



## Brenda M. Kelley

October 22, 1940 - July 10, 2022

Rye – Brenda M. Kelley, 81, of Rye, passed away peacefully on Sunday July 10, 2022 with family by her side. Brenda was born on October 22, 1940, a daughter of the late Frank and Eileen (Cox) Frawley.

Born and raised in Lowell, MA, Brenda was a graduate of Notre Dame High School. After high school, she attended St. Joseph's Nursing School where she earned her associates degree. She worked as a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital following graduation, and went on to work at Holden Hospital before starting her family.

She met her husband, Gerald J. Kelley, in 1961, and the couple married shortly after in 1963.

Like Brenda's parents, she and Gerry started their family in Lowell. The family moved to Holden, MA, and Long Island, NY, before settling in Peterborough and then Bedford, NH to raise their children. She spent many summers visiting the seacoast area with her family, settling on the seacoast in the 90s.

Brenda and Gerry enjoyed golfing and traveling together, time with dear friends and spending their retirement winters in Jupiter, FL. She was an avid gardener and lover of music. She sang in the church choir, played the organ, and will be remembered for her beautiful piano playing.

Brenda's surviving family members include her husband Gerry, and sons Gerald Kelley of Naples, FL, Shawn Kelley and wife Kerri of Dover, NH, and Christopher Kelley and wife Christina of Raleigh, NC. She also leaves daughters Lisa Finneral and husband Gary of Rye, NH and Eileen Balicki and husband William of Wayland, MA. In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by grandchildren Kaitlyn, Jack, Raleigh, Mason, Nicole, Ashley, Christopher, Katherine, Thomas, McKenna, step-grandchildren Jonathan and Kaitlin and sister Virginia Langevin and husband Paul of Hollywood, FL.

In addition to her parents, Brenda is predeceased by her brothers David Frawley and

Francis Frawley, and sister Rita Marion.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10am on Monday, July 18th, 2022 at Saint Theresa Church, 815 Central Road, Rye Beach. Burial will follow in Central Cemetery in Rye. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Beacon Hospice c/o Amedisys Foundation, 3854 American Way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, Hampton.

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Theresa Church  
815 Central Rd  
(603) 964-6440  
Rye Beach, NH 03871

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda M. Kelley*

September 18 at 12:49 AM



“ *RIP Brenda.*



Frank Titus - August 05 at 11:32 AM



“ *I remember Brenda coming into the knitting class at Shepards Cove and needing a little help with a shawl that she was donating to her church. She was a good neighbor and always cheerful!!*  
*Marcia Deal*

marcia deal - July 19 at 01:38 PM



*Thank you Marcia*

Lisa Finneral - July 25 at 01:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. We were classmates at NDA class of 58. We shared all 12 years there and many more as part of the alumnae. We will all miss her presence at our gatherings. Please accept my sympathy and prayers to you all.*  
*Sincerely. Mary (Doyle) Carleton*

Mary Carleton - July 19 at 12:55 PM



*Thank you Mary*

Lisa Finneral - July 25 at 01:03 PM

JF

“ I will never forget telling Brenda that my son and daughter-in-law were upset because I put the Pampers on backward on our (first ) grandson. "Oh," she said, " I've done that many times!" Best way to make a new "Nana" feel good! Brenda was a lovely lady and always dressed to the 9s! I will miss meeting her in Talbots. Our sympathies go out to Gerry and family. She was one of a kind.  
Janet and Doug

Janet & Doug Forrest - July 17 at 09:00 PM



Thank you💜

Lisa Finneral - July 18 at 07:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda M. Kelley.



July 16 at 02:19 PM

EW

“ Elaine Wulf purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Brenda M. Kelley.



Elaine Wulf - July 15 at 09:46 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda M. Kelley.



July 15 at 08:52 PM

EF

“ *Ed & Diane Allen and Family. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Brenda M. Kelley.*



Ed & Diane Allen and Family. - July 15 at 10:23 AM

JD

“ *Brud and I first met Brenda and her family in 1986 when we were all living in Bedford, NH. Our friendship was instantaneous!!! In 1997, Brenda and Gerry invited us to play golf at Wentworth by the Sea. We fell in love with the course and the area. One year later, the four of us decided to make Portsmouth our home and we lived next door to each other for the next 14 years. While we moved to Wilmington NC in 2012, we will always cherish the many wonderful memories of times shared with Brenda, Gerry and their beautiful family.*

*For me, Brenda was the most selfless, caring, thoughtful, giving and loving woman I have ever met and I have no doubt that she is now leading the choir in heaven!*

*We send our thoughts and prayers to Gerry, Lisa, Gerald, Eileen, Shawn, Christopher and all their children,*

*With love, Jean and Brud*

Jean Deas - July 15 at 10:22 AM



*Thank you Jean and Brud*💜

Lisa Finneral - July 15 at 02:56 PM

KA

*What a lovely lady! She will be missed but never forgotten. She had a smile and a laugh that would light up a room. I feel fortunate to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with Gerry and her family. May she Rest In Peace.*

Kitsy Abbott - July 18 at 07:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda M. Kelley.*



July 15 at 07:19 AM

JF

“ Gerry, Gerald, Lisa, Shawn, Eileen, and Chris - as young children, Adam, Lucas, and I could think of few greater treats than to arrive at the Kelley residences in Peterborough, Hampton, and Bedford only to be so warmly enveloped by Brenda. We watched in awe as she managed you all bopping around with your activities and found it electrifying to be a part of the Kelley household for a few hours. As a Mom now, I know how giving and open she always was and how her most tender moments were experienced in the joy each of you provided. I am most grateful to have shared her later years on the seacoast where I remember exactly each gift she sent for my three kids and the warmth felt when I saw her with your Dad in a pew a few rows in front or in back of my family. We mourn with you deeply and pray for grace in your lives as you hold tight to all of your memories.

Julie Struble and family - July 14 at 10:54 PM



Love you all Julie❤️

Lisa Finneral - July 15 at 07:52 AM

DG

“ Lisa and Shawn,

So rarely in life, we meet someone as special as your mom. She was a rare and beautiful soul. May her memory be for blessing and forever echo in your hearts. Please share my condolences with your dad too. Godspeed to you and your family.

With heartfelt sympathy,

~ Diane Ghika & Family

Diane Ghika - July 14 at 04:11 PM



Thanks Diane❤️

Lisa Finneral - July 15 at 07:52 AM

CB

“ Gerry and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. It was always fun golfing and having lunch with her before Covid got in the way. She had the greatest smile and laugh. To know Brenda is to love her. Sincerely, Corinne Baker.

Corinne Baker - July 14 at 02:43 PM



Thank you ❤️

Lisa Finneral - July 15 at 07:52 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda M. Kelley.



July 13 at 09:40 PM

NR

“ Kelley Family, We're so very sorry for your loss. Our family will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Tom & Pat Casey  
Kim & Chuck Stevens  
Nicol & Mike Reagan

Nicol Reagan - July 13 at 04:02 PM



Thank you ❤️

Lisa Finneral - July 15 at 07:53 AM

NR

“ Nicol Reagan lit a candle in memory of Brenda M. Kelley



Nicol Reagan - July 13 at 03:58 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda M. Kelley.



July 13 at 09:19 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Brenda M. Kelley.*



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July 13 at 08:10 AM

MK

“ *My condolences and prayers to Gerry and the family at this time of grief and loss. Both Brenda and Gerry were of great assistance and support to me during my years as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Portsmouth. I regret that I will not be able to attend her funeral as I will be away from the area.*  
*Msgr Edward J Kelley*

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**Msgr Edward J Kelley** - July 12 at 07:54 PM



*Thank you so much! They have found memories with you.*

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**Lisa Finneral** - July 13 at 09:50 PM



*What a wonderful neighbor she was. I'm only sorry it wasn't longer. Sweet, kind and gentle lady. Nancy Gustad*

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**Nancy Gustad** - July 19 at 01:12 PM