



Kevin W. Kelly

March 19, 2021

On Friday, March 19, 2021, Kevin Kelly left the world with his wife, Nancy Walsh, and their six children by his side. This obituary was written with the greatest love and respect to our Dad by his children, Hannah (KELLY) Flynn, McGuire Kelly, Bailey Kelly, Delaney Kelly, Atticus Kelly, and Casey Kelly. Dad grew up in Elmwood, Connecticut. He was the son of Margaret (MCGUIRE) Kelly, and fire Captain John William Kelly. He was the youngest brother to Mary (KELLY) Lombardo, Eileen (KELLY) Danaher, and John Kelly. In addition to his children and siblings, he leaves behind his first granddaughter, Parker Marie Flynn, and two sons-in-law Austin Flynn, and Nicholas Calitri (to be made official this summer), as well as his sibling's spouses- Michael Lombardo, Neil Danaher and Maureen (BAILEY) Kelly, and many nieces and nephews.

If you knew our Dad, you'd know he was kind, committed, honest, consistent, funny and compassionate in the best sense of these words and in all aspects of his life. Our Dad's love and passion for his work was only exceeded by his love for our Mom and the family they built together. A few days before his passing, he told our Mom "the best decision he ever made was asking her to marry him" and in return, her response was "the best thing I ever did was say yes". Together our parents showed us what a true partnership is- they didn't always agree, they challenged each other often, but at the end of the day, they supported each other, loved each other fiercely and made each other

better people.

Our Dad dedicated his life (and ours) to changing the world, he did this in more ways than one. As kids, he always told us there are three things in life that no one can ever take away from you, so you better take them seriously: your family, your education, and your faith. Through their actions, our parents made it a priority to ensure we had and valued all three of those things. To our Dad, every person that walked through our door was considered family- he would greet them with rosy cheeks, a glass of red wine in hand and a warm hug. Our favorite tradition with our Dad was making his mother's apple pie recipe on Thanksgiving Eve, we'd pack the kitchen with family and friends, blast the music way too high, toast to family, and be thankful for another year of being together. Shortly after this toast, our dad would famously "Irish exit". As hard as it will be to continue these traditions, we will do so because he taught us tradition matters.

Dad, you made this world a better place. Get settled in up there and we'll talk to you next week.

And on the last page of your book, Dad, may the angels write peace.

The services for our Dad will be held at Saint Patrick & Saint Anthony, 285 Church St. Hartford on March 27th at 10AM, directly following the service there will be a receiving line to visit with the family. Covid 19 guidelines for masks and distancing will be required. The service will also be live streamed on <https://www.spsact.org/index.php?cID=348> Due to COVID-19, a memorial service will be held in late Summer 2021 details to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made through donation to <https://gofund.me/94166546>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kevin W. Kelly*



Molloy Funeral Home - March 24, 2021 at 01:57 PM

AC

Nancy and family my deepest condolences- Kevin made me better at my job by being who he was which you all described in your beautiful tribute. I am sure he is already hard at work up in heaven. May god bless your beautiful family.

Andrew Charron - March 24, 2021 at 10:38 PM



My deepest sympathies go out to the Kelly family. While I could not be there, I appreciated being able to participate in the celebration of Kevin's life remotely.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful memories. Every year, Kevin told us about your Thanksgiving pie tradition and shared countless stories about his wonderful family at every opportunity.

I am thankful to have had the honor of being a member of Kevin's team at Coverys. He inspired us with his warmth and enthusiasm. He was a leader whose strategic vision took our department to new heights. He loved his job and always expressed his appreciation for our individual contributions to the team's successes--which were many under his watch! We are all better people for having had Kevin in our lives.

May the love and strength of family bring you peace during this most difficult time.

Linda Livezey

Linda Livezey - March 27, 2021 at 11:34 AM



Thank you for streaming the service this morning. It was a beautiful tribute to Kevin. You are an amazing family and he was a great man. Know that we are holding you in our thoughts prayers. Wendy and Rob Benson

Wendy Benson - March 27, 2021 at 01:30 PM

AH

*Dear Nancy and Family,
When I heard of Kevin's death, my first thought was "What a loss." I think back to the time spent with Kevin when he was one of the founders of the MRM Group, our shared commitment to ProHealth and risk management, and when I was at Coverys. His priority, as busy and business-focused as he was, was always YOU - his family. His pride in each of you and in all your accomplishments - minor and major - was evident and constant.*

I hope and pray that his spirit, which lives in all of you, brings you peace, and that in time, the memories of times shared with him bring you smiles.

*My deepest sympathy,
Anne
Anne Huben-Kearney*

Anne C Huben-Kearney - March 30, 2021 at 09:31 AM

AD

“ *Dear Kelly Family,*

You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. I will also remember how much love filled Kevin's eyes when he would talk about his wife and kids. My favorite memories of Kevin were when I was pregnant and he would give me parenting tips and tricks like "If you're going on a long road trip and the kids start crying, stop at a McDonald's and get them a chocolate shake!" I will miss his smile and his warm hello's whenever he was in the office.

Amanda Diaz - March 29, 2021 at 05:19 PM

PC

“ *Many prayers and thoughts with all of you during this very difficult time.*

PJ & Barb Connor

PJ Connor - March 29, 2021 at 09:52 AM

RJ

“ Nancy and family- you are in my thoughts and prayers. Kevin was such a wonderful person to work with- he was smart and optimistic and always looking for ways to make things better. He was a truly a light in the Coverys office and I know he was a light in your lives too. I hope the happy memories you all shared over the years will bring some peace. We were all lucky to know Kevin in this life and I know he will continue to shine down on you from above.

Rhianna Jackson - March 28, 2021 at 08:23 PM

MO

“ Although it's been over 40 years since I have seen Kevin I am struck by such sorrow of his passing. I went to St. Brigid and Northwest Catholic with Kevin. And yes like every other girl in our class we had crushes on him. He was a handsome and genuinely a great guy. I loved reading the tribute from his family and my heart goes out to each of them - thank you for sharing that wonderful life of Kevin's, he truly was blessed to have such a beautiful family which is a reflection of what a wonderful person he was. God speed Kevin and may God's loving arms continue to embrace your family through this difficult time.

Marie Occhineri - Koepke NWC class 1976

marie occhineri-koepke - March 27, 2021 at 06:24 PM

DP

“ When I heard of Kevin’s passing, it was ineffable. Kevin was the consummate gentleman, always ebullient and someone we can all emulate. When our girls were born prematurely, and having the depth of emotion, Kevin always asked, how are the twins doing? His acts of kindness and support will not be forgotten. During our days at Medspan, Kevin exemplified leadership, demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit and was a true innovator. His legacy is infinite and the countless lives he touched will not be diminished. Rest In Peace.

Drew Porrazzo - March 27, 2021 at 11:29 AM

MF

“ Dear Nancy and Kelly Family
I am so sorry to hear about Kevin
I remember him from Northwest days and Hartford Hospital...he was a great person.
May you all find comfort in cherished memories
Much love
Meg Flaherty

meg flaherty - March 27, 2021 at 09:03 AM

JJ

“ *This saddens me to no end. Kevin was a mentor, a colleague, and a friend, and I had the pleasure to work for him for almost a decade. Through that time he taught me that people are the most important asset, and you can do amazing things with passion and vision. He had a natural talent to motivate everyone, bring people together, and achieve greatness. Through some heavy moments of stress and chaos, he would never waver from what was important, putting family and friends first. He truly cared about everyone and to no less extent his wife (who I also had the pleasure to work with) and kids. I know Kevin will be missed by many; he left this Earth too soon. Kevin, wherever you are, I hope you can keep watching over those you love. Jeff Jorczak*

Jeff Jorczak - March 27, 2021 at 09:03 AM

TC

“ Until Kevin Kelly meet Nancy he was a true wild rover. Kevin thought me to play rugby and most importantly he thought me how to sing lyrics to the secret Yahoo ruby songs. He was as much fun on the field as he was singing at the rugby gatherings and his specialty song was Wild Rover (" and I played the wild rover no never no more")

Kevin was also one of the founding members of the Providence College Rugby Club and we worked to bring his tradition and knowledge to that team. We didn't win a lot but we but we sure could sing those songs.

After PC he met Nancy Walsh a friend from Hall High. We had long conversations about his love for her and the next stage of his life. For sure it was the best thing that ever happened to the wild rover. It was truly an honor to play at their wedding ceremony and join in the singing at the reception.

I'll never forget throwing back 50 cent drafts at Louie's Tap and our long conversations about, faith, family and love. Your life was truly blessed and I was blessed to walk with you for a short time on this earth. You will be missed good buddy but never forgotten.

To Nancy, all the girls and Atticus please accept my sincere condolences.

Tim Callahan and The Callahan Clan

Tim Callahan - March 26, 2021 at 01:00 PM

OO

“*Mary, Eileen & John, please accept my condolences. Hearing of Kevin's passing stirred up many fond memories of being his friend and teammate in Little League, and at St Brigid and Northwest Catholic. Kevin was a trusted friend whom I could always count on. Rest in Peace Kevin.*

Oscar O'Connor

Oscar O'Connor - March 26, 2021 at 12:09 PM

JS

“*Sending an abundance of love and peace as you each work to find a path forward.*

Janet Schaeneman

Janet Schaeneman - March 26, 2021 at 09:18 AM

JY

“*I greatly enjoyed working with Kevin. He was one of the most genuine, driven and fair clients I have ever worked with. He was smart, curious and engaging. All of the wonderful attributes that were recounted in in the beautiful obituary written by his children also shined through in his work relationships. He will truly be missed by so many. My prayers are with his entire family -- with who I know he deeply loved.*

Jack Yeo - March 25, 2021 at 08:37 PM

VF

“ My first thought when I heard the sad news was for all of you, his precious family. As much as Kevin loved his work (and I'll get to that), it was evident how he truly cherished above all else, each and every one of you. There was always a story, something profound you did or said, and he'd even share when you corrected him on something he did...much to his chagrin. He beamed with pride in sharing the latest of your endeavors. And Nancy, we all knew how he cherished you, and as he said...he married up! And even though I was only part of his work world, the way he shared his life, it felt as though I knew you all. That was just Kevin. He shared his passions with all that would listen.

When he was ill last fall, I spoke to him before his surgery and the seriousness of his situation was evident, and yet he said "my work brings me joy, and so I will be back." That didn't surprise any of us at Coverys, for we knew Kevin was on a mission to save the world, or at least healthcare! His passion was infectious and he had a way to get the most out of people...mostly because he believed in them.

Kevin taught me so much, but he was also so eager to learn from all around him. He was the quintessential life-long learner, and encouraged those around him to be as well. He was my greatest mentor, just as he was for so many. As I read the other words from friends and colleagues, its amazing how we all describe him the same way: caring, a bright light, bigger than life, inspirational, a mentor, and a friend who made you feel like family. I so enjoyed working with him, and I will truly always miss him.

We will soldier on Kevin, and strive to make you proud!

My heart and prayers go out to you Nancy and the whole family.
God bless.

Val Frankfort

Val Frankfort - March 25, 2021 at 06:34 PM

MC

“ I am so saddened to hear about Eileen's Uncle Kevin. On the rare occasions I was in their company, Kevin and his wife Nancy were so gracious and welcoming. The Kelly family will always hold a special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time.

Mary Casey

Mary Casey - March 25, 2021 at 05:55 PM

RA

“ It is so difficult to put into words the impact this wonderful man had on so many lives. Kevin was, by far, one of the kindest people I have ever known - I am blessed to have had the pleasure of knowing him. He is someone who truly made the world a better and more beautiful place. He created so many wonderful lasting memories and great friendships along his path; he launched so many of our careers; he was admired, respected and loved by so many; he taught me so many valuable lessons simply by watching how he lived his life. Kevin - your passion, your smile, your laugh, your kindness, and the love and devotion you had for your family and those around you will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to your family and friends. Rest in love and peace Kevin.



Rose Angelone - March 25, 2021 at 05:43 PM

LA

“ *Bailey and Kelly family,*

I am so incredibly heartbroken for your loss. Kevin sounds like an absolutely amazing husband, dad, and all around great person. I am sorry I never got to meet him. Reading your memories of him were very touching and absolutely beautiful. I am sure you will cherish these memories always. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Myself and all of your Hormel family will always be here for you.

Lisa Austin

Lisa Austin - March 25, 2021 at 05:41 PM

SR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I met Kevin just about one year ago when my agency team began working with Coverys. Though our interactions were limited to Zoom meetings, his enthusiasm and energy for his work and his team were palpable. We will greatly miss his contributions.*

Stephanie Rogers

Stephanie Rogers - March 25, 2021 at 01:37 PM

SA

“ To Nancy, and to Kevin’s beloved children, I am just heartbroken for your loss. Kevin was one of those truly special people who had an immensely positive impact on so many lives, including mine.

In the 11 years I worked with him, I knew him as a brilliant entrepreneur, a compassionate leader, an amazing and devoted mentor, and a genuinely kind, thoughtful and generous person. Most of all, he was a much valued and dear friend. His caring attitude toward the people who worked for him translated into an environment where employees felt like family, and were treated as such every day. He spoke often, and with great affection and pride, of Nancy and his children.

Kevin’s passionate, energetic spirit, his upbeat, positive can-do attitude, and his daily examples of kindness and generosity made us all better people.

My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Sandy Armstrong

Sandra Armstrong - March 25, 2021 at 01:23 PM

ET

“ Kevin and his family warmly welcomed me into their home years ago as a billet family for a summer squash camp. His generosity is something I will never forget. My heart is with Nancy, Casey, Atticus, Delaney, Bailey, McGuire, Hannah, and their families. My sincere condolences.

Emily Terry - March 25, 2021 at 01:18 PM

DC

“ *Dear Eileen and Neil,
I was saddened to hear about your dear brother Kevin.
May he now Rest In Peace in the arms of our Heavenly Father.
I will keep you all in my prayers.*
Dolly Chelli

Dolly Chelli - March 25, 2021 at 11:33 AM

 Marie
Wiley

“ *BEST obit EVERRRRRRR!!!*

"To all the Kelly's,

*You really outdid yourselves on this...you captured Kevin perfectly!!!
My brother Pat was great friends with Kevin at Northwest and I
suspect Pee wee football but I can't remember. :)~*

*We were all so sorry to hear of Kev's passing. OMG...cancer is such
an insidious disease! I'm so sorry you are all going through this sad
time. Nobody deserves this, much less someone like Kevin.*

*Just so you know every single girl at Northwest had a vicious crush
on Kevin Kelly. And what was there not to like....handsome, funny,
kind...He was the quintessential trifecta! :) And obviously went on to
do great things as you all so eloquently described.*

*There are not many people who leave their mark on you. Here I am
40+ years later and I can remember everything that was special
about Kev back in the day. There's a poem that perfectly describes
him: It's called The Dash:*

THE DASH

*I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He
referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the
end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following
date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash
between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and
now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.*

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the

cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

Linda Ellis"

Kevin had that DASH...and he will never, ever, be forgotten. And neither will all of you who wrote such a beautiful obituary for him. :)

May the love of your family and friends bring comfort during this most difficult time.

God Bless you all.

xx Marie Tyler (Wiley) & Family

Marie Wiley - March 25, 2021 at 11:19 AM

AM

“ Our thoughts are with everyone in the family during this time of loss. Kevin was an extraordinary man. I so enjoyed sharing a balcony overlooking the squash courts as we saw our young warriors take it out on the court. Everyone won, every time. What joyful memories of a model father. With much love and heartfelt sympathy, Andrés (& Rebecca, Max and Gabi Martin)

Andres Martin - March 25, 2021 at 10:38 AM

RK

“ Dear Nancy and family,
Kevin will be dearly missed and so sad to hear of his passing. I recall sharing our gardening stories. He loved to take home my veggies to his family - he also wanted to know my secrets to gardening and always got first pick! I will miss his "good mornings" and his smile will never be forgotten. I am so glad to have known him and enjoyed working with him at Coverys.

My deepest sympathy's and prayers during this difficult time to you and your family.

Robin Krill

Robin Krill - March 25, 2021 at 10:21 AM

MM

“ Thoughts and prayers with all of you during this difficult time. We will miss Kevin and his kind heart.

Maryann McGivney - March 25, 2021 at 09:45 AM

BC

“ Kevin’s presence was huge and felt by all of us who knew him. This is why his passing has left such a giant vacuum where he used to be.

Kevin had the unique gift of mentoring you without you ever knowing he did it. He would often catch me “charging ahead”, and he taught me to slow down to reflect and appreciate the good, the progress and the sense of accomplishment in the things that we had already achieved. I have just a bit of solace in the knowledge that whenever I do stop and reflect, it is because he is still with me, reminding me to do so.

He was one of the finest human beings I’ve ever known. I will miss him tremendously - my heart and prayers go out to Nancy and the Kelly family during this terribly difficult time.

Bill Chapdelaine - March 25, 2021 at 08:59 AM

CS

“ I also only knew Kevin from working with him at Coverys. I did not interact with him a lot, but every time I did I found that he had an infectious enthusiasm. Based on your tribute, it seems as though this was his approach to life, and I am glad to have known him.

Christian Stokes - March 24, 2021 at 11:00 PM

MU

“ Kevin was always the brightest light in the room. This light came not only from his smile, but also from his soul. You could actually feel how much he cared for others. What a privilege it was to work with Kevin. He loved his family, and was an integral part of the Coverys family. Heaven certainly gained an angel. Condolences to the whole Kelly family.

God's peace be with you,
Mary Ursul

Mary Ursul - March 24, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MK

“ Good bye to a wonderful person, I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Kevin over the years. He was kind, enthusiastic, innovative, driven, personable and humble. He was always taking about his family and was so very proud of all of them. He made his mark in this world and he made a very meaningful impact on my life both personally and professionally. He left us to early but I'm sure he'll also be praying for all of us to be well, safe and happy.

Deepest sympathies to the Kelly family.

Mike K.

Mike Kubik - March 24, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ I will deeply miss Kevin. The world will miss Kevin. I worked with Kevin in some of his entrepreneurial ventures. He was a very good visionary and business person. He was an even better person in caring for all people - clients, patients, employees, family. God blessed us with the likes of Kevin Kelly. I am sure his spirit will live on with all those he touched and through his family.

John Clinton - March 24, 2021 at 07:58 PM

RO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Kevin mentored me for many years. He was one of the most influential people in my life. I attribute much of my success today to his guidance over the years. He was an amazing person that we will miss.

Condolences to the Family.

Ron Fuschillo

Ron - March 24, 2021 at 07:38 PM

AC

“ Dear Kelly Family,
I had the absolute pleasure of getting to know Kevin through our work together at Coverys. His smile was contagious and his laugh filled every room. Mara and I had a conversation the other day recalling when we were transitioning Kevin's support to a new admin. I remember her laughing and telling Maria " I know everything there is to know about Kevin, so just call me if you have questions." Your dad was someone who lit up the space he was in - that is what I will remember about him. Thank you for sharing him with his Coverys family.

*Thinking of you all,
Ariel Crohn*

Ariel Crohn - March 24, 2021 at 06:33 PM

SU

“ Oh Nancy, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I had no idea. One very fond memory I always cherish, is your birthday party at Rob and Betsys home on the mountain. Kevin surprised you by showing up in a taxi. It had to have been in the early 80's??? Love and hugs my dear cousin.

Sue (Egan) Soucy

Sue - March 24, 2021 at 06:09 PM

RH

“ I only knew Kevin through work, yet am truly heartbroken. I cannot even fathom how this must feel to his family. My thoughts are with all of you, and I only hope that your rich memories of him -- so beautifully described in that obituary -- will carry you through this.

I will miss my talks with Kevin -- whether the occasional drop-by at my office door or calls to my cell phone. We always had energetic conversations, and Kevin was consistently brimming with great ideas. Needless to say, when a light as bright as his goes dim, the loss is acutely felt by those left behind.

*Bob Hanscom
Andover, MA*

Robert Hanscom - March 24, 2021 at 05:29 PM

GR

“ To the Kelly Family,
My thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family. I've known Kevin since third grade at St Brigid and then Northwest. He was always the same whether I saw him at Stop and Shop or walking past my house on Waterside Lane. Everything you wrote about him in his obituary is the person I knew and considered a life long friend. Heaven gained a great another angel.
I was blessed to have known him all these years.
RIP Kevin you will be missed by so many.

Gloria Reddy - March 24, 2021 at 05:24 PM

RM

“ To the Kelly Family,

Kevin was exactly how his wife and children describes him - someone who made the world a better place. I know Kevin from a business perspective and all i can say is he was one of the nicest people in business i know. Kind hearted and passionate about what he did.



Condolences to the entire Kelly family..

Rob Marshall

Robert Marshall - March 24, 2021 at 05:23 PM

JR

“ To Nancy and all the Walsh-Kelly Family, I am sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. May thoughts of a good life together get you through this most difficult time. Our sincerest sympathy. Jamie Ricketson & Family

Jamie Ricketson - March 24, 2021 at 05:10 PM

DB

“ *Irish Blessing*

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still, loved, still missed and very dear.*

Kevin was true leader and integral part of the Coverys team. He always had a smile for everyone and took care to make everyone feel involved and part of the team. He spoke of family constantly and took great pride in the accomplishments of his entire clan.

Thank you Kevin for your friendship! God Bless.

Dave Burke

David Burke - March 24, 2021 at 04:38 PM