



Kelly Richards

February 6, 1961 - November 1, 2016

Kelly Richards, 55
Kearney resident

Kelly Richards, 55, of Kearney, died Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at her home. A memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 4, 2016 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with the Rev. Jerry Ness officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the Nebraska Kidney Association, 11725 Arbor St #230, Omaha, NE 68144. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kelly Rice Richards was born on February 6, 1961 in Hays, Kansas to Ken & Sherry Rice. She passed away November 1, 2016 in Kearney, NE surrounded by her family. Kelly went to school in Fremont and then North Platte, NE where she graduated with the Class of 1979. She also graduated from Joseph's College of Beauty and went on to practice cosmetology until she began raising her family.

Kelly was united in marriage to Loren Richards on October 11, 1980. Kelly and Loren made their home in Kearney, NE. Kelly was a fulltime mother to her four children as well as numerous other young people who came into her life, as a

friend of her children, or just needed someone to call Mom. She welcomed them to her home to stay for an hour, a day, or a lifetime.

She is survived by her husband Loren of Kearney, four children Karri Richards of Minden, Stephani Richards Lueninghoener (Adam), Kasey Richards, and Kassi Richards all of Kearney, four grandchildren Joslynn, Laci, Haleigh, and Andy of Kearney. She is also survived by her Mother, Sherry Rice of Lexington, one sister Kristi Rice Jergensen (Kent) of Lexington, two brothers Warren Rice (Peggy) of Kearney, and Kraig Rice of Santa Barbara, CA, several nephews and nieces, and many “adopted children” including Olivia TenBensel, James Worley, Regan Christensen, Robbin Adams.

Kelly was preceded in death by her father Kenneth Rice and mother and father-in-law Charles and Minnie Richards.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kelly Richards*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of the passing of Kelly. I took summer classes with her. She was such a fun person to study with. So generous to open her home up to a couple of fellow students. My sincere sympathy to Kelly's family. I feel very privileged to cross paths with Kelly. Sincerely Cynthia Willhoit*

Cyndie willhoit - January 09, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ *Sherry Rice lit a candle in memory of Kelly Richards*



Sherry Rice - November 13, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *We played in High School Band together and hung out many times after marching Band @football games. A few double dates. And Bowling at Cedar Bowl when it was on the north side. She was always fun to be around live and bubbly and we made beautiful memories. Music was our natural high while so many turned to other things & partying.. My Thoughts and Prayers are with her beloved Husband and Family. Goodbye to a dear friend..*

Lori A. Nelson Edwards - November 04, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kelly Richards.



November 04, 2016 at 12:07 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Kelly Richards.



November 03, 2016 at 06:40 PM



“ *Tina & Olivia tenBensel Troy, Joslyn & Anna* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Kelly Richards.



Tina & Olivia tenBensel Troy, Joslyn & Anna - November 03, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Kelly Richards.



November 03, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Kelly Richards.*



November 03, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ *I was saddened to see Kelly's passing in the paper. I didn't recognize the last name but I knew I recognized her photo. Kelly was always very nice to me as a young kid hanging around the Rice home in NP with her brother Warren. Thoughts and prayers for all of you.*

Richard Keck - November 03, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ *Kelly was one of my favorite people to hang out with in band. Always a big smile and larger than life personality. Spent many fun time in her VW bug riding around. So sorry to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends at this difficult time.*

Jacque Mattke - November 03, 2016 at 01:22 AM



“ *Loren and family- Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We loved Kelly and we love all of you. She was our sister through God our Savior and now she is with Him, her dad, and loved ones, including our beloved Marc. Ken and Gail Donohue*



Kenneth Donohue - November 02, 2016 at 10:41 PM

DM

“ Kelly was a very sweet woman & Great friend.
She was an awesome at cutting & styling my curly hair. It took
several long yrs to find someone else I could trust after we moved.
Love u Kelly very much. Jacob will be there to great u.

Dawn MaGee - November 02, 2016 at 06:44 PM

KB

“ Kelly-you were strong for so long. A great mom & wife & friend. You
and Loren have raised some pretty awesome kids too. It's your turn
to rest Kelly. Love hugs and prayers to Loren & family. God Bless.
Karma & Larry Bomberger.

Karma Plantz Bomberger - November 02, 2016 at 01:31 PM