



## Linda Sue Kelley

March 26, 1955 - February 17, 2017

Linda Sue Kirby-Kelley of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away at the age of 61 years old on February 17, of 2017

She is survived by her adoring children: Michael Kelley (Autumn Kelley) and Christine Karko (nee Kelley), grandchildren: Erynn, Tryna, Jordan, Taylour, Austin, Brittanie, Andre and Michael Jr., Loving sister Mildred Ann Mrakovcic (John Mrakovcic) and Brother Howard Kirby, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Linda is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Kelley, parents, Christine and Jess Kirby and siblings, Bobby, Jerry (Josephine), Eva Engle (Rick) and Reba Taylor

Linda was born on March 26, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan where she graduated from Southeastern High School class of 1973. She went on to build a career working in retail for Kmart for nearly 40 years where she gained some of her best of friends.

Linda devoted her life to caring for and unconditionally loving her family both children and grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking, country music and watching her grandchildren grow.

In 2013, shortly after moving to Fort Collins, Colorado to be closer to her family, Linda was diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Even while fighting this disease for many years, Linda remained a dedicated mother and grandmother and continued sharing her love until her last day.

Although there are many heavy hearts and fallen tears, Linda will be missed by many friends and family and will forever live in our hearts.

Please share any stories, memories, comments and photos you may have to continue the memory of Linda.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Sue Kelley*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I'm in Virginia right now visiting Laura. I'm so lost. I came out here hoping to understand my life and what I'm supposed to do but I'm just sad still. I miss you. I wish you could help me. You would love it here, it's so quiet and open. Chicken loves it he gets to go outside as far as he wants and he's safe! He still stays right up my butt though haha. I love you Grammy*

Erynn Kelley - May 19, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ *Hello my Linda! I've spent most the morning thinking about you. Happy thoughts, sad thoughts just so much missing you. I'm struggling mom, I'm trying so hard to be ok, but I'm just not. I can't believe after almost 2 years I still hurt as bad as I did day one. I spend so much time pretending to be ok it's exhausting and it's taking a toll on me. I miss you so much mom. I love you*

chrissy - December 11, 2018 at 01:03 PM



*Hello Chrissy  
I'm sorry to find out about your mom. I have been looking for you and your family for a long time. I've miss all of you. I remember all the good times we all had. My heavy heart go's out to you and your brother. My name is Temo Villareal. You guys you to live next door to my mom's house.*

Temo Villareal - April 23, 2019 at 04:49 AM

 Erynn  
Kelley

“ Well Linda I made it through the crappiest year of my life. The holidays sucked without you but then again everyday sucks without you. I wish I could give you a kiss and tell you happy new year. Hopefully you were celebrating and had a good time. I miss you everyday.



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Erynn Kelley - January 02, 2018 at 12:32 PM

 Erynn  
Kelley

“ Hi Grammy. I got a new job! I finally left noodles! I work at ADP now, it's where Sadey left Noodles to go to. She doesn't work here anymore, I took her spot. And I got a dog! His name is Chicken, he's a 4 yr old chihuahua mix. I rescued him from the pound. I love you and miss you so so so much. I hope you're ok and happy. I miss you



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Erynn Kelley - November 09, 2017 at 08:58 AM

CH

“ Hi mom, sorry it's been a while. Life has been a bit busier than usual. I've been chatting with Sue lately, she cracks me up I love it. The holidays are coming and I can see the difference in the girls. Halloween through New Years was always your time of year. I hope you've been looking in on Alice, she's a trooper I tell ya. She misses you. I miss you. I miss you so much mom it still hurts so bad. Oh I almost forgot, Andre called Tryna his best friend!!! The boys are so big mom, and so good looking. I love you mom. Chat soon.

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chrissy - October 22, 2017 at 11:38 PM

 Erynn  
Kelley

“ Hi Grammy. It's my birthday I'm sure you know that. The first time you weren't the first person to wish me happy birthday. My life is a mess. I need you. I love you.

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Erynn Kelley - September 30, 2017 at 10:13 AM

CH

“ Hi Mom. I just miss you.

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chrissy - September 19, 2017 at 11:25 AM

CH

“ Hello Linda Sue. Just popping in to say I love you. I've been struggling a bit lately trying to figure out how it is that you died that morning, more like what I missed. You told me it was bad and kiss your head and I said no, I said you were just fighting a bug and I was gonna make you better and then minutes later you were gone. I know it was Gods doing, but some days the guilt is overwhelming I guess today is one of those days. I am so sorry I couldn't make you better mom. I miss you so much it kills me.

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chrissy - September 06, 2017 at 01:14 PM

CH

“ Hi mom. I really don't have much to talk about, just wanted to say I love you. I've been thinking about you so much lately, not sure why, but you've on my mind day and night for about 2 weeks straight. I miss you so much. Oh I got to see Alice again the other day!! Mom she is so awesome and still a riot, Scott thinks she's great too. It's so weird how seeing her and being around her brings me a sense of peace and I only get that certain peaceful feeling from her. I think maybe it's because you liked her so much??? I don't know but whenever she's around I feel close to you. Crazy huh. I love you Linda Sue

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chrissy - August 31, 2017 at 05:02 PM

CH

“ Good morning Linda Sue. I must have been dreaming about you because I woke up and you are so heavy on my mind. I miss you. Everything is great here. Sometimes (like today) I still can't believe you're not with me anymore. You'd think by now I'd be used to the fact but it still hurts just as bad as it did the very day you passed away. Did you see how beautiful our girls looked when House and I got married? They were breath taking. Omg and how about BFF?!?! Mom it melted my heart having her there, just that she cared enough to be a part of such a special day. I love that little girl. I love you mom and I will talk to you soon.

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Chrissy - August 12, 2017 at 07:05 AM

CH

“ Hi Mom. Oh Linda sue, Andre turned 14 yesterday can you believe it. He's as tall as Stinky! Magan flies in on Thursday for a few days, she will be here for my birthday and to see House and I get married. I'm so happy she will be here for all of it. Mom I am so excited to marry him, he is so amazing. Its so bitter sweet to be so happy and excited but at the same time be so devastated. You been by my side for so many things and to not have you here for this breaks my heart. I am just so thankful you got to know him and you know I'm in good hands I love you so much

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Chrissy - July 24, 2017 at 04:54 PM

CH

“ Happy 4th Linda Sue! Scott and I headed to visit Conner then we are gonna stop by and see Michael and his family at the lake. Do me favor mom, keep an extra eye on Karko and Alice please. They sure could use all the angels we can find. I love you mom.

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Chrissy - July 04, 2017 at 11:16 AM

CH

“ Good morning Linda Sue. Not much to report lol. Surgery went well but boy am I sore. The girls are doing well, I sure am proud of those two. We raised some amazing girls mom! Magan is gonna be here for the weekend of my birthday/ marriage. Michael and his family will be out of town which is a real bumner but its plans they made a long time ago. Well that's all for now mom. I love and miss you so very much.

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**Chrissy** - June 23, 2017 at 06:30 AM

CH

“ Hi mom. I had a dream about you last night, you were yelling at me hahaha..I woke up giggling. I miss you so much. Mrs H is really doing a fantastic job being there for me, but between surgery tomorrow and getting married next month I really just want my mom. I love you and miss you like crazy. I miss my best friend.

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**Chrissy** - June 13, 2017 at 08:00 PM

 Erynn Kelley

“ Hi grandma. I really miss you. Everything just seems wrong in my life. I hope you are happy with the rest of the angels. I love you

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**Erynn Kelley** - June 10, 2017 at 09:21 AM

CH

“ Good morning Linda. I just wanted to stop by and say hello and I love you. Had a great weekend with Scott and the girls. Scotty and I are getting married next month so make sure you attend please. I love you mom and can't wait to see your beautiful face again

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**Chrissy** - June 05, 2017 at 09:07 AM

CH

“ Hi Linda Sue. Just wanted to say hi and thanks for helping out with the plants, they look fantastic. We are doing ok. The girls are behaving for the most part lol. House and I are great. Keep checking on us from time to time ok. I love and miss you so much mom.

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**Chrissy** - May 26, 2017 at 01:40 PM

CH

“ Happy Mother's Day mom. I love and miss you more than I could ever explain. I am doing ok though, some days are easier than others but I'm finally starting to be thankful for all the time we had together instead of focusing on not having you anymore. I am so lucky to have had you for 41 years cuz a lot of people don't get that much time with their mom's. So today is gonna be a happy day. I'm gonna see the girls later and take Scotts mom to bingo tonight. I love you Linda Sue

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**Chrissy** - May 14, 2017 at 08:40 AM

TR

“ Happy Mother's Day Grandma. I miss you more than words could ever describe. You are on my mind and in my heart every second of everyday. I love you so much ❤️

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**Tryna** - May 14, 2017 at 08:23 AM

 Erynn  
Kelley

“ Gramma it's been such a crappy week and I wish I could go to your house after work tomorrow like I used to and just talk with you. Catch up on Facebook gossip and your tv shows. I miss you and I hope you are happy

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**Erynn Kelley** - May 13, 2017 at 01:33 AM

 Erynn  
Kelley

“ Hi Linda. I just wanted to say I love you and I miss you. Everyday I fake a smile and tell people I'm doing better when really I'm still breaking inside more everyday. I need you here grandma. I hope you are enjoying yourself wherever you are. That's the only thing that keeps me going. Goodnight I love you forever.



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**Erynn Kelley** - May 01, 2017 at 11:31 PM

CH

“ Just wanted to say good night. Its been so very long since we've talked, I miss it so much, I miss you so much. There are so many things we'd be talking about. I'm so sad mom. I'm starting to forget what your voice sounds like and that hurts me. I can't even remember what you smell like. Mothers day is coming. I've always loved mothers day. Going to bed now I love you so much Linda Sue. Oh and please look over these darn plants...they've seen better days

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**Chrissy** - April 28, 2017 at 11:35 PM

 Erynn  
Kelley

“ Happy Easter grandma. I miss you so much. Everything seems wrong and I can't figure anything out. I love you and wish I could call you. I hope you had a great day and the Easter bunny was good to you



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**Erynn Kelley** - April 16, 2017 at 10:22 PM

CH

“ Happy Easter Mom!!! No plans for today, we are all working but you know the drill, Erynn and I will start hitting walmarts at 5am tomorrow for the 75% off easter stuff hahaha. I love you mom

Chrissy - April 16, 2017 at 07:23 AM

CH

“ I miss you :( cry: Everyone keeps saying it gets easier, so I just keep waiting for that but I don't believe them. Scott's mom said the Easter bunny left baskets at her house for us and it made me cry. I'm so jealous of him, I'm jealous of anyone who still has their mom. I wish you were here so bad I love you

Chrissy - April 14, 2017 at 05:37 AM

CH

“ Hi mom. Just missing you.

Chrissy - April 05, 2017 at 03:36 PM

CH

“ Happy Birthday Mom. I wish I knew what things are like for you now. Do you even know its your birthday? Are people celebrating for you? I hate so much that this is the only way I feel close to you.

Chrissy - March 26, 2017 at 01:02 PM

 Erynn Kelley

“ Happy birthday my perfect angel ❤️




Erynn Kelley - March 26, 2017 at 10:23 AM

CH

“ I sure wish you were here today. Everything's just all wrong I miss you so much!

Chrissy - March 24, 2017 at 10:46 PM

 Erynn Kelley

“ Happy St Patrick's day grandma! You love this holiday and all the green stuff! I have your green nail polish so I'll paint my nails this weekend for you♥



Erynn Kelley - March 17, 2017 at 07:44 AM

ME

“ Mel sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



Mel - March 13, 2017 at 05:03 AM

ME


I will never forget Linda's "Bazinga" pants, her wisdom, her laugh, her stories, her perseverance and her courage. She was a joy to take care of. She always had a smile for me.

Mel - March 13, 2017 at 05:07 AM

TK

Hi Mel, are you a respiratory therapist at PVH?

Tryna Kelley - March 13, 2017 at 09:59 PM

 Erynn  
Kelley

“ *Every morning and every night we would text or talk just for a min to say I love you. I hope you still hear me saying it. My heart is broken without you here Grammy*



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**Erynn Kelley** - March 08, 2017 at 10:10 PM

CH

*She hears you Erynn, and know that she is saying it right back to you. You girls were her heart and soul. She has been by your sides every day since the day you were born, don't you dare think that has changed. She will never leave your sides. Hang in there baby it will start to get easier.*

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**Chrissy** - March 13, 2017 at 11:10 AM

CH

“ *It seems like forever since I've seen your face or heard your voice. I miss you so much its almost unbearable. I love you Mom*

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**Chrissy** - March 03, 2017 at 12:22 PM

 Erynn  
Kelley

“ *I miss you so much Grammy. I love you*



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**Erynn Kelley** - February 28, 2017 at 09:27 AM

SB

“ Oh miss Linda you where an amazing woman and you raised some amazing kids I wish I could have taken you for a ride on the Harley and I know you're giving the big man a run for his money keep it gangster love ya

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**Skipper Betchel** - February 24, 2017 at 06:56 PM

CH

Ha Skipper I will never forget her saying you tried to take her off the set when her oxygen cord was unplugged 😂

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**Chrissy** - February 27, 2017 at 08:17 PM

AD

“ Alice Diede lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



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**Alice Diede** - February 23, 2017 at 07:26 PM



Thank you for all the laughs ! I loved the time I got to spend with you. It was always just so easy to pick up right were we left off. Rest in peace Linda ❤️ you!

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**Alice Diede** - February 24, 2017 at 05:08 PM

AK

“ Thank you for being such a great mother in law Linda Sue ! Thanks for all the laughs and for all your honest truth. Its an honor being in your family tree and I will celebrate my life with each and everyone of them that I have thanks to you. I miss you, and send you all my love !!! You are free to fly !!!

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**Autumn Kelley** - February 23, 2017 at 06:58 PM

AK

“ 2 files added to the album Thank you for being such a great grandma ! We love You !



Autumn Kelley - February 23, 2017 at 06:26 PM

MM

“ Mildred Mrakovic lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



mildred mrakovic - February 22, 2017 at 06:01 PM

AK

“ Autumn Kelley lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



Autumn Kelley - February 22, 2017 at 12:38 PM

CH

“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



Chrissy - February 21, 2017 at 10:28 PM

SH

“ Although we did not know each other that long, I believe we became friends fast. You always had a have a warm greeting and a smile on your face when I came over. You will be missed but never forgotten. Thanks for the kindness you showed Conner and I, and the times we spent together.



Scott Hrdlicka - February 21, 2017 at 09:07 PM

SB

“ You were such a fire cracker. The best momma bear ever. Don't mess with my kids, I will kill you. And such a genuine kind that radiated from your very soul. Anyone who ever met you, I guarantee will never forget you. Times spent with you were mostly laughing our Buts off. One of a kind in to many ways to say♥♥♥♥

Shauna blanckaert - February 21, 2017 at 01:54 AM

SB

“ Shauna Blanckaert lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



Shauna blanckaert - February 21, 2017 at 01:46 AM

CH

“ I love you so much mom. My heart is broken but I know you are finally at peace. You are my very best friend and you will be missed immensely

Chrissy - February 20, 2017 at 11:16 PM

JM

“ *Jen Mcloud lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley*



**Jen Mcloud** - February 20, 2017 at 10:20 PM

MW

“ *Missy Wix lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley*



**Missy Wix** - February 20, 2017 at 09:32 PM

 Missy Wix

“ *Mrs. Linda, it was a pleasure to get to know you, spend time with you and the family. We had some good laughs and great talks. I will always remember you, and your beautiful smile. You will be truly missed!*



**Missy Wix** - February 20, 2017 at 07:12 PM

PT

“ *I worked with Linda many years back at Kmart; she was a joy to work with She will be missed RIP Linda Prayers to the Family*

**Patsy Talerico** - February 20, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ Sue Blanckaert lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



Sue Blanckaert - February 20, 2017 at 06:46 PM



“ Linda Fawcett lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



Linda Fawcett - February 20, 2017 at 06:26 PM



*"Sunshine" or Kelley is what I called her at the K. We worked together for a long time and we joked around a lot. I am sure she has brightened up heaven, and she will be missed.*

Linda Fawcett - February 20, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ I'll never forget the time Linda was driving to Kmart when she lived with us in Worth and she was behind a tar truck driving Jerrys car.... Well you will never guess what happen next... She was full of tar from having the window open and the car well you can guess. We laughed afterwards but It wasn't funny on that day. Loved that lady. God Bless you Linda, Chrissy, Michael, Erin and Trynia love you to bits.



Aunt Deb - February 20, 2017 at 06:16 PM

YW

“ Yvonne White lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



Yvonne White - February 20, 2017 at 05:40 PM

YW


*My prayers are with you, Erynn, and your family*

Yvonne White - February 20, 2017 at 05:42 PM

PN

*Praying for your family's comfort. Linda was a good friend for many years and like a sister to me at Kmart. I'll miss her laugh and her kind heart. I'll ever forget her.*

Pat Nolte - February 20, 2017 at 06:17 PM

 Erynn Kelley

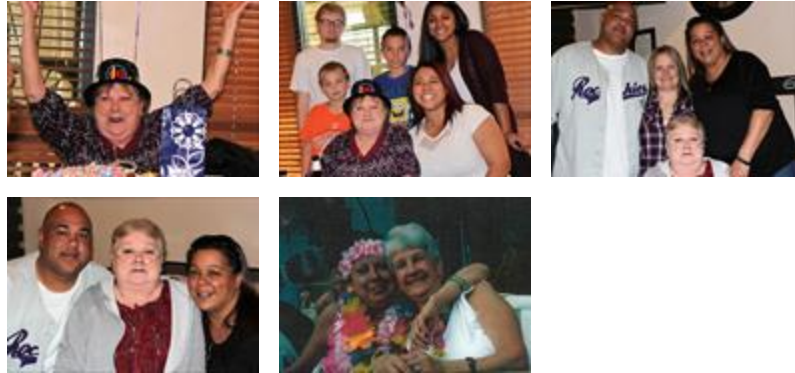
“ I love you Grammy



Erynn Kelley - February 20, 2017 at 04:33 PM

WE

“ 11 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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Wendy - February 20, 2017 at 03:06 PM

CH

“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Kelley



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Chrissy - February 20, 2017 at 02:44 PM