



Beverly Jean Kelly

July 24, 1934 - December 28, 2020

Beverly “Bev” Jean Kelly, age 86, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Monday, December 28, 2020 at the Heritage Assisted Living in Glendive. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Bev was born on July 24, 1934 on a farm in Jessie, North Dakota, a daughter of Lewis and Helen (Retzlaff) LaPlant. She attended school in rural Griggs County and graduated from Cooperstown High School in 1951. She then went on to attend Valley City State College for one year.

Bev moved to Glendive in the fall of 1962 and began teaching at Lincoln Elementary School. She graduated in the summer of 1963 with a Bachelors in Elementary Education from Valley City State College.

Bev met the love of her life Bernard Kelly and they were later married on December 20. Bev and Bernie loved dancing and traveling. They had been married for 48 years at the time of his passing on July 8, 2013 and Bev had been looking forward to waltzing with Bernie in Heaven. Bev and Bernie were always willing to help others and their home was always open to them as well. They often fostered kids and also boarded nieces and nephews who needed a place to stay during high school.

Bev was known to have two green thumbs and was a wonderful gardener.

She and Bernie raised enough produce to feed half of Glendive. They also canned hundreds of quarts of applesauce and cherry pies from their apple and cherry trees. All of which they shared with their family and friends.

Later in life Bev became known as the “bionic woman.” She had had four hip surgeries, four back surgeries, a shoulder replacement, and a knee replacement. Dr. Joan Dickson (Mutt) was a great friend and wonderful doctor and caretaker. She was a saint in Mom’s eyes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Helen; and her husband, Bernie.

Bev is survived by her four children, Connie (Jesse) Barnhart of Broadus, Montana, Kevin (Jana) Kelly of Brussett, Montana, Casey (Jani) Kelly of Elko, Nevada, and Cody (Whisper) Kelly of Miles City, Montana; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four siblings, Don LaPlant of Bozeman, Montana, Joanne Burleson of Sheridan, Wyoming, Sharon (Bob) Fors of Larimore, North Dakota, and Darlene Quam of Tolna, North Dakota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

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Graveside Service

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard Street

Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Beverly Jean Kelly*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Suzie (Kelly) Damjanovich lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly*



Suzie (Kelly) Damjanovich - February 18, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *A wonderful lady. Think about the good times... we always felt so at home with Beverly. To us - she was her mom all over. Hugs & Prayers to the family.! Jan & Dale Steffen*

Dale & Jan Steffen - January 22, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ *LaNette Simonton lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly*



LaNette Simonton - January 20, 2021 at 04:30 PM

RO

“ Ryan O'Hare lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly



Ryan O'Hare - January 06, 2021 at 10:30 AM

PL

“ Pam Lewis lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly



Pam Lewis - January 05, 2021 at 08:55 PM

PJ

“ I was robbed of more time with Bev due to COVID restrictions, then to lose her fully hit hard. We shared a love of students, gardening, our faith, and the Bobcats. I will miss our lively visits. Thanks be to God, we will see one another again.

Penny Johnson

Penny Johnson - January 05, 2021 at 06:57 PM

BG

“ Brian Gragert lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly



Brian Gragert - January 05, 2021 at 10:10 AM

LS

“ We met Bev and Bernie about 30 years ago through the UCC Church. They were our church family and friends. Allan’s mother (Fran) moved back to Glendive and into the Heritage. Bev soon became a good friend and confidant to her. She had a very caring, big heart! We will miss her! Allan and Lois Sevier

Lois Sevier - January 04, 2021 at 11:52 PM

JA

“ So sorry to hear of Bev's passing. What a wonderful Person she was. Hugs to all her family.

Joyce & Bill Ayre - January 03, 2021 at 07:43 PM

RL

“ Richard And Susan Legare lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly



Richard and Susan Legare - January 02, 2021 at 09:39 PM

MK

“ This wonderful Lady will be missed so much. Here's my story. When i was in school i didn't care much about anything after 6th grade. Tragedy struck my family and we have never been the same since. (My brother died). I made some not so good choices for about 2 years and the i meet Bev she changed my life. She gave a reason, a purpose to believe in myself. She told me to paint my feelings.(art class) I got good at it but my classes mates were so much better. Lol. I did paint for awhile after that and things got better for awhile. So back to bad choices and some good. Years later i started getting my life together and stop making stupid decisions. Lol. I decided to go back to school but that meant getting my GED. I wanted to go to college and to do that i had to get my ged. So 1st step go to the college and sign up. I walk in the classroom and whom do i see? Yep Mrs. Kelly. 😊😊. She had that wonderful smile we talked and that was my 1st step. One day feeling overwhelmed with school,kids,and a job i started to back away from school. Bev cornered me 1 day and told she would stop by and pick me up for school if needed a ride. She wasn't going to give up on me that easy. Lol. I'm thankful she didn't for i did go on to college. Years later i was visiting someone in the heritage and seen her name on the resident sign. I knew i had to visit. When i knocked on her door and she opened it she greeted me with her wonderful smile 😊😊. .we had the best visit ever and caught up with our lives. I told her god put her in my life at the right times. She made a BIG impact on my life. Little did i know that would be the last time I would see her. Just the other day as i was cleaning house I had an overwhelming feeling and she popped in my head. Remembering what a great lady i should call her. That unfortunately was the day she passed. 😞😞😞. They say they're is always that 1 teacher that makes a difference in your life. She was mine. So thats my story. I will miss this wonderful human being that took the time to to make my life better. I'm sure their are so many more lives she touched. I will miss you Bev thanks for believing in me when no one else including myself did. God has a great place for you in heaven. 🧡💛💚💔

Mashal Bonnet knoll - December 31, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CB

Thank you so much for your touching memories. Mom loved teaching and helping others. Good luck and God Bless you!

Connie Barnhart - January 12, 2021 at 09:37 PM

RY

“ *Rita Young lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly*



Rita Young - December 31, 2020 at 11:34 AM

CF

“ *Chris & Gene Fixmer lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly*



Chris & Gene Fixmer - December 31, 2020 at 02:53 AM

KA

“ *My condolences to Beverly's family. She was a very kind woman and I will always remember her patience and kindness in 8th grade art.*

Kelli Alexander - December 30, 2020 at 11:32 PM

JB

“ June Boje lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly



June Boje - December 30, 2020 at 11:29 PM

JB

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June Boje - December 30, 2020 at 11:13 PM

KM

“ So sorry to hear of Bev's passing. What a classy lady she was. I always enjoyed visiting with her and Bernie when I would come to town to see my parents. The lord got a good one.
Kevin Mayer

Kevin Mayer - December 30, 2020 at 04:56 PM

KS

“ Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly



Karen Schock - December 30, 2020 at 01:04 PM

CB

“ *Bev was such a beautiful person. She always took the time to visit when she saw me. I had her for a teacher in grade school and loved all the art projects we did in her class. I love anything to do with art to this day. RIP Sweet lady. You earned your wings. I am sure you are Dancing with Bernie in heaven.*

Cindi Byron - December 30, 2020 at 11:29 AM

CB

“ *Bev was always so fun when she would visit with Bessie. I'm sorry for your loss and hope you are all comforted by your memories during this time.*

Cali Baker - December 30, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean Kelly.*



December 30, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean Kelly.*



December 30, 2020 at 10:17 AM

KA

“ My sympathy to Bev's family💜🙏 Peace be with you🏠🌲. ~~~ Kymber



Kymberley and Terraynah Allem - December 30, 2020 at 05:49 AM

DB

“ Our condolences to Beverly Kelly's family and friends at this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time Connie and your family.



Denise & Joe Bortrager - December 30, 2020 at 12:34 AM

SW

“ Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly



Sheryl Walsh - December 29, 2020 at 08:26 PM

CP

“ Connie & Family, I am so sorry to read about Beverly. Cherish all those fond memories!! She always had a sweet smile, a friendly hello & loved to visit.

Cherise Patterson - December 29, 2020 at 08:16 PM

DS

“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly*



Denise Stoddart - December 29, 2020 at 07:58 PM

MC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a wonderful lady*💖



Mike & Carol - December 29, 2020 at 07:04 PM

GP

“ *Bev was a very kind hearted neighbor and teacher. She had a gift of art in her hands and heart and always smiled. Her love in nature / gardening showed in all that she shared. She is a legacy and left many with a smile due to her kindness. Our prayers are with you all! Take Care and God Bless!*



Ginger, Kelly and Kaye Pulse - December 29, 2020 at 06:50 PM

CH

“ To the Kelly family: I am sorry to see of your Mother's passing. She was a lovely lady, her husband lived across the street from our family before they were married. She is now dancing with Bernie and flying high with the angels in the heavens. God Bless All Of You.

Carol Chouinard Hanson

Carol Chouinard Hanson - December 29, 2020 at 06:37 PM

CH

“ Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly



Carol Hanson - December 29, 2020 at 06:24 PM

NS

“ Connie, I am so sorry! Cherish your memories. Prayers for you and your family.

Norma Shearer - December 29, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Beverly Jean Kelly



Andeen Raymond - December 29, 2020 at 04:53 PM

MK

“ *Bev was a lovely lady and a stellar art teacher. I always enjoyed seeing her at church and I send heartfelt sympathy to her family.* ”



Myrna Kintz - December 29, 2020 at 03:59 PM