



## Peggy Ann Kelly

March 8, 1954 - April 6, 2019

Peggy Ann Kelly (nee Emke), age 65, passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2019 after an extended illness. Peggy was a devoted wife to her husband, Dennis, and a loving mother of 8 children and 18 grandchildren.

She was born on March 8, 1954 in Lackawanna, New York to Herbert & Faye Emke. On February 23, 1974, she married Dennis James Kelly. They first met at the young age of 8, living just on the other side of the building from each other. Peggy's family moved away, but several years later they ran into each other at the county fair; the rest is history. That began the 47-year romance that has lasted until this day. Peggy devoted herself to her husband, setting an amazing example of loyalty and dedication as a wife.

People who know Peggy will tell you she was the hardest working woman on the planet. She was the Head Cake Baker at Meijer for 16 years sharing her creative side with others and their children. Peggy was known for her ministry and servant's heart. While her husband was in college, they were in the Sailor Ministry at First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. In those 6 years, she and Dennis housed and fed over 3,000 sailors, who would fondly call Peggy, "MOM!" Peggy was a "MOM" not to just her 8 kids and thousands of sailors who passed through their home, but also her kid's friends and their friends. Peggy loved being a mom to thousands of sailors, Hammond Baptist kids, Hyles-Anderson College students and her 8 kids. Peggy had a servant's heart and had a spiritual gift of being a caretaker. If you asked her what she was most proud of, she would proudly say, "the wife of Dennis Kelly," who she adored, loved and treated like a king until her last breath.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Dennis; her 8 children: Ryan Kelly, Aaron Kelly, Kristina Jones, Matthew Kelly, Elisabeth Novak, Denny Kelly, Rachel Kelly and Philip Kelly; her 18 grandchildren: Mackenzie, Miranda, Zandyr, Aiden, Ian, Adelaide, Navaeh, Eli, Lucas, Emmalyne, Dallas, Harper, Averleigh, Ashtyn, Jackson, Kash, Malakai, and Beckham; her siblings: Gail White, Mark Emke, Danny Emke, Dale Emke, Keith Emke, and Timothy Emke; and many nieces and nephews. Peggy was preceded in death by her

parents: Herbert and Faye Emke; and two unborn children.

A viewing will be held on Friday, April 12, 2019 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Memory Lane Funeral Home, 6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30), Crown Point, Indiana. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home with a viewing from 10:30 -11:00 a.m. before the service begins. Burial immediately following the service at Memory Lane Memorial Park Cemetery. You may order flowers directly from the funeral home website: [www.memorylanepark.com](http://www.memorylanepark.com) For further information you may contact the funeral home at (219) 322-2050. [www.memorylanepark.com](http://www.memorylanepark.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Lane Funeral Home  
6305 W. Lincoln Highway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 322-2050  
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com  
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

## Visitation

APR 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Memory Lane Funeral Home  
6305 W. Lincoln Highway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 322-2050  
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## Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memory Lane Funeral Home  
6305 W. Lincoln Highway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
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## Burial

APR 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

Memory Lane Memorial Park  
6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 322-2050  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 12, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 12, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 12, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 11, 2019 at 09:01 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 11, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 11, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 10, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 09, 2019 at 05:31 PM

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“ *Peggy and I had a special needs child in common. I always enjoyed talking to Peggy. She was very encouraging to me. She was most definitely a servant. I know she will be missed but we shall see her again. May God surround you with his love and grace.*  
*Teresa Comstock*

**Teresa comstock** - April 09, 2019 at 01:52 PM

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“ *Praying especially for Peggy's husband, and her pride and joy ~ her large family! She lived for these loves of her life, and her loss will leave a great void, of which she had been the center. Praying for peace and comfort in these next days, and will continue praying as you all try to find a new normal! Peggy is loved by many, and certainly will be missed!*

**Kitty Sloan** - April 09, 2019 at 12:09 AM

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“ I remember Peggy being a spirited gal and always ready to serve. I'm sorry for this loss for the family. God bless you all!

Rose Shepherd - April 08, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.



April 08, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.



April 08, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ I only met Peggy one time a few years ago when her and my brother Dennis stopped at my house in Pennsylvania for a visit. Even though I only got to visit with her for a few hours, I could see what a sweet, amazing woman she was. And when Dennis talked about her I could tell she was the love of his life. I send my condolences and prayers to m brother and his family.

Georgia Wahl - April 08, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.



April 08, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 08, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 08, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Kelly.*



April 08, 2019 at 09:33 AM

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“ *Peggy was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. It was my privilege to work with her in the nursery. What a hoot!! ❤️❤️ Ilove and will miss you. I'm praying for you all. Sue-Minton Alexander.*

**Sue Minton-Alexander** - April 07, 2019 at 01:56 PM