



Kevin Kelly

August 12, 1960 - December 9, 2014

Kevin O'Brien Kelly of Grasonville, MD, passed away peacefully on December 9, 2014, at his home, surrounded by family and friends.

Born on August 12, 1960, to the late John Robert and Gloria (Gianangelli) Kelly, he grew up in Marietta OH. He graduated from Marietta High School in 1979 and Ohio University in 1984, with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies. After graduation he moved to Annapolis, MD and in 1989, he and his wife Debra Kelly founded the environmental consulting firm, Environmental Systems Analysis, ESA.

Kevin was a crew member of the Island Blossom Chesapeake Bay log canoe sailing team since 1999 and he truly loved his Skipper, crew, boat and cherished spending time on the Chesapeake Bay and the surrounding waters. He also enjoyed traveling, camping and backpacking with family and friends. His travels took him to Europe, South America, and many frequent summer family trips to the beautiful island of Kauai, where he leaves many dear friends.

Kevin is survived by his loving wife, Debra; daughters, Megan, Emily and Cameryn Kelly of Grasonville, MD; his sisters, Becky Porter (Loren), Cathy Whittle (Dean), Alice Greenwood (Greg); and his brother Bob Kelly (Linda) of OH. Kevin also leaves his sister-in-law Kim Keiler of Queenstown, and many

nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) in Grasonville, MD on Friday, December 12 at 4:30 pm and a celebration of his life will be held at CBEC on Saturday, December 13 from 3:00-7:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Online condolences may be made at www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Kelly*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Kevin Kelly*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Kevin Kelly*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *11/11/15 > One year ago today we (Kevin and I) walked the beach at Ferry Point by the Kent Narrows. I showed you the headland breakwater that I felt would be good to fly fish from and you agreed. You said to tell Kevin Smith that this was a good shoreline restoration project. And I did. It is hard for me to think that you are not here now. You kept me in the family loop, you looked after me when I needed help, you where like a father to my son in my absence. You were always kind to Kim, Westin and I. What a journey from our freshmen days at Ohio University to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The family, the kids, our houses, the projects, vacations and adventures. They were real. Today I am walking the shoreline at Ferry Point for the first time since we walked it together one year ago. And I miss you. ~Mitch Keiler*

Mitch Keiler - November 11, 2015 at 01:30 PM

TB

“ 3/26/2015 > I am very sad to hear of the passing of Kevin. I spoke to my sister in Marietta yesterday and she asked me if I was aware of Kevin's passing and I replied no. I moved away from Marietta in the early 80's and as the years have ticked by on occasion a Marietta friend will share some sad news with me or if the Marietta Times crosses my path I read of someone that I knew moving on to meet the Good Lord. I most certainly have fond memories of Kevin. He always greeted you with a smile and was sincerely a really nice person as was his entire family. I enjoyed reading about his life's journey, his family, the pictures and what he has accomplished. Positive people end up successful and happy and Kevin was that indeed. Much strength and prayer to his family. - Tim Burkhart class of 1976 MARIETTA

Tim Burkhart - March 26, 2015 at 06:21 AM

ST

“ A wonderful life well lived! My condolences to Debra, the girls and Kevins brother and sisters. I hadn't seen Kevin in a lot of years. But I always knew he was going to be happy and do well. So many stories and thoughts about growing up with him; when we met as kids, hanging out on the back deck, caving and hiking and Ocracokee and how he drug me into doing a play. The last time I saw him he was so nervous about starting his own business. I had to laugh because I knew Kevin was going to be happy and do well. Scott Taylor

Scott Taylor - December 16, 2014 at 05:26 PM

CE

“ I haven't seen Kevin since high school. Kevin = Outdoors. He was always a fun and happy person to be around. It saddens me so much to see him to pass so soon in life. I will say a personal prayer for him and his family.

Chuck Engle

Chuck Engle - December 15, 2014 at 04:52 PM

CC

“ Hi Debra, I haven't seen you since OU but the memories are sweet. I can still see you and Kevin smuggling that Irish Setter down the back stairs to avoid his detection in your dorm room, and can almost smell the amazing lentil soup you fixed for us all on a camping/caving trip to Dolly Sods. Wow. I knew Kevin all through school at Marietta High and thought very highly of him, and when you joined him later you two were like peas in a pod. It is no surprise you stayed together all these years and raised three beautiful children! My heart aches for you; I don't know what else to say except that my arms are wrapped around you from Colorado. Love, Carolyn (Coleman)

Carolyn Coleman - December 14, 2014 at 06:40 PM

SD

“ Dear Debra,
Heartfelt sympathy to you and the girls.

Thank you for sharing your pictures, life, family, and practice with us in the wilderness.

We have so much to thank you for.

*With Peace and Love,
Sally, Steve, and Scout*

Sally Duquette - December 14, 2014 at 10:51 AM

AD

“ Andrew Der sent a virtual gift in memory of
Kevin Kelly



Andrew Der - December 13, 2014 at 12:22 PM


Andrew
Der

“ Many over-use the term “nice guy”, but in Kevin’s case, one cannot use it enough. Although, I became fortunate to know him through professional means, I always enjoyed his good and caring nature. I have never known him to be anything but pleasant and friendly to whomever he was with. Although a bit my junior, in many ways he mentored me at a time when I was challenged to get out of my comfort zone and will always be grateful. He was a decent person in an increasingly indecent world, and his departure is way too early and will miss him. My thoughts are with the family.

*Very sincerely,
Andrew Der*

Andrew Der - December 12, 2014 at 11:40 PM

PL

“*Deb - I know that words are probably meaningless at this point, but I send my sincerest condolences to you and your family. My sister just called me a couple of hours ago with the news and, ironically, I was in Athens when I got the call. Thinking about Kevin made me remember the good times we all had at OU (and there were a lot of them!). Then when I got on this web site I noticed the picture of Kevin and Bill backpacking at Dolly Sods. I found it interesting because I just took my son backpacking there for the very first time this fall and I made it a point to show him the camp site that was just off the road in the stand of pine trees where Kevin always liked to camp the first night of a weekend trip after the long drive from Athens. If I had found out sooner about the event planned for tomorrow I would definitely be there with you in Maryland. However, since I won't be able to make it to Maryland, I'll pay a visit to my son who will be bartending at the Pub on Court Street tomorrow night. And there, as part of my own "Celebration of Kevin's Life", I will (once again) tell the story about the now infamous Ocracoke Island "backpacking" trip (1978?) when Kevin was driving my old Chevy van down a very steep and curvy mountain road after a hard rain and the van suddenly started to slide sideways - then Kevin's door flew open - and he just fell out - leaving me, Mike Sewell and Dave Addison careening down the mountain in a van without a driver! The stories could go on and on, but I think you get the point - Kevin will be missed and I truly consider myself lucky to have known him as a friend. - Phil Lee (MHS '77/OU '84)*

Phil Lee - December 12, 2014 at 07:11 PM

Jl

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Jill - December 12, 2014 at 12:24 PM

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Dolly Sods

Jill - December 12, 2014 at 12:26 PM

LK

Dear Deb and family so sorry for your loss of Kevin he may be physically gone but his love and spirit will be with all of you in the days ahead. So sorry the distant is so great that we can not be there in person but our prayers and thoughts will be holding you close. Love to you all Lou and Laura Kohring

Laura Kohring - December 13, 2014 at 12:16 PM

CC

*Deb, so sorry for your loss. Moon Mullen and I reminisced last night on our 1979 trip with Kevin To Ocracoke.
Chuck & Candy Cisler*

Chuck Cisler - December 14, 2014 at 11:37 AM

SP

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Spencer Porter - December 11, 2014 at 07:03 PM

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Kevin Kelly

Spencer Porter - December 11, 2014 at 07:06 PM

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Spencer Porter - December 11, 2014 at 06:36 PM