



Ruth Ann Kelly

October 10, 1948 - April 5, 2025

Ruth Ann Kelly, 76, of Spirit Lake, IA, died on April 5, 2025, at Accura HealthCare of Spirit Lake.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Burial will be held in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Ruth Ann was born on October 10, 1948, in Jefferson, IA, to Von and Beulah Roemer. She grew up in Jefferson, where she was a 1966 graduate of Jefferson High School. On September 16, 1966, Ruth Ann married Gary Kelly. Together, they made their home in Spirit Lake, IA, where they raised two sons, Jason and Joshua. Ruth Ann worked as a Medical Transcriptionist for Iowa Lakes Orthopedics for many years, retiring in 2000. She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Ruth Ann had a passion for quilting and scrapbooking. She created special memory books and quilts for her sons and grandchildren, passing down a legacy of family memories. She also shared the cherished family recipe for "Grandma Kelly's Rhubarb Pie" with her daughter-in-law, ensuring it would be passed down for future generations. Her chocolate chip cookies were a family favorite.

Ruth Ann loved to travel, often seeking warm destinations during the cold Iowa winters. She cherished spending time with friends and family, whether it was going on shopping trips to Sioux Falls with Diane Tucker or enjoying a "latte and cookie" or having a spa day with her granddaughter.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Kelly, of Spirit Lake, IA; son, Joshua (Amy) Kelly, of Independence, IA; three grandchildren: Matthew (Kayla) Kelly, of Sioux Falls, SD; Benjamin Kelly, of Ames, IA; and Courtney Kelly, of Des Moines, IA; two great-grandchildren: Raelynn and Braxon Kelly, of Sioux Falls, SD; best friend of 53 years Diane (Ray) Tucker, of Spirit Lake, IA; brother-in-laws James (Judy) Kelly, of Minneapolis, MN; and David Dill, Sioux Falls, SD; Aunt Barb Hanen, of Cedar Rapids, IA; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ruth Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Von and Beulah Roemer; her parents-in-law Lawrence and Elizabeth (Betty) Kelly; her brother, James Roemer; and her son, Jason Kelly.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Accura HealthCare of Spirit Lake, St. Croix Hospice, Dr. Muetting, Pastor Clint Lovell, and the First Presbyterian Church for their loving care and support during Ruth Ann's final days.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Gardens

Okoboji, IA 51355

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
3501 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Our sympathy to all the Kelly family.*



Kate Shaw - April 15, 2025 at 09:36 PM

JS

“ *J. W. VANDER SLUIS lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Kelly*



J. W. VANDER SLUIS - April 15, 2025 at 03:50 PM

AL

“ *Sincere condolences to Gary, Josh, Amy & Matthew and to the entire Kelly family from your Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake family.*

Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake - April 09, 2025 at 04:36 PM

LM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ruth Ann's passing. I have been trying to get a hold of her the last few months. I didn't know she had been sick. I was with her on a family vacation to Spirit Lake when she met her husband Gary. Their love lasted a lifetime. I will miss you Ruth Ann. Your friend Linda Folz Mccoy*

Linda Mccoy - April 08, 2025 at 08:12 PM

AK

Linda - Gary shared their "how we met" story with the grandkids today. What a great story and memory. Thank you. Amy (daughter in law)

Amy Kelly - April 08, 2025 at 08:37 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann Jansen sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Ann Kelly*



Mary Ann jansen - April 08, 2025 at 12:13 PM

MJ

I'm sorry to hear about Ruth Ann as.I met her through church and also while taking rehab at Accura Health.I enjoyed talking to Ruth Ann and Gary in the dining room. Diane Tucker was also a caring and.kind friend to her as she visited or called her often. So sorry Gary to have lost your wife and son so close together!

Mary Ann jansen - April 08, 2025 at 12:25 PM

KR

“ *Gary, I was so sorry to read of the passing of both your son and wife. I know how difficult it is to lose a beloved spouse, but how devastating to lose both. My thoughts are with you and pray you find comfort with friends and family.*



Kate Weber Rhoades

Kate Weber Rhoades - April 07, 2025 at 11:57 PM

CR

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Ruth at church and was so sad to hear about her passing. My sympathy to you and the rest of your family, Gary. May God bless you with precious memories in the hard days ahead. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Charlene Radcliffe - April 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM

JA

“ Ruth was my favorite resident. She kept you on your toes and always made me laugh. You will be missed my sweet ruth

jamie anfinson - April 07, 2025 at 07:12 PM

SW

“ Gary, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



Shelly Caviness Walstead - April 07, 2025 at 03:15 PM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kelly family.



Jeff and Andrea Schwarck - April 07, 2025 at 11:41 AM

VU

“ Extending sympathy to Gary and family.
Vern Underwood

Vern Underwood - April 07, 2025 at 07:44 AM

JA

“ Ruth was one of a kind. I loved her whitty comments. She always made the room laugh and smile. I will miss her so much

jamie anfinson - April 06, 2025 at 09:48 PM

GC

“ Gary, Ruth Ann will be greatly missed. Carole and I enjoyed getting to know you and Ruth Ann during Carole's final days. The meals at Accura will not be the same.

Gary Caviness - April 06, 2025 at 04:24 PM

DB

“ I'm sorry to hear about Ruth Ann. I met her through church and it was always good to see her.

My sympathy to your family.



Dayle Broocks - April 06, 2025 at 03:55 PM

LG

“ Gary, I'm so sorry to hear about Ruth Ann passing. May God's peace be with you.

Lori Gamble - April 06, 2025 at 03:41 PM

DB

“ I miss our coffee dates and shopping with you. Rest in peace, Aunt Ruth Ann.

--your niece-Deborah Benjamin

Deborah Benjamin - April 06, 2025 at 01:31 PM