



Betty J. Kelly

August 29, 1922 - February 19, 2016

Betty J. Kelly, 93, of Tallahassee, passed away February 19, 2016. She was a farm girl from Minnesota who went on to be in the Navy during WWII. She attended nursing school briefly, then switched careers. She became one of the first flight attendants for Delta, based in Miami, where she met her husband, Robert Kelly. They moved to Tallahassee in 1957, where they raised their four children.

First and foremost, Mrs. Kelly's career was as a mother and grandmother. She spent 43 years working in her son's family business at Kevin's Guns and Sporting Goods.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert James Kelly. She was loved by many friends and extended family. She is survived by her children, Kevin T. Kelly (Kathleen) of Thomasville, Ga., Karen Kelly Wallace (Doug) of Ashland, Ore., Kerry R. Kelly (Sherry) of Tallahassee, Liz Kelly Durham (J.B.) of Southlake, Tx.; Grandchildren, Katie Kelly, James Durham, Sarah Kelly, Robert Durham, Claire Durham, Chad Kelly, Anna Kelly; and one great grandchild, Nolan Durham.

A visitation will be held Monday, February 22, from 5- 7:00 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, 2710 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL, 32303. There will be a Celebration of Life on Tuesday, February 23, 11:00 a.m. at Thomasville Road Baptist Church, 3131 Thomasville Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32308. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice House, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Elizabeth Emmanuel of

Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements, 850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Celebration of Life

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Thomasville Road Baptist Church
3131 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Betty J. Kelly.*



February 22, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty J. Kelly.*



February 21, 2016 at 09:41 PM



“ *your friends at FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Betty J. Kelly.*



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- February 21, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty J. Kelly.*



February 21, 2016 at 11:38 AM

TN

“ And I was just out of high school I went to live with Bob and Betty Kelly for a few weeks. I became a part of their daily life. I then travelled to Ocala, Florida to work on a race horse farm, a childhood dream. Throughout my life I reflect back to one very specific memory of aunt Betty. It was when she "forgave" uncle Bob for a mistake that he had made. I will never forget it and I often remember it as someone who believed more strongly in leaving a family Legacy than being full of pride and unforgiveness. Thank you aunt Betty from the bottom my heart for a life lesson I will never forget! I will treasure a your love for me forever!! And I will carry the sound of your voice in my head forever as well! I love you and thank you for being such a blessing to my life! Teresa Barnett

teresa barnett - niece, - February 21, 2016 at 11:05 AM

DR

Sorry for your loss. Prayers for y'all and God bless y'all. She's your guardian angel now. Cherish the memories. 🌹🌷

Dayle Reedy - February 21, 2016 at 04:29 PM

DH

I can't think of Aunt Betty without hearing the sound of laughter! They say humor is a sign of intelligence and Aunt Betty always had a witty observance. She is my shining example of how I'd like to grow into my next 30 years... Engaged in life and loving family to the hilt. Much love to the entire Kelly clan.

diane hill - February 22, 2016 at 09:10 AM



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“ *One of the greatest generation. Betty was a second mother to me, and so many. She lived a wonderful life, was always the best example of unconditional love to everyone. I celebrate her with laughter through tears, as so many so many different memories flow out with laughter, down my cheeks and through my mind this weekend, I see her now with Bob and my dad, reunited one heaven with so many others we miss. My heart is heavy but I'm so much better for having her in my life from my first memories as a child. Love to Liz, Kerry, Sis and Kevin, and prayers for peace as you mourn the loss of this fabulous lady. She was so proud of all of you and her grandchildren. I know all will miss her terribly, but she taught us all how to LIVE and LOVE each other.*

Elaine Cresse Atwood and Bob Atwood

Elaine Cresse Atwood - February 21, 2016 at 06:46 AM