



Mary D. Kelly

September 1, 1926 - August 30, 2015

Mary D. Kelly, age 88, of Storm Lake, Iowa died August 30, 2015 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina, Iowa. Burial will follow in the St. Columbkille Cemetery. Visitation will take place Wednesday, September 2, 2015 from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake with a rosary service at 6:30 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements. Mary Darlene Biittner, the daughter of John and Catherine (Milefchik) Biittner was born in rural Fonda on September 1, 1926. Mary graduated from St. Columbkille High School in Varina in 1944. She was valedictorian of her class and was chosen as the May Queen that year.

After high school, Mary attended the Commercial Extension Business School in Omaha, Nebraska. Afterwards, she worked in both Omaha and Pocahontas, Iowa.

Mary was united in marriage to Edward Keith "Chuck" Kelly on February 1, 1951. They began farming near Varina, where they lived and raised their family. In addition to countless hours devoted to her boys and Chuck, Mary also worked as Assistant Postmaster in Varina, a job she really enjoyed.

Mary served as Grand Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America and was a member of the Women's Legion Auxiliary. She was the president of the Varina Public Library Board, a member of the Varina Rosary Maker's Club, enjoyed quilting with the Freedom Quilters, and was very proud to be a Eucharistic Minister at St. Columbkille's where she took communion to nursing homes in the area.

Mary was a witty and whimsical lady who was a voracious reader and a very competitive card player. She was passionate about sports, especially Iowa basketball. She embraced technology, sending a daily email to her family and was constantly amazed at the things she could discover by googling them on her computer.

When Mary was 59 years young, she decided to go sky diving. She did it, and loved it. She went a second time and loved it again, but promised Chuck, her worried husband, she would not do it again. She did, however, go hang-gliding over the Atlantic Ocean in Corolla, North Carolina at the age of 68. She also enjoyed airplane rides with Chuck in the Merri Dee from the "Varina International Airport".

Mary was preceded in death by her husband; two infant sons; grandson, Ryan Kelly; parents; brother, Oscar "Bud"; and two sisters: Ruth and Bonnie "Sister Rose Catherine".

Mary is survived by her sons: John (LaVeda) of Atlanta, Georgia; Mitch (Jean) of Glenwood, Iowa; Scott of Tucson, Arizona; and sister, Colleen (Lanny) Paul of Pocahontas, Iowa. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, brother-in-law, Francis (Jackie) Kelly of Varina, Iowa; and many special nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery

Previous Events

Vigil Service

SEP 2. 7:30 AM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Visitation

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

SEP 2. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Service

SEP 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Church
First Street
Varina, IA 50593
<http://home.catholicweb.com/stcolumbkille/>

Interment

SEP 3 (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary D. Kelly*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 02, 2015 at 05:13 PM

NF

“ *So sorry to hear about Mary. You all are in our prayers. Being from Varina, we knew Mary well. Classmate of her sister Colleen. Varina was a wonderful area to grow up in. Jack & Norma (Wagner) Fitzgerald*

Norma Fitzgerald - September 05, 2015 at 04:04 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie (Swenson) Demers lit a candle in memory of Mary D. Kelly*



John and Connie (Swenson) Demers - September 03, 2015 at 06:47 AM

FU

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



funeralhomes@iw.net - September 02, 2015 at 05:13 PM

DM

“ Devin, Debbie, Kristi, Jennie and Marietta purchased the Garden Accent - "Someone you love..." for the family of Mary D. Kelly.



Devin, Debbie, Kristi, Jennie and Marietta - September 02, 2015 at 10:28 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mary D. Kelly.



September 02, 2015 at 09:26 AM

Cindy
Eberle
Scott

“ To the family of Mary,
I want to thank you all for allowing me to be
with your mom these last days while she was
in the hospital. I truly enjoyed visiting with her
and was fascinated with her stories about
Varina. I will treasure her memory.
Cindy Scott



Cindy Eberle Scott - September 02, 2015 at 08:58 AM

MB

“ Mary was quite a gal and a wonderful friend. A beautiful life to
celebrate. So many great memories growing up in Varina. Thursday
is our mothers birthday and oh what a party that will be. We all
agree we can just hear our mother in excitement saying "Hey Kelly
you made it." Can't help but make us smile. God Bless.
Greg & Mary (Kapsch) Baskerville and
the rest of Bob & Pegs family

Mary Baskerville - September 02, 2015 at 08:18 AM

PC

“ Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of
Mary D. Kelly



Pegi Cavanaugh - September 02, 2015 at 07:46 AM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Mary D. Kelly*



John and Connie Demers - September 02, 2015 at 07:14 AM

TA

“ *The Brickman Family - Dave, Kathy, Sam and Anna purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary D. Kelly.*



The Brickman Family - Dave, Kathy, Sam and Anna -
September 02, 2015 at 02:40 AM

RS

“ *John, Mitch, Scott and families,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all on Mary's passing. We will cherish her many email messages and her being "my other mom" for so many decades. Your mom and dad were always so warm and welcoming to us over the years. Mary's weekly jokes and family updates kept us well-informed of everyone. Will truly miss those. I'll be certain to say an extra Rosary for our local Rosary advocate. I know many received graces and blessings through her numerous Rosaries. May God bless you all. Randy and Marilyn Schmitt*

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - September 01, 2015 at 02:12 PM