



Kelly Alan Kraft

April 8, 1960 - November 15, 2021

Kelly Alan Kraft, age 61, of Scott Depot, WV (originally of Niles, MI), peacefully went home to be with his Lord and Savior on November 15, 2021 following a long and courageous fight against ALS. Jesus rescued Kelly from his suffering and welcomed him into heaven running and singing in his new perfect body. Praise the Lord!

Kelly is preceded in death by his infant daughter Amanda Kraft, first wife Melanie Kraft, father Everett Kraft, mother-in-law Sarah "Lou" Burns, former mother-in-law Jacqueline Burnett Smith, sisters-in-law Carol Burnett and Cheryl Bennett, and brothers-in-law Dale Burnett and Earl Burns.

Kelly is survived by his loving wife of 21 years Brenda (Burns) Kraft, originally of Galloway, OH, his adored children, Jesse (Molly) Kraft of Hurricane WV, daughter, Katie (Brian) Tiemeyer of Cincinnati, OH, mother Virginia Kraft of Niles, MI, brother Kyle (Annette) Kraft of Kalamazoo, MI, sisters, Karen (Karl) Damm and Kimberly (Gary) Barnes, both of Niles, MI. Brothers and sisters in-law, Joyce (Randy) Sayers, Ralph Gary Burns, Jeff (Kimberly) Burns, Mary Palmquist, Allen (Visobe) Burnett, Sandy (Phil) Hoskins, Brian Burnett, Mel Bennett, Lisa (Mark) Butzow, 71 nieces and nephews (yes, you read that right), Goddaughter Riley Rainsberg, and his two most favorite people on the planet, his beloved and spoiled grandchildren, Hayden and Melanie Kraft.

Kelly suffered with ALS for three years, and although it stole everything physically from him, ALS did not define who Kelly Kraft was or what he stood for. Kelly was a faithful servant of Christ, loving husband, an amazing father, and a very spoiling “Grampy.” He was a true man of integrity and never lost his faith in Christ through it all. He was a strong, brilliant, and kind-hearted man who loved his family, church, and his 40-year career as a cytotechnologist. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

The family wishes to thank all the loving and caring people who have supported and loved them through this long journey. Through you all, the Lord supplied for all their needs.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, December 4th at 6pm at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot, WV 25560. The visitation is 4pm-6pm preceding the service. Rev. Melissa Pratt and Rev. David Bowen will be officiating. This is a large venue with the ability to social distance and you are welcome to wear a mask if you wish.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the Teays Valley Church of God Building Fund, the WV ALS Association, or Charleston Hospice. They were all instrumental in Kelly’s physical, emotional, and spiritual care.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting his tribute page at www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com

Chapman Funeral Home, locally owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane WV 25526 is honored to serve the Kraft family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Teays Valley Church of God
185 Connection Point
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kelly Alan Kraft*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Kelly and I went to school together beginning in kindergarten and we also lived in the same neighborhood. When we got old enough, we would ride our bikes to each other's houses and then Kelly, Karen, Kim and I would just hang out or do what kids do play outside. Kelly was such a good soul, he would even play house with all of us girls. He was always a good friend and always looked out for us. He was like a brother to me. Now your pain is gone and you are singing with the angels. We will miss you but you are always in our hearts.*

My deepest condolences to all of the family.

Mitzi Sherwood - November 22, 2021 at 08:02 PM

DH

“ *The Great Choirmaster has called Kelly Home. His voice joins now the Heavenly Chorus, his suffering complete.*

We first met in 6th grade. Although we attended different elementary schools, the music teacher brought us together for a concert. Kelly and I were the only boys who could sing second soprano, so we stood next to each other. Junior high found us in the same homeroom (which we would be for 6 years). He was a gentle soul, with a good sense of humor. We were good friends in 7th and 8th grade, sharing many classes, and even a church youth group or two...

High school found us heading in different directions. We still saw each other daily, our interactions began to wane. I haven't seen him since graduation.

Based upon the info I have seen, his love of God and music deepened over the years. The world is a bit darker without him, but his cares have ended. Now he receives his just reward. Grieve him, but he's still there in your heart...you need but listen. Let his life be an example to us all.

David Hough - November 22, 2021 at 12:03 AM

MH

“ *My heart is broken! I'll never forget how Kelly and I sang duets in high school choir! He had a wonderful singing voice! God's Comfort and Blessings for his family! ❤️*

MaryBeth Hoffer - November 21, 2021 at 02:42 PM

CD

“ Dear Brenda, Im sorry hear the passing of Kelly. Many prayers for you and your family. Cindy (Thompson) Dodaro



Cynthia Dodaro - November 21, 2021 at 10:01 AM

LB

“ Kelly was a true servant of God and a stellar human being. His trust and faith in God will change lives and hearts forever. God bless and comfort all of you as you navigate this difficult time. We love you!

Lisa, Madison, and Mark

Lisa Burnett-Butzow - November 20, 2021 at 03:13 PM

JN

“ Thoughts and prayers Brenda and to all the family and friends.
Love, Jimmy Newkirk

James Newkirk - November 19, 2021 at 06:29 PM

BS

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the family.
Kelly is missed.



Beth Shamblin - November 19, 2021 at 01:54 PM

BB

“ Our condolences to Brenda, Jesse, Molly, Katie, and Brian in the loss of Kelly. Kelly was an exceptional brother-in-law. I remember him well the first time I met him in Chicago at Giordano's with Melanie (my sister). Melanie had told me about this amazing guy she had met, and as her brother she wanted me to "check him out." He was great... as we all found out over the years.

Brian Burnett

Brian Burnett - November 19, 2021 at 01:12 PM