife Rochelle, and Tom Brazeal and his wife Candace; her mother, Glena Rasmussen; two grandchildren, Bayli Brazeal and Hoyt Brazeal all of Mansfield, Missouri; a nephew, Scott Smith and his wife Melissa; a great-nephew, Dalton Fielden and a great-niece, Grace Fielden all of Rogersville, Missouri; other relatives and many, many friends.

Kelly was born in Springfield but lived her entire life in Mansfield. She graduated from Mansfield High School with the Class of 1976. She earned her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State) and her Specialist Certificate from Southwest Baptist University. Kelly was very active in community service roles and was a career-long member of the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Southwest Missouri School Counselors Association, and the Missouri School Counselors Association. She was an active member of the SMSCA and MSCA Crisis Response group, and would often travel at a moment's notice to assist children in other districts. Most recently, she was accepted as an honorary member of Biker's Against Child Abuse. Protecting all children was always a big priority for Kelly. She also served as a member of the local P.E.O. chapter.

In the Mansfield school system she served many years as the high school guidance counselor before becoming the high school principal one year before her retirement. In that time she also served many years as the Mansfield Senior Class sponsor and the Students Against Destructive Decisions sponsor. Additionally, she found an



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affinity for teaching at the next level by serving as an adjunct faculty member with Drury University, and an advisor/mentor with Missouri State University-West Plains. It really goes without saying that Kelly loved her job and the students she was in contact with for almost 25 years. She took a lot of pride in counseling students, helping them apply for scholarships, listening to their problems, encouraging and quite honestly pushing them to reach for the stars. Kelly was there for them and they knew it. There will never be another one like her.

Kelly had made a profession of faith in Christ many years ago and was a lifetime member of the Mansfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

In her spare time she enjoyed working on the farm and going to the lake. But the most important part of her life were her boys. They were her life and she would do anything she could for them.

Kelly was a loving mother, grandmother, daughter and aunt. As well as a caring neighbor, friend and educator. We celebrate her life and many accomplishments and will cherish the wonderful memories we have of her.



Events

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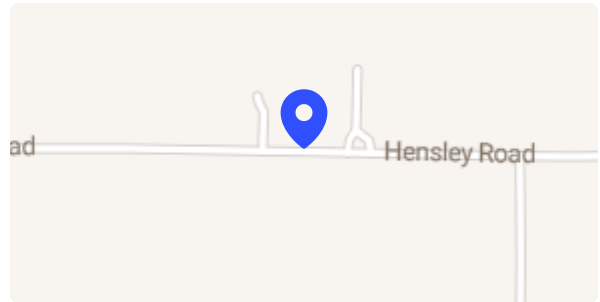
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Cemetery Details



Hensley Cemetery

Hensley Rd, Mansfield MO 65704





Tribute Wall

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JD

Joyce Denney lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 24 at 8:13 PM



JA

Jill (Rodgers) Auterson lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 22 at 5:03 PM



JE

Jerry lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 19 at 5:39 PM



RD

Ronda Denney lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 17 at 6:17 AM



PF

Paula (Wingo) Smith And Family lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 15 at 7:29 PM



DL

Debbie Letsinger posted:

She will be greatly missed. Every once in awhile, I can hear her laughter in the halls of the school. Rest in peace Kelly and thank you for your friendship.

June 15 at 4:12 PM



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DL

Debbie Letsinger lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 15 at 4:07 PM



SB

Sharon (Hieb) Baker lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 15 at 4:33 AM



GS

Gretchen Schultz lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 15 at 3:19 AM



SC

Steven M Collins lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

thinking of her family she will be miss she was a good woman and she love to help people. god bless the family and her.

June 14 at 9:12 PM



BA

Beki Duncan Austin lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 14 at 5:24 PM



AL

April O'loinsigh lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 14 at 3:16 PM





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SK

Sara Henley Kirby posted:

So sad that she's gone...she was one of the most vibrant people I have ever had the pleasure to know...she loved her boys so much as well as her students! Saying she will be greatly and deeply missed just doesn't seem like enough

June 14 at 1:28 PM

TB

Tim Brazeal posted:

I want to extend a personal thank you to all of the people that have spoken kind words, lit candles, sent plants/flowers, prepared food, or just simply came to show your love for my Mom. Thank you all for everything that you have done. RIP Mom. I'll miss not getting to see you or hear your voice. Bless this town, this school, and our families. We will see you again one day.

June 14 at 11:08 AM

SF

Susie Graham And Families lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 14 at 8:42 AM

HK

Heather Kelderman lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 14 at 6:33 AM

KA

Karen posted:

Kelly was a wonderful person! Huge personality and a wonderful, vibrant laugh. She was my Jr. High Cheerleading coach at Seymour and she later became our Home Economics teacher in High School. She was a wonderful friend. She will be missed by her friends, community and school families.

June 14 at 6:15 AM



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RS

Rachel (Barber) Salsig lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 14 at 5:47 AM



DG

Debbie (Coday) Gray lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 14 at 3:53 AM



SC

Shelly Chadwell lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 14 at 3:42 AM



RS

Robert A Short lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 14 at 3:03 AM



CC

Connie Quirk-Christian lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 14 at 2:33 AM



CC

Connie Quirk-Christian posted:

I cannot imagine going through high school without Kelly there to support me. She was always there if I needed to talk, was stressed about college, or wanted to plan a senior prank. She helped us get into the school to fill it with Sonic Cups for our senior prank. She even helped with the setup! She cared so much about her students, and all of us are better people because we knew her.

June 14 at 2:32 AM



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LY

Lynn Young posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Kelly was a great person and educator who cared about each student and saw their true potential even when others couldn't. She pushed them to be the best person they could be without belittling or criticizing them. While the world as we know it has lost a wonderful person, heaven has gained an incredible angel.

June 14 at 1:57 AM

KC

Kathey Craig lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 14 at 12:18 AM

MC

Misty Clanton posted:

I remember many things about Kelly, she was an amazing woman. She will be missed by so many.. Prayers go out to her family..

June 13 at 8:49 PM

KK

Kevin And Brenda Keith lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 8:36 PM

AQ

Alicia Quick lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 8:01 PM

MA

Misty Adamson lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 7:13 PM



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DD

Diana White-Drakeford lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 7:12 PM



CS

Charles And Brenda Short lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 6:46 PM



DH

Debbie Hutson lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 6:16 PM



JF

Jill Johnson And Family lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 5:54 PM



CA

Carol Anderson posted:

Church, school, cheerleading, teaching....I have wonderful memories of Kelly throughout her life. Having Tom and Tim in school and watching them grow into wonderful young men was special. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Carol Anderson

June 13 at 5:46 PM

TB

Trenton Barber posted:

Kelly was an amazing and brilliant woman who touched me in many ways while I was in high school. I could never count them all but as someone who struggled during those years I'm not sure what I would have done without her. I know I'm the exception, she was a person who touched everyone in her path in positive ways that we are all grateful for. I wish the very best to her family and friends and everyone who she has shared her life with.

June 13 at 5:42 PM



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GC

Greg & Millie Clark lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 5:36 PM



TJ

Teresa Jarrett posted:

I want to share a memory of Kelly that showed her sense of humor.... When Landon's senior class pulled their "senior prank" it involved placing tires around the school with the saying "we are Tired of school". To get back at those involved she had a friend come in and pose as an official from the EPA, and had them terrified that they were all in big trouble. She got the biggest kick out of it... She will be missed...

June 13 at 5:30 PM

KG

Kay Goss lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 5:29 PM



SH

Stephanie Hague lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 5:27 PM



SW

Shawna Whitaker lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 5:23 PM



MS

Mirissa Stillwell lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 5:15 PM





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JS

Jacqueline Scrivner lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 5:08 PM



MP

Mary Ann Petkus lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 4:56 PM



MC

Mindy Cantrell lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 4:55 PM



DS

Dawn Skelton lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 4:51 PM



PD

Phillip Douglas lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 4:42 PM



RD

Ralph, Margo, Ben And Brenda Dunbar lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

Kelly will be sorely missed, she was such a wonderful person and made a very definite and positive and loving impact on all our lives. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. She is definitely an angel in heaven to help guide you through your lives. We are sure you will always feel her arms around you!! Ralph, Margo, Ben and Brenda Dunbar

June 13 at 4:35 PM





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MS

Mary Shropshire lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

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RD

Ralph, Margo, Ben And Brenda Dunbar lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 4:29 PM



DS

Dave Shaw lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 4:21 PM



CB

Connie Burris posted:

Ms. Kelly will always tell the school kids who visited to stay in school go to college but most of pick a career that you love. She totally loved kids.

June 13 at 4:00 PM

BY

Billie Sue Yost lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 3:46 PM



JB

Joanie (Fulbright) Bailey posted:

Kelly, you will be greatly missed. You touched the lives of so many and were an inspiration. As a counselor, you were there for every student never judging them along the way. You put your whole heart into each students lives and were also their friend. You will be missed by everyone that knew you and your legacy will live on forever. My prayers are with the family. God bless you all always!

June 13 at 3:41 PM



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PC

Paige Collins lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 3:19 PM



TP

Tammy Patrick lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 2:51 PM



KO

Kaye Ousley lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 2:49 PM



AW

Aaron Woody sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Brazeal (Mansfield) family.

June 13 at 2:43 PM



DC

Donna Climer lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 2:34 PM



HW

Heather Welker lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 2:23 PM





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VW

Virginia West lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 2:19 PM



PT

Paula Turley lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 1:09 PM



MC

Margaret Crain posted:

I will try to be brief; I spoke to Kelly one week before her accident. She was on her way into the school as I was leaving. I was there requesting transcripts for my son who was about to start college. This was a teenager who had better things to do in high school than learn. Kelly never gave up on him and he did finally graduate. Five years later he was on his way to college. When I told her about Justin her face lit up; she said "That's why I do what I do. For those others give up on!" I will never forget how happy she was that day. I will always be thankful that she did not give up on my son. The world is a better place because she was in it. Godspeed and love.

June 13 at 1:01 PM

SM

Sue Merriett sent a virtual gift in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 12:48 PM



TH

Troy Hutson lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

A wonderful lady and a fantastic friend!!!! Kelly, you will be deeply missed and never forgotten....prayers for you and your family!!!

June 13 at 12:47 PM





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SD

Sonya Bennett(Davis) lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 12:37 PM



JS

Jana Stillings lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 11:30 AM



VB

Vicki Blankenship posted:

Glena, Tim, and Tom, You all know what a wonderful daughter and mother Kelly was. She loved to share stories about her family, especially her "boys." I never knew another lady who worked as hard as Kelly did between farming, counseling, and supervising, but she loved every minute of it. She was a joy to be around, and always had the time to spare to listen to anyone who needed to talk. She was such a good friend, and I miss her terribly, but I know she's at peace now, surrounded by many relatives and friends. May God also give you the peace you deserve. All my love, Vicki Blankenship

June 13 at 11:18 AM

VB

Vicki Blankenship lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 11:12 AM



JC

Joyce Cantrell lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

Prayers and sympathy to Kelly's family.....

June 13 at 11:10 AM



SM

Sarah Moody lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 11:03 AM





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MF

Martha Millard & Family lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 10:43 AM



MP

Melissa Pulley lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 10:31 AM



IP

Ilena Proctor lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 10:27 AM



LD

Leslie Dye posted:

Will always remeber your wounderful smile.

June 13 at 10:23 AM

CS

Christopher Sarginson lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

June 13 at 10:05 AM





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Jennifer Russell lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 10:04 AM

DO **Debbie Owens** June 13 at 11:25 AM
Our prayers goes out to the family,

JR **Jennifer Russell** June 13 at 10:09 AM
Our thoughts and Prayers are with your family



Jacquelyn Taylor lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 9:57 AM



Byron & Riki lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 9:44 AM



Dulci Lancaster posted:

I know that there isn't anyone who knew Kelley that she didn't make a positive impression on them. you can't say that about many people anymore. she was a beautiful woman and will never be forgotten in Mansfield. -Dulci

June 13 at 9:37 AM



Paula Cantrell lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 9:36 AM



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Floyd And Janice Blankenship posted:

Floyd was always talking about Kelly and was so grateful for her teaching for him and she was always at her best. She knew how to make the students do well and what they needed. She will always be in his heart as one of the greatest teachers he ever employed at the Seymour High School. We as a family sure enjoyed her. Jackie thought the world of her and now they are together laughing in Heaven and looking down on all of us. We know how her mother feels. She and Jackie were the same age and it don't matter how old the children are it is a hard thing giving them up. Jackie has been gone almost 4 years and it is still very hard on us so we do know how it is. One just has to remember the good times and memories we have of them. We don't have to understand.

June 13 at 9:35 AM



Brenda Backus lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

What can i say about Kelly other than she was the most awesome person and ray of sunshine i have ever known. She was my college professor for a few years took every class of hers i could. She was just awesome, loving, great personality she was everything i want to be i really looked up to her.I have known her for years she was my sons school counselor and then the principal i really dont believe my son would have gotten as far as he did without her she had a way to inspire people and make them feel good and to be the best person they could be.WE LOVE YOU AND YOU WILL BE MISSED MY FRIEND, Brenda Backus and Family



June 13 at 9:14 AM



Carol (Philpott) Dennis posted:

What a wonderful teacher, friend, and human being. Kelly will always be admired by those who knew her.

June 13 at 8:26 AM



Steve & Tonia Baty lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 6:22 AM



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Don, Karen Wilson And The Wilson Family sent a virtual gift in honor of Kelly.

So sorry for your loss. May God be with all of you at this time of sorrow. You know heaven is getting a little full. I know the Kelly will be meet by many who have gone before her. She will also be waiting for all of you to come join her. What a joy there will be!!!!!! Our prayers and thought are with all of you. Don, Karen and the Wilson Family



June 13 at 4:28 AM



Julia Todd posted:

Kelly was a great person she came into my life when I was a student at Seymour she was first my home economics teacher and then she became the counselor. Then when I had gotten older and had children of my own she became their counselor and then Principal she will be greatly missed as she was loved by everyone.

June 13 at 4:13 AM



Julia Todd lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 4:12 AM



Elaine And Bob Crump And Family posted:

Kelly was always a joy to be around. She entered our whole family's lives at one point or another either at Seymour or Mansfield, and we all benefited from her advice and friendship! Keep her joyous spirit in your hearts. I am a firm believer of guardian angels and Kelly will make a perfect one. Blessings to you all, Elaine and Bob Crump

June 13 at 3:31 AM



Elaine And Bob Crump And Family lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 3:25 AM



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SA

Stacy Mason Ahmad lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 13 at 12:55 AM

SA

Stacy Mason Ahmad June 13 at 12:56 AM

Kelly always had a smile on her face and was always the first teacher to help a student in their time of need. She will dearly be missed.

EW

Erin Williams posted:

Tim, I know I can speak for everyone in the office by saying that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Please let us know if you need anything at all. Erin and your Mercy Sports Medicine friends

June 12 at 4:48 PM

AW

Aaron Woody lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 12 at 3:10 PM

NO

Norma Ogletree posted:

Kelly's joy for life, love for her family, commitment to her friends, professionalism at work, and strength to recover will continue to be an inspiration to those of us lucky enough to have spent time with her. She was a wonderful friend and colleague whose smile could light up a room. Tim and Tom, I wish I could say something to you and your families that would be of comfort. I hope that soon the sadness will move to the back of your heart and you will focus on the times you laughed with your mother.

June 12 at 10:27 AM



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JB

Janice Blankenship posted:

So sorry to hear this news. A great person and great teacher for sure. A good friend thru the years. The world has lost a great resident; there should be more people like Kelly. She is resting in peace and no more worries. Lots of good memories for her boys and family left behind. You must already know how great your mother was so keep that in your hearts forever. She made many impressions on many lives during her short life. We never will understand why good people have to leave us. I guess that God needs good people for angels to look after all of us left behind. She will be looking down on you boys and your families. Take care and know she is in your hearts forever.

June 12 at 4:58 AM

SB

Stephanie Bass lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 12 at 4:25 AM

TW

Tammy Dearmond Wright lit a candle in honor of Kelly.



June 12 at 4:12 AM

RC

Rocky Crain June 13 at 4:14 PM

she was a very fine person!!!!!! and will be missed by many



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kelly by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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