



## Kelly Ann Rippentrop

November 4, 1962 - May 29, 2021

Kelly A. Rippentrop (Dunbar), 57, passed May 29, 2021, with her "Prayer Army" and family by her side in Portland, Oregon after her battle with cancer.

She was born November, 1962, in Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California to James and Eleanor Dunbar. Her father was an executive for Von's Grocery Company in southern California. Her mother devoted 42 years of her life to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Pasadena, CA as a teacher and Director of Religious Education.

Kelly attended Alverno High School in Sierra Madre where she graduated with honors, won many awards, was Student Body President, and joined many clubs. She attended California State University, Long Beach. There she consistently was selected to the President's Honor List, was a member of the CSULB Rowing Crew, and worked. Kelly graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Health Science. She furthered her education and earned a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) certification, many banking credentials, and consistently updated her knowledge of the banking industry.

After graduation, Kelly worked for the American Red Cross as a trainer and as a Sunday school teacher, then at the University of Southern California (USC) Institute of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research, in the School of Medicine, as a Curriculum Writer and Group Manager. There she created

many international programs benefiting youth health around the world. Namely the creation of: D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. It has been implemented in thousands of schools throughout the United States and many other countries. Kelly was recognized as one of the top health educators in the country and offered an executive position working as a Director for the United States government.

She relocated to Northern California and was a religious education teacher, and then principal of the St. John the Baptist Parish Faith Formation program for youth and adults (consisting of over 300 teachers), relocated again to Vancouver, Washington. There she was employed by Wells Fargo. Kelly started as a Service Manager, was promoted to Branch Manager (where she took an underachieving branch to the #1 in sales in the district), and then was promoted to a Business Training Consultant and was also assigned to many executive leadership projects. Her tremendous love of her faith and the children she encountered provided her with, in her words, "Makes Mama happy."

Kelly is survived by her beloved husband of 35 years, David A. Rippentrop and their two children, Bradley Rippentrop, and Bryan Rippentrop. She also leaves her brother Kevin B. Dunbar.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at St. Philip Catholic Church in Woodland, Washington, at 10:00 am.

The family appreciates honoring Kelly Rippentrop by submitting a donation to her new charity, "Kelly's Kids to Kamp", Summer Camp Scholarship Program ([kellyskidstokampscholarship.godaddysites.com](http://kellyskidstokampscholarship.godaddysites.com)).

Please continue to pray for Kelly.



# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:05 PM

DR

“ Can't believe it has already been one year. It has been a very tough year. My boys and many of her friends still have a very hard time coming over to the house. Because of that I will be selling the house, but have plans to stay near Kelly. A big thank you to the Cadys (our neighbors across the street) who have been so special watching out for me, bringing over treats, dinners, the kids bringing over pictures they have made and more. They did a lot to keep my spirits up and will never know how thankful I am for them. Prayer Army, please keep praying for Kelly. Also, if you wish, please make a donation to Kelly's new charity, Kelly's Kids to Kamp, [kellyskidstokamp.com](http://kellyskidstokamp.com). We will be awarding three kids this year! Thank you and God bless you!

David Rippentrop - June 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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David Rippentrop - July 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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David Rippentrop - June 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I have been thinking a lot these past weeks about how blessed we were to get to live across the street from Kelly, and how I am positive God did that intentionally just so that we could know Kelly and love her! Our two children adored her as though she were family, and loved taking David and Kelly treats just so they could stand at the door and talk to her! She was always the sweetest, most kind person to our entire family, so thoughtful in everything she did. She was the neighbor everyone wishes they could have, and we will miss her so terribly much. Everything we look across the street we will remember her and her smile and tender heart. Kelly, I promise we will keep bringing your boys treats and loving on them in your absence! We love you and miss you. ~The Cady Family

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**Laura** - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so thankful to have known Kelly. Kelly was literally so much fun and always up for a good time. Literally loved life. I learned so much from her professionally and personally. I could always count on her for good advice. We could always pick right back up and she would always tell me the updates about David and the boys. I know family was everything to Kelly. Such a beautiful person...inside and out. Sending love and positive thoughts.

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**Kristina Anderson** - June 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I feel so blessed to have been a friend of Kelly's. She was always the bright light that lit up the room whenever she walked in. She had a beautiful smile and fun sense of humor and was the most positive person I knew. Each time she entered our home we were greeted with a big smile, followed by a hug, and shortly after that our glasses clanking and a 'CHEERS' to toast our visit and when we entered their home it was exactly the same. She was always so much fun! Each year around this time we did an annual trip to Cannon Beach. We would stroll the beach each day and at night sit by the fire. We would have our favorite drinks in one hand while roasting a hot dog in the other, singing along to our favorite songs. I always knew if I was going to be spending time with Kelly it was going to be a great time and I always looked forward to it! I already miss her so much! I will miss our beach trips and our annual Coeur d'Alene Lake trips, they are some of my best memories! I will also miss the day to day moments, the texts, the calls, the last minute get togethers at their house, our house, and Shanny's! I will even miss the tears but most of all, I will miss the laughter, there was so much laughter! Kelly was always the best at whatever she did. She was the best at being a friend, the best at being a loving and devoted wife and best friend to David, and above all else, she was the best at being a loving mother to her two sons Brad and Bryan. She was always so proud of her boys and completely adored them. Kelly Rippentrop, you will forever be missed but always close to my heart. "CHEERS" to all the many good times we've shared and the great memories we've made! Love, love, love and miss you so much! God bless you my dear friend! May you Rest In Peace and be in the arms of the Lord you so dearly loved! ❤️❤️❤️ Jeannie

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Jeannie Schwiesow - June 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Kelly Ann Rippentrop - June 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM**