



## Kelly L Ryan

June 24, 1964 - April 26, 2026

Kelly L. Ryan, born on June 24, 1964, in Beech Grove, Indiana, passed away on April 26, 2026, in Ocala, Florida, leaving behind a life marked by devotion, courage, and generous love. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend whose presence brought warmth, strength, and encouragement to all who knew her. Kelly lived a life that reflected her adventurous spirit, her deep faith, and her selfless care for others.

Kelly was the cherished wife of Dennis Ryan, and together they built a life grounded in love, loyalty, and shared memories. She was a devoted mother to Richard Van Rijk (Amber), Alyssa Van Rijk (Eli), and Christian Ryan (Lauren). She found great joy in her grandchildren, Zoey, Brixton, and Sadie, who brought light and laughter into her days. Kelly also held close the love of her parents, Donald Kiesel and Sharon Fillmore, and treasured her brother, David Keisel. She was a loving aunt to Becca and Davis, and she was surrounded throughout her life by a host of special friends with whom she shared lasting bonds and many treasured moments.

Kelly graduated from Speedway High School in the class of 1982, and she carried the values of hard work and perseverance throughout her life. She served her country with honor in the United States Air Force for four years, and also served in the Army National Guard, experiences that reflected her strength, discipline, and sense of duty. Following her military service, she built

a meaningful career as a Medical Office Manager, where her professionalism, compassion, and calm presence made a difference in the lives of those she served. She approached every responsibility with care and dedication, and she earned the respect of colleagues and friends alike.

A woman of Christian faith, Kelly lived with a spirit of grace and trust. Her faith was an important part of her life and gave her strength through every season. She was known for her loving nature and her willingness to put others before herself. Those who knew her will remember her as adventurous, loving, and selfless, three words that beautifully reflect the way she lived and the way she loved. Her life was a testament to kindness, resilience, and the quiet power of a generous heart.

Kelly made Ocala her home for 40 years, and the community became an important part of her story. She also lived in England and North Dakota, experiences that broadened her life and added to the richness of her journey. She embraced each place she lived with curiosity and openness, and she formed connections wherever she went. Her love of traveling reflected her adventurous nature, and she especially enjoyed running, biking, and hiking. These interests gave her joy and freedom, and they mirrored the energy and determination she carried throughout her life.

Kelly also gave her support to causes close to her heart, including StacheStrong and the fight against glioblastoma, or GBM. Her compassion for others extended beyond her family and friends, and she cared deeply about helping in ways that mattered. She understood the importance of standing with those facing hardship, and she did so with sincerity and empathy. Her concern for others was one more expression of the selfless character that defined her.

Kelly L. Ryan will be dearly missed and forever remembered. Her adventurous

heart, loving spirit, and selfless life touched many, and her legacy will remain a blessing to all who carry her memory forward.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Stache Strong in Kelly's name. <https://stachestrong.org/>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Meadowbrook Church  
4741 SW 20th Street  
Ocala, FL 34474

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am Kelly’s mom! I guess the family forgot that I am her mother and I love her dearly. Where were you all when it was just her and and me?

Sharon Fillmore - May 16 at 09:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kelly L Ryan.

May 10 at 09:07 AM

LF

“ Love - Your Express Employment Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kelly L Ryan.



Love - Your Express Employment Family - May 09 at 07:38 AM

KP

“ Karen, Don Taylor , Lee and Pat purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kelly L Ryan.



Karen, Don Taylor , Lee and Pat - May 07 at 07:27 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelly L Ryan.



May 06 at 01:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kelly L Ryan.

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelly L Ryan.



May 02 at 10:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kelly L Ryan.

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“ Kelly, Loved you so much and your light always shined so bright. Jeff and I will never forget the Savannah trip, it brings a smile to my face just thinking of it. Prayers to Dennis and your family.

jill and jeff ferguson - May 02 at 05:46 AM



“ Kelly,  
Your smile was electric - you had such a positive attitude all the time, and a very special lady. We feel honored to have known you and pray you are at peace now as well as your family and of course Dennis - we have made a donation in your memory.

*Arlene and Alan Goodman*

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**Arlene Goodman** - April 30 at 04:16 PM

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“ I remember Kelly so vividly. She had a big smile and loved people. Her soul is more alive than ever before. 1 Thess. 4:13-18

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**Herran Ybarra** - April 29 at 01:21 AM

CD

“ There is a new star sparkling in the Heavens today. Kelly shined brightly on earth, and now in our sky. Kelly will always be one of those special people that will continue to remind me to smile, and be kind. Praying for peace for you Dennis, and the whole Ryan family. A donation has been made in Kelly's memory.

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**Christine Duren** - April 28 at 06:25 PM

DS

“ Kelly was one of the few people on this side of heaven who exemplifies God's divine example of HIS love. She always had a smile even during the challenges of her illness . We will miss her so. A donation has been made in her honor . Praying for Comfort and Peace over the entire Ryan family .

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**Denise Sarko** - April 28 at 01:57 PM