



Kelly Anne Barnes

September 6, 1978 - June 20, 2021

Kelly Anne Barnes, 42, passed away June 20, 2021 in Bluffton, Indiana.

She was born on September 6, 1978 in Bluffton, Indiana to James Barnes and Anne Barnes Beal.

Kelly graduated from Norwell High School in 1997 and despite her medical issues with Marfan Syndrome, she graduated with honors.

After graduation Kelly moved to Chicago where she attended DePaul University then transferred to Columbia College where she graduated with a degree in journalism and high honors.

Along with her parents Kelly is survived by her stepfather James Beal and stepmother Mari Barnes, her brother, Eric Barnes, her grandmother, Marcia Libert and her siblings, Andy Beal, Tyler (Megan) Beal, and Alyson (Mark) Kunkle, niece Charlotte Kunkle.

Kelly enjoyed sports, especially the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team. She enjoyed going to concerts and had a love for music. She loved animals and being with family and friends especially her special friends Gary LaCourt and Joye Fuess.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial contributions be made in Kelly's memory to give.marfan.org. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kelly Anne Barnes*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kelly Anne Barnes.*



June 25, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy to you, Jim, and your family. I'm so very, very sorry. Much love to you in the days ahead. Judy Grove & family*



Judy (Grove) Steury - June 23, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *I was very sad to hear about my former classmate's passing!! My condolences*

Brooke Fiechter - June 22, 2021 at 01:56 PM



So sad to hear this. What an amazing young lady. Prayers your way Jim and Anne. 🥺🥺

Beverly Salyers - June 22, 2021 at 09:05 PM

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“ *Ann Pommer(friend) lit a candle in memory of Kelly Anne Barnes*



Ann Pommer(friend) - June 22, 2021 at 01:28 AM

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“ *Kelly, Eric and I would set up our own "Street Fair" at Grandma Barnes' house. We were all there spending the night and would play for hours. I loved how she called Grandma Granny.*

Amy (Barnes) Torres - June 21, 2021 at 04:25 PM

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I have so many good memories of Kelly. One is her Mom and I taking her to her first Concert; Anne & I wore earplugs.

Ann Pommer(friend) - June 21, 2021 at 10:10 PM

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Ann Pommer(friend) - June 21, 2021 at 10:48 PM

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Many Good Memories of Kelly including her first Concert at Indiana State Fairgrounds. We All dressed appropriately & Kelly Loved it!

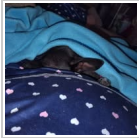
Ann Pommer(friend) - June 22, 2021 at 01:12 AM



“ *Danielle Wheat lit a candle in memory of Kelly Anne Barnes* ”



Danielle Wheat - June 21, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Gina Hann Barnes lit a candle in memory of Kelly Anne Barnes* ”



Gina Hann Barnes - June 21, 2021 at 11:23 AM