



Kelly Jo Melendi-Caruso

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Caruso, Kelly Jo Melendi, 53, of Tampa, FL, passed away suddenly on October 11, 2016. Kelly was blessed with a vivacious and infectious personality. She was unbelievably gregarious, never meeting a stranger. She had an insatiable and charitable desire to make everyone she met feel so very welcome. As a result she is survived by too many friends to mention. Kelly graduated from St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary, Academy of the Holy Names and the University of Florida. She taught for many years at St. Lawrence where she became a fixture and to many a legend. Kelly was preceded in death by her mother-in-law, Gloria Caruso. Survivors include her husband, Michael Caruso, daughters, Meghan and Emily Caruso, son, Matthew Caruso, father, Joseph E. Melendi, mother, Lee T. Melendi, stepmother, Mary G. McEachern, sisters, Kimberly Kaye Mlack and Margaret Ann (Meg) Sweeney, father-in-law, Sam Caruso, aunt and uncle, Terri and Dr. Ruben Valdes, aunt, Barbara Ann Menendez, Godfather, John Melendi, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends and relatives at 5:30 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Tampa, Florida. A Memorial Mass will follow at 7 pm at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to St. Lawrence Early Childhood Program.



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Memorial Visitation

 **Saturday**, October 15, 2016

 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **St. Lawrence Catholic Church**
5225 N. Himes Ave, Tampa FL 33614

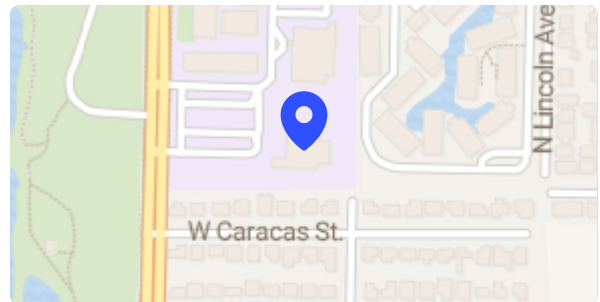


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JP

Joe Perez posted:

It has been many years since I have seen Kelly and Michael. I will always remember what a sweet and wonderful person Kelly was. She was kind and loving to all she met. What a tremendous loss. She had so much to give. My deepest condolences to Michael and all the family and friends who are grieving. Joe and Desiree Perez

October 24 at 5:01 AM

MT

Meg Connelly Truluck posted:

Kelly was a sorority sister at The University of Florida, when I look back at our years together I can only smile. She was always laughing and making everyone smile. It has been many years since I have seen Kelly but my memories seem like it was only yesterday. I am praying for the entire family. In the bonds, Meg Truluck

October 21 at 1:20 AM

LY

Lynette posted:

My condolences to the family and friends of Kelly. May you have peace in the days ahead.~
Isaiah 25:8

October 17 at 10:32 AM

TM

Tony Moscato posted:

Oh Kelly we knew each other thru Tampa Catholic. You lit up the room with your smile and happiness when you walked in. You are in a special place now with god and this world lost a very true and sweet person. May you Rest In Peace. Tony Moscato and Family

October 15 at 5:00 PM

JP

Jeanie Prewitt posted:

So very sorry to hear of Kelly's passing. She was such a light at Broward Elementary many years ago. I can still see her contagious smile and hear her unique laugh. In her short life, she inspired many young children. Love and prayers...Jeanie Prewitt

October 15 at 4:12 PM



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Debi Veranth posted:

I had the privilege of sharing a classroom at Broward Elementary School with Kelly. My face hurt each day from the smiles and laughter she brought out in me. Thank you Kelly for the laughter. She was one of a kind. May God hold her close. For she was and is an angel.

October 15 at 1:39 PM



Jerry Rozier December 2 at 7:24 AM

my daughter and I were very sadden to hear this news, my daughter had her as a teacher at broward elementary back in the 90s. we just learned of this tradegy. my heart goes out to her family and friends. we loved you ms melendi...brandy and jerry rozier



Lori Pask posted:

Kelly was a beautiful person both inside and out. She was such a pleasure to work with. So sorry for your loss.

October 15 at 11:02 AM



Rosalie C. Perrone posted:

Dear Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Kelly was a very loving person and I know she will be missed. Rosalie and Manuel Perrone

October 15 at 9:13 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Melendi-Caruso family.

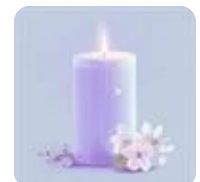


October 15 at 6:26 AM



Bertha Ontiveros Zapata lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

I was so sorry to hear of Kelly's passing away. I taught with Kelly at Broward Elementary in the late 1980's. She was an awesome teacher and friend. Rest In Peace dear Kelly, for now you are home. Bertha Ontiveros Zapata



October 15 at 3:22 AM



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Anonymous sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the Melendi-Carus family.

October 14 at 8:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Melendi-Carus family.

October 14 at 1:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Melendi-Carus family.

October 14 at 1:27 PM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Melendi-Carus family.

October 14 at 1:26 PM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Melendi-Carus family.

October 14 at 1:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Melendi-Carus family.

October 14 at 11:13 AM





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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Melendi-Caruso family.

October 14 at 10:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Melendi-Caruso family.

October 14 at 10:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Rose Impression Casket Spray to the Melendi-Caruso family.

October 14 at 9:47 AM



MW

Mercedes Willis lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

October 14 at 9:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Melendi-Caruso family.

October 14 at 7:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Melendi-Caruso family.

October 14 at 7:30 AM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Melendi-Carus family.



October 14 at 7:03 AM



John Valenti posted:

Kelly you will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace beautiful angel.

October 14 at 6:32 AM



Ron, Sherri, Chad, Ashley Aiken, Ashlyn & Sam Morton sent a Heart's Companion Bouquet to the Melendi-Carus family.



October 14 at 6:23 AM



Valerie Solorzano posted:

We met all the Melindi's at a family reunion in April. Kelly was funny and gracious and loved that all family could meet and begin anew. We are sad that we had such a short time together, yet praise God that she is now Home in Heaven. We send our sympathies to her family and loved ones. Heaven has another Angel. Dolores Hernandez-Miller and Valerie Solórzano and Families

October 14 at 5:28 AM



Viviana, Saul, Alexandria Y Lizette Cotto lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

My family and I were so so fortunate to share wonderful memories with Kelly. She brought so much love and joy to everyone. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Melendi-Carus family. Heaven has received another Angel.



October 14 at 3:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Melendi-Carus family.



October 13 at 7:02 PM



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Anonymous sent a Pretty Please to the Melendi-Caruso family.

October 13 at 4:09 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Melendi-Caruso family.

October 13 at 3:43 PM



Kyla Macalinao lit a candle in honor of Kelly.

I don't think I could ever forget the generosity and sincerity displayed by Mrs. Caruso when I first came to Tampa Catholic as a transfer student 9 years ago. She made sure I was okay, made the last of my high school years memorable, and introduced me to the person who still remains my best friend, her daughter...

Only a few of the many, very wonderful qualities that she holds. For that, I have her to thank. She truly made the effort to give people warmth and a smile. She'll always be remembered. May God always bless her as she watches over us.

October 13 at 3:26 PM



Rene posted:

The Farrell Family is praying for everyone. We are so very sorry and will continue to pray for you. Kelly was a wonderful person. She always made me smile and was the first Mom to offer her help while we were at St Lawrence. Love, Sean, Rene and Ashley Farrell

October 13 at 3:20 PM



Ralph Barbon posted:

So sorry to Michael and the Caruso and Melendi Families. Kelly was such a sweet and kind person and the St. Lawrence family has lost one of it's own. Thoughts and prayers.

October 13 at 3:07 PM



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Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Melendi-Caruso family.

October 13 at 12:01 PM



Shannon Thompson posted:

I will forever remember all the summers spent on the beach with Kelly and the big Melendi Clan. Kelly always had a big smile and warm hug ready to greet you. Her infectious personality always made for a fun event from a million photo moments to getting all the kids together to line dance on the beach. We will miss her but will look for her as the brightest star in the sky.....Hugs and prayers to Meghan, Emily, Matthew and the entire Melendi Family.

October 13 at 11:30 AM



Shannon Thompson posted:

I will forever remember our summers on the beach with our family and the big Melindi Clan! Kelly always had a smile and big hug ready to welcome you. We will miss her! Prayers and hugs to Meghan, Emily, Matthew and the entire Melindi family!

October 13 at 11:12 AM



George Migliore posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza & Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.

October 13 at 6:50 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kelly by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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