



Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)

August 2, 1963 - May 9, 2016

Kelly A. McGurk (nee Kennedy), age 52 of Cedar Lake, passed away May 9, 2016. She was a bus driver for the Tri-Creek school system for many years, and was loved by all of her “children”. Kelly enjoyed camping, swimming, cooking, and spending time with her family. She was a wonderful mother, wife, and friend that will be missed by all that knew and loved her. Kelly was preceded in death by her parents – Michael and Dorothy Kennedy; brothers- Michael and Brian Kennedy; sister – Barb Morgan. She is survived by her loving husband – Mark McGurk; 2 sons –Michael Martiniak Jr., and Robert Mason McGurk; 2 daughters – Kayla and Kristyn McGurk; grandson – Cameron Martiniak; numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Friends may visit with Kelly’s family from 4 until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ *McGurk Family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of Kelly. I didn't get to come to the funeral home, I am down with a terrible cold. So sorry for your loss. Caroline Sumara*

Caroline Sumara - May 19, 2016 at 10:32 AM

SD

“ *BEST BUS DRIVER EVER!!!*

if my kiddo forgot something, she'd spoil her - drop her back at the house, do a spin around the block and come grab her again. :)

she'd tell my kiddo to buck up when she was having drama mornings. Thank you! LOL

she'd appropriately honk at the drivers passing by when she had the stop sign pulled. she'd always have a smile and if not, we'd exchange "it could be worse" thoughts.

she made my mornings, I tell ya! made my mornings

all fond thoughts of that lady, I missed her before she left this earth. my aching heart goes out to her family and friends.

*love, one of the moms from her TriCreek route~
sdoud*

suzanne doud - May 17, 2016 at 06:23 PM

RO

“ Kelly was the sweetest person. She was my daughters bus driver & she loved those kids. She watched over my daughter like she was her own. Always waived & smiled. She took care of us in the winter too told us to stay inside until she pulled up. 😞 My daughter especially liked her & they got to be pretty close. She is always thought of & we will continue to think of her . We will not forget you Kelly! RIP we will see each other again. Praying for her & the Family ❤️🙏



Rose - May 16, 2016 at 08:56 PM

RD

“ Ryan & Michelle Diaz lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)



Ryan & Michelle Diaz - May 13, 2016 at 08:25 PM

MI

Thank you Kelly, for everything you did for "your kids" that you drove safely every single day...you treated each one as your own! You were our Angel here on Earth & now you are one of God's Angels. May you rest in paradise.

Michelle - July 02, 2016 at 03:25 PM

SM

“ Susan Mosley lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)



Susan Mosley - May 12, 2016 at 07:10 PM

TB

“ Teresa Hitchcock Bruen lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)



Teresa Hitchcock Bruen - May 12, 2016 at 03:21 PM

NJ

“ She was a great person to be around



nick Jancosek - May 12, 2016 at 01:37 PM

LM

“ Laura Martin lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)



laura martin - May 12, 2016 at 12:52 PM

LS

“ Lori Sipos lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)



Lori Sipos - May 12, 2016 at 12:48 PM

LM

“ *Laura Martin lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)*



laura martin - May 12, 2016 at 12:38 PM

KA

“ *She was my bus driver for 2 years and I really loved her. I have cried on and of a lot. R.I.P Kelly we will always love you.*



Kara - May 12, 2016 at 10:36 AM

YI

“ *Your family at IMCO purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy).*



Your family at IMCO - May 12, 2016 at 09:52 AM

VS

“ I want to offer my condolences to the McGurk family. It is a painful thing to lose a love one in death; even Jesus, when Lazarus died, "gave way to tears"(John 11: 35). It pains our Creator, too, and he has promised to bring our love one back to life at Isaiah 26:19 "Your dead will rise ...Awake and shout joyfully you residents in the dust! ...the earth will let those powerless in death come to life" then "he will swallow up death forever ..." (Isaiah 25:8). I hope these words give you comfort.

VScott - May 12, 2016 at 09:01 AM

TB

“ Teresa Hitchcock Bruen lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)



Teresa Hitchcock Bruen - May 12, 2016 at 07:05 AM

PG

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family at this time of loss. Rest in peace Kelly and spread your wings, for now you are your family's angel.



Phyllis Gallo - May 12, 2016 at 06:18 AM



“ Joyce Harper lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)



Joyce Harper - May 11, 2016 at 11:19 PM



I never got to know you but my sorrow feels as I did! God loves you Kelly, You're in paradise now. No more worrying, pain, cause you are safe now in heaven. your family will always miss you and at times will see earthly signs of you, which will make them happy. My brother Bob is up their with you, he's 56 yo, and will help you, along with Jesus Christ, to show you the way around heaven. We'll all see you soon Love !!!! X O

Joyce Harper - May 11, 2016 at 11:28 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to all of you in this sad time. Kelly was such a bright spirit and so funny. Ill cherish all the laughs forever. Prayers and hugs to all of you. Love you and miss you Kelly!! Watch over your family. May the wind be at your back and God hold you in his palm forever.



Sharon Rogers - May 11, 2016 at 06:38 PM



“ Pamela Agans lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)



Pamela Agans - May 11, 2016 at 06:26 PM

FK

“ *Fran & Don & Donny Kennedy purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket for the family of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy).*



Fran & Don & Donny Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 05:06 PM

FK

“ *Francine A Kennedy sent a virtual gift in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)*



Francine A Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 05:00 PM

FK

I will say a rosary in your memory.

Francine A Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 05:01 PM

FK

“ *Francine A Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)*



Francine A Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 04:57 PM

FK

May this candle light the way to God's arms. Don Kennedy - brother

Francine A Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 04:59 PM

FK

“ A monetary gift has been sent to The American Cancer Society to be used for Lung Cancer, In memory of Kelly.
Don & Fran

Francine A Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 04:55 PM

DK

“ Don, Fran & Donny Kennedy purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy).



Don, Fran & Donny Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 04:50 PM

FK

“ Francine A Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Kelly A. McGurk (Nee Kennedy)



Francine A Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 04:27 PM

FK

A candle to light the way to heaven & and all your family waiting for you in heaven.

Francine A Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 05:03 PM

FK

“ First our condolences to Mark, and to their children together. Kayla, Kristen, & Robbie. Also Mark's step son & Kelly's first son, Michael Martiniak and his family whose names I'm sorry but, I forget. (Please take no offense, you are actually the child I know best.) I remember you, when you were very young, attending Don's & my wedding. And from countless Christmas' and holiday and cook outs when you were so young. Then when you were a teenager and you all came to visit at our Chicago home. I don't know how religious /spiritual you are. We don't judge. Please know that we are praying for strength for all of you to get thru this tragedy. Also praying for your mother. Kelly has always been Don's closest sibling. He loves her deeply and spoke to her often. I too, loved Kelly. As we got older and spent more time on the phone and had a couple of vacations together. I know there are stages of grief, don't know what they are. I think the 1st might be anger. Please don't dwell on that longer than absolutely necessary. She was a good mother and gave all of you a good start in this world. She would want you to carry on and live successful happy lives. And Mark, I don't imagine you'll find another Kelly but I'm sure she would want you to go on without her and find what makes you happiest. You will be kept very busy, being both mother & father.

The Kelly that I know started out as a wild child, she threw the best parties. She was so giving. She helped Don & I often with our son Don. He's been on a dark road that Kelly gave us a lot of advice on and always an ear to listen. (I'm happy to tell you your cousin is on the right track now, Clean & Sober for 7 months and 6 days.) I really can't find the words to express how much we will miss her. She was tough, she raised 4 children, suffered thru, then beat lung cancer. No matter her problems she was always willing to help others. When there were cross words said, as there are in every family. She never held grudges. When she forgave, she forgot. She will be missed by all who knew her. She had a lot on her plate, and she hadn't the strength to fight any longer. I have no doubt that she is n heaven now, being held in the palm of God's hand. She is truly at peace now.

I'm so sorry we can't attend her Memorial Service. I can't drive more

than a couple hours at a time, in fact, I have back surgery scheduled on the day of the funeral. You all know your Uncle Don's eye is deteriorating rapidly now. One eye is completely blind the other, worse everyday. He can't drive, he gets around with a cane and doesn't want to burden your family any more by having someone driving him from and to airports.

We want to stay in touch with all of you. We may be able to come up in Fall. Our phone is 352-751-1149, contact us anytime or leave us your numbers. Keeping everyone in touch was always Kelly's job and I don't know if we can do as well as she did. We will try.

God bless your family, wife & mother & grandmother.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Don & Fran Kennedy

Francine & Donald Kennedy - May 11, 2016 at 03:14 PM