



# **Kelley Lynn Dukes**

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**K**elley Lynn Dukes of Millsboro, DE passed away suddenly into the loving arms of God after a short illness on Saturday, December 26, 2020. She was 54 years old.

She was born in Milford, DE to Wayne and Linda Messick Dukes on August 20, 1966. Kelley is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Granville and Kathleen Messick and paternal grandparents Arvil and Pauline Dukes whom she loved dearly.

Kelley graduated from Indian River High School in 1984 and then went on to receive degrees from Golden Beacom College and Wilmington College. She worked in the banking industry. Her career began at the Baltimore Trust Bank and for the last 20 years she had worked for the County Bank in Rehoboth. Kelley was a member of Hickory Hill U.M. Church where she served on the Finance Committee, Worship Committee, and the Administrative Board. She enjoyed vacations in Disney World, Clearwater Beach, FL, Lancaster and Philadelphia PA and Williamsburg, VA. She loved sunrises and sunsets, the Philadelphia Phillies, and the Dallas Cowboys. Kelley was a wonderful daughter, and friend who will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her parents Wayne and Linda Dukes of Millsboro, DE, an uncle, Garland Messick (Brenda), cousins Julie Verbanic (Stephen), Pam Shockley (Jeffrey), GG Messick, II (Kristina) and Emily Pettyjohn (Dave). Also surviving are her best friends Kathy and Jeff Revel and their sons Chris (Kasey) and Justin whom she considered her nephews. Other friends surviving her are Sonja (Robert) Ames, Keetie (Jeff) Hopkins and Leolga (Dallas) Wright and their families. She also leaves behind her great aunts Catherine Justice and Pauline (Ronald) Clogg as well as many extended family members and friends.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions, services will be private.



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In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Kelley's memory to Hickory Hill United Methodist Church, C/O Roy Rogers, 28209 Walt Carmean Lane, Millsboro, DE 19966.

Letters of condolence may be emailed via

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## Tribute Wall

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LW

**Linda Powell Williams** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

Kelley and I rode the bus together and later worked together at Baltimore Trust/Mercantile. She was a great person and friend. We shared our love of baseball. We had lost touch until last year and were going to see each other and then COVID hit. Rest in peace, dear Kelley, we will miss your lovely smile you are now a lovely angel.

January 4 at 8:00 PM



BH

**Bonnie Hastings** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

You will always be remembered for your beautiful smile and your loving soul you were so kind and your family should be proud.

January 1 at 8:00 PM



RL

**Rae Long** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

Everyone who knew Kelley loved her laughter and compassion for everyone and everything. Dear Wayne and Linda, we are so sorry for your loss. You know Kelley is in God's loving hands now. God bless you. May your wonderful memories of Kelley sustain you.

January 1 at 8:00 PM



TS

**Tempe Steen** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

Ron and I send our saddest condolences. She was a lovely person and missed already. We are so very sorry, Linda and Wayne. Tempe & Ron Steen

January 1 at 8:00 PM



KM

**Karen Murray** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

December 30 at 8:00 PM





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JO

**Juanita Oakley** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

December 29 at 8:00 PM



NM

**Nano Mitchell** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

I worked with Kelley at Baltimore Trust/Mercantile at the Rehoboth Branch. What a wonderful person. My condolences to her parents and family.

December 29 at 8:00 PM



DM

**Dana Murray** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

I remember going to school with Kelley & being bridesmaids with her in Rose Lynch's wedding. My deepest condolences & prayers to her family.

December 29 at 8:00 PM



TW

**Terry Ann Wright** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

I met Kelley my freshman year of college the early 80s girls that we were. She was one of very few other Sussex county students at our small college. She had a particular connection to my hometown of Laurel at the time even though she resided in Dagsboro then. We became fast friends and eventually roommates for the duration of my college life at Goldey-Beacom. She was the sweetest soul you could ever meet, we had lots of similar interests in Music, the Cowboys and even got me to like the Phillies for a bit. And as with Delaware, the longer we knew one another the more people we found in common along with things we enjoyed. As the years passed we would go longer periods of time between catch ups. But she was one of those people the time never mattered its like we just had lunch a week ago and no time had elapsed at all. My heart breaks for her parents having to endure the ultimate loss that of a child's passing. Kelley is definitely flying with the angels now, may she rest in eternal peace, and may God console Linda, Wayne and all her loved ones at this most difficult time.

December 27 at 8:00 PM





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GC

**Gary Cox** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

Some people you just never forget. I met Kelly on Ms Jean's school bus in 1979 and shared those few miles of bus travel for a few years. Her presents was always positive and her words kind to anyone around her. The lord called home an angel that will be there to greet us all when it is our time. Blessings and comfort to the family. Gary Cox, Dagsboro

December 29 at 8:00 PM



JO

**Juanita Oakley** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

Linda and Wayne, All of us have know each other forever, fifty-eight years for me. I've always considered you folks family. I remember going to your house and playing with Kelley. We always had a great time. I was privileged to work with Kelley at Baltimore Trust in Bethany Beach, which later became Mercantile. We had a lot of fun there. Kelley was a beautiful soul inside and out. Her passing just doesn't seem real, I will truly miss her. I know she's in heaven having a great time with her mom-mom's and pop-pop's. Heaven has gained an angel with the best soul. I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know I am here for you folks, for whatever you may need, please don't hesitate to call me. Lots of Love & Deepest Sympathy, Juanita

December 29 at 8:00 PM



BH

**Bonnie Hastings** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

My prayers are with the family love to Wayne and Linda. Bonnie Hastings

December 28 at 8:00 PM



BP

**Brandon Perdue** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

So sorry to hear about Kelley's passing. I had the privilege to know her through banking at Baltimore Trust and County Bank. She was such a sweet person. She will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to Wayne, Linda and the family.

December 28 at 8:00 PM





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TC

**Tammie & Shirley Coffin** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

I went to school with Kelly we graduated high school together. She was the sweetest person, with the kindness heart, we gained a beautiful Angel, her smile was so beautiful. sending my condolences to her mom & dad and family, may we always remember her beautiful soul..

December 28 at 8:00 PM



RF

**Ranae Fisher** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

Such a loss! Kelly was a kind hearted soul, God bless her family and friends! Sending prayers....

December 28 at 8:00 PM



SC

**Sandy Bunting Chandler** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

I went to school and graduated with Kelley. She always had something nice to say. A beautiful smile. Always positive. I remember her infectious laugh. I also recall having homeroom together and we were constantly getting "in trouble" for talking too much! She was always interested in what you had to say and always happy for whatever news you shared. An absolute beautiful soul. I'm saddened to hear this news of her passing. Sending my thoughts and prayers to her family.

December 28 at 8:00 PM



BH

**Bonnie Hastings** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

I worked with Kelly at County Bank what a wonderful person always smiling and loved life she will be so missed by so many love you Kelley

December 28 at 8:00 PM



DR

**Debbie Rickards** lit a candle in honor of Kelley.

I worked with Kelley at Baltimore Trust. She was such a sweet person. Always smiling and so nice to everyone. God certainly gained a very sweet Angel. Thoughts and prayers to her parents. Rip Kelley!

December 27 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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