



Kelly Brinkley

June 29, 1979 - February 8, 2021

April Kelly (Koziol) Brinkley, 41, went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 8, 2021 at Atrium Health in Charlotte, NC.

Born in Greenville, SC, she was the daughter of Edward and Ann Werner Koziol. Kelly was a 1997 graduate of Travelers Rest High School and a 2001 graduate of Clemson University where she earned her BS Degree in Accounting with honors and was a member of the Phi Sigma Pi Honor Society. She was employed by Auro Hotels where she was an accountant, and a member of Travelers Rest United Methodist Church where she played in the Bell Choir. She was a loving wife, daughter and friend to many and loved Disney and all its magic and enchantment.

Along with her parents, Kelly is survived by her husband of 16 years, Gary Long Brinkley; brother: Ryan Koziol and his daughter, Addison Koziol; father and mother-in-law: Gary and Patricia Brinkley; sister-in-law: Lynn Mason and her children, Corey Bailey and Cheyenne Warren along with her two loving cats: Panda and Nala.

Funeral service will be Monday, February 15, 2021 starting promptly at 1:00 p.m. in The Howze Mortuary Chapel with The Reverend Jonathan Tompkins officiating. The service will be Lived-Streamed at www.facebook.com/thehowzemortuary beginning at 12:50 p.m. Due to COVID-19, there will not be a

formal visitation and social distancing will be observed for the funeral service.

Burial will be at Mountain View Memorial Park in Travelers Rest.

The family is at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to TRUMC – Bell Choir, 19 S. Main St., Travelers Rest, SC 29690 or Greenville County Humane Society, 305 Airport Rd., Greenville, SC 29607.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Service

FEB 15. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Burial

FEB 15. 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM (ET)

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens
7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Kelly Brinkley*



The Howze Mortuary - February 15, 2021 at 09:45 AM

RR

“ *Kelly and I were diehard Clemson Football Fans and each time Clemson Won we gave each other high 5s.and when Clemson Lost we spent time discussing why they lost and what they would have to do differently to win the next. We both had praises for Debi because of his qualities of grooming kids into responsible men. She and I worked together and closely. She was project oriented and completed them on time. Especially during year-end tax season. Kelly we will cherish all the memories you have left behind. We all wish you could have stayed on. I know you caught well but God wanted you sooner hence He Won. You are in a better place with the Lord Under His Wings. You will be missed, your bubbly laughs and smiles will be missed your cheers will be missed. When I was down you cheered me and boosted my morale. Thanks for everything you did at work. No words could express my gratitude and it was my honor and privilege to present the Associate of The Year Award to you which you very well deserved. Gary please know that she was very special person with a tinder kind heart and loving nature and very compassionate person. Credit goes to her parents who raised her a true spiritual person. You all family members are and will be in my prayers*

Raman (R. P.) Rama - February 18, 2021 at 04:01 PM

EK

“ I haven't seen Kelly since high school, but every memory I have of her at that time was of a happy, genuine, positive person. She was always a pleasure to be around. So sorry for your loss.

Erica (Rall) Kirkham - February 16, 2021 at 08:26 PM

KH

“ My heart goes out to Gary and the rest of Kelly's family. Kelly was a pure joy to work with. Kelly always kept me laughing. I never enjoyed celebrating someone else's birthday so much until I met Kelly. Her joy was so contagious that we couldn't help but enjoy Kellypalooza, as she called it. She will be missed.



Keia Haaker - February 15, 2021 at 01:51 PM

BT

“ In memory of Kelly, you will be missed so much.
Becky



Becky Thompson - February 15, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ In Memory - Comfort Candles was purchased for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



February 15, 2021 at 08:40 AM

BF

“ *Brian Fitzmaurice lit a candle in memory of Kelly Brinkley*



Brian Fitzmaurice - February 15, 2021 at 08:32 AM

LM

“ *Lynn Mason lit a candle in memory of Kelly Brinkley*



Lynn Mason - February 15, 2021 at 07:52 AM

GB

“ *Gary Brinkley lit a candle in memory of Kelly Brinkley*



gary brinkley - February 15, 2021 at 06:15 AM

SS

“ So many memories to only share just one of such a sweet friend of many years. From school days, parties, beach trips, lake days, weddings and many more. We will never forget our pigeon forge hotel sign "older than some cleaner than most" and all the fun that was had there and also of course our Nantahala rafting trip!! Kelly was the best friend a girl could ask for and I'm so thankful that I have so many memories to look back on and cherish forever. Until we meet again my sweet friend!!



Stacey Sexton - February 15, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



February 14, 2021 at 03:53 PM

VE

“ Kelly was a special soul that brightened the day in the office; I wish she knew this before she left. You could tell when she was on vacation; her wit, her contagious laugh and her big presence were already missed. She was always nice and would not hold back to share more explanation when I had a question, she could have been a good teacher. She always wore neat cross-body purses and was always up to going to Saffron for lunch with the group. Kelly will be always in a special place in our hearts and she will be greatly missed. Rest in peace dear Kelly.
My deepest condolences to her family,
Veronica Espinoza.

Veronica Espinoza - February 14, 2021 at 03:38 PM

TA

“ Tim & Amy purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



Tim & Amy - February 14, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



February 14, 2021 at 08:41 AM

AP

“ Gary, I'm so sorry 🥺 for you're lost...I never met Kelly, but I'm sure she was a wonderful person...I have no more words too explain this pandemic..May She RIP

anthony pullara - February 14, 2021 at 03:49 AM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Howze Mortuary - February 13, 2021 at 02:43 PM

KW

Kelly's life in pictures, how precious. How we loved her and always will. Such a heart of gold, always with a smile. Love, Dicky & Kathy

Kathy Walker - February 14, 2021 at 02:32 PM

PB

So Sorry for your loss Sport,,,Kelly was surely a shining star,,,Be Blessed.

love you! Phillip, Barbara & Christina.

Phillip Brown - February 15, 2021 at 01:36 PM


GB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



gary brinkley - February 12, 2021 at 10:39 AM

AS

“ Kelly Brinkley, was one of my first best friends at Gateway Elementary, CO of '97 Devildogs and continued our journey to Clemson! Rest in heaven, sweet friend   Prayers of comfort to her family and friends!



Adrienne Swinton - February 11, 2021 at 10:39 PM

AW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



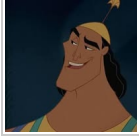
Aubrey Walker - February 11, 2021 at 06:43 PM

BG

“ My dear Ann. Words cannot express my sadness for the passing of your beautiful daughter. I wish you comfort and compassion at this difficult time for you. Love you, Brenda Garrett



Brenda Garrett - February 11, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Gary Brinkley Jr - February 11, 2021 at 02:36 PM



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Gary L. Brinkley Jr - February 11, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



February 11, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



heather - February 11, 2021 at 10:52 AM

HE

“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Heather - February 11, 2021 at 10:50 AM

AW

“ Dear Kelly... where do I begin? You were my first friend when my family moved from Mauldin to Travelers Rest. We went through middle school, braces, boys, and high school together. Afternoons & weekends spent acting crazy & driving our parents nuts... Summers spent swimming and laying out by your parents' pool... Had our first car accident together, and both walked away unscathed (the big man upstairs was surely watching over us)... Four years at Clemson together, roommates both laughing through our struggles to get our accounting degrees (and nearly going insane in the process)! Partying on the weekends, going to every Clemson football game together, tailgating and pulling for our Tigers all the way. Maids/matrons of honor in each other's weddings... Worked together at the same company for a short time, because you helped me get a job there when I went back to work after having Tyler. We even eventually moved into the same neighborhood together, purely by 'coincidence'... and you have lived right down the road from me for the last 17 years. Every time we talked, the conversation would last for over an hour, and still we never ran out of things to say. There never seemed to be enough time to catch up on things...

You were the best friend any girl could have hoped for, and the sister I never had. Never did I ever think that it would end this way, so soon. I don't understand why God chose to call you home at such a young age, but on Monday, February 8th at 2:43 pm, that is what He did - and for now, I have to trust in Him and know that as much as it hurts, His will is perfect and complete. My heart is shattered, not only for myself, but also the many loved ones that you leave behind... but I know that you, my beautiful friend, are in the arms of Jesus, walking on streets of gold and experiencing more happiness, love & beauty than any of us could possibly know right now; you are whole, healthy, and never to know sorrow or pain again. And for that, I am very thankful!

So I won't say good-bye forever - only good-bye for now... I'll see you again soon, sweet friend. I love you so much!





Aubrey Walker - February 11, 2021 at 10:32 AM

KW

What a beautiful tribute to a lifelong friend who can never be replaced....but will surely be remembered always with love and laughter.

Kathy Walker

Kathy Walker - February 14, 2021 at 02:34 PM

DT

“ *DENISE TIBEDO lit a candle in memory of Kelly Brinkley*



DENISE TIBEDO - February 11, 2021 at 09:53 AM

SK

“ 19 years ago I met a beautiful and sweet young woman at work and I thought she would be perfect for one of my best friends Gary. I had to convince both of them to go on a blind date together and they both fought me..lol. But holy cow the next day they were both so excited to tell me how it went. I loved watching Kelly & Gary fall in love and was blessed to attend their wedding. I was lucky that Kelly and I worked together and she always had a moment to stop and talk about what her and Gary were up to, the trips to Disney and what was happening in our shared neighborhood. I am now heartbroken for my friend Gary, and saddened for the loss of this beautiful & kind woman. Our office will forever miss her sweet spirit. I'm at a loss to express my sadness and wish both families some peace.
Sharron



Sharron Koch - February 10, 2021 at 07:04 PM

ME

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Melissa - February 10, 2021 at 06:57 PM

ME

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Melissa - February 10, 2021 at 06:47 PM

AD

“ I am very lucky to have many memories of Kelly but, they are still way too few. Mom would have said she remembered how much Kelly loved pickles as a child (I heard that many, many times from Kelly’s Granny). For myself, I have memories of attending Kelly’s College Graduation from Clemson where she followed in the footsteps of her dad. I have memories of Kelly’s beautiful wedding to Gary and memories of when they came to visit Chicago in the middle of the “polar votex” where we had to wipe the foggy windows to see the beautiful Christmas lights of Rosemont. I remember Kelly laughing at the silly things I said coming in and out of remnant anesthesia after a “procedure” because I wanted to stay up and visit ...instead of going to bed (where I should have been). I remember how strong Kelly was for Gary when he was in the hospital and how adorable she was in her Cubs gear at a rainy baseball game and taking our picture in the mirrors at the top of the Hancock Building. I remember the bracelet she helped me pick out at the market in Charleston. I will forever remember what a sweet beautiful girl Kelly was and how lucky I am to have had her in my life. You will forever be in my heart Dear Kelly.

Aunt Dawn - February 10, 2021 at 05:55 PM

TS

“ Tom&Trish Melissa&Robert Thomas&Oy Steven&Mich purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



Tom&Trish Melissa&Robert Thomas&Oy Steven&Mich -
February 10, 2021 at 05:29 PM

MV

“ I cannot find the words to Expressthis is very hard to believe that we want be able to see Kelly in our office. Who I have seen for 19 years! Kelly you will always be in our hearts and memories... And will be missed dearly. We love you. May Lord be with you to guide the path and enlighten your soul with peace 🙏🙏🙏



Madhu Vivek - February 10, 2021 at 05:14 PM

GB

“ gary brinkley purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



gary brinkley - February 10, 2021 at 03:28 PM

GB

“ Rest in peace sweet girl ,you made Sport happy man.We will always love and miss you once in a life time a great person like you comes along .Love you forever Pat Brinkley

gary brinkley - February 10, 2021 at 03:20 PM

AN

“ Aunt Dawn and Cousin Nathan purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



Aunt Dawn and Cousin Nathan - February 10, 2021 at 02:57 PM

VA

“ No words can express my sorrow in your leaving us Kelly! You were so smart intelligent very focused organized yet very modest humble, always ready to help with a smile. You always had a interesting story to make us all laugh! Miss you terribly! Learnt so much from you and I will always cherish that. Love you so much!!
You live with us Kelly in our hearts and no one can take that precious memories.
Rest in Peace my dear Kelly!

Love to Kelly and your parents!!

Vanaja - February 10, 2021 at 02:50 PM

CM

“ Caitlin, Nate, Terry and Mike. purchased the Lave
nder Reflections Spray for the family of Kelly
Brinkley.



Caitlin, Nate, Terry and Mike. - February 10, 2021 at 02:42 PM

CW

“ Ann,
We are very sorry for your loss. May God
bless and give you peace and comfort in your
hearts. You are in our prayers 🙏❤️.
Randy and Charlotte Walters



Charlotte Walters - February 10, 2021 at 12:38 PM

CM

“ *Don and I are so sorry for the loss of sweet Kelly. We are praying for Gary and the rest of her family. She is an angel watching over you.*

Cindy Miller - February 10, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CM

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Cindy Miller - February 10, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelly Brinkley.*



February 10, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kelly Brinkley.*



February 10, 2021 at 10:21 AM

BF

“Denise and I don't have many memories, which we are sad for, but What we do know is how happy she made our friend Gary and that's all we need. When we was introduced to her, we knew he had someone special. Our deepest sympathies are with you Gary and your family, and hers as well. We know she's in the good place because there's no other place she could possibly be. All of our love to you both.

Brian Fitzmaurice - February 10, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



February 10, 2021 at 09:10 AM

GB

“When KELLY came to my home a ray of sunshine lit up my home.Her warm beautiful smile made my day.On the days she and my son came for breakfast it was a great day.She loved bacon and honey,I always made sure there was a lot so she had enough to take home.Looking at her across the table filled my heart with LOVE.I will cherish and remember this the rest of my life I MISS YOU LOVE GARY BRINKLEY SR.

gary brinkley - February 10, 2021 at 08:30 AM

KA

“ I have DVDs of sleep-over nights at our house with pre-teen Aubrey, Kelly and Anna playing piano, singing, dancing and I have to go dig them out when I think I can bear to watch them. If Aubrey wasn't home, she was at Kelly's. If Kelly wasn't home, she was here. Sometimes, Ann would come down with Kelly and the four of us would watch chick flicks all evening in the basement. What wonderful, sweet and innocent days those were. Then the day arrived when it was time for them to learn to drive....oh, mercy....say no more! Before we knew it, they were taking turns driving back & forth to Clemson every weekend. Then their beautiful weddings a few years apart. Then Kelly convinced Aubrey to build a new house in the same community where she lived. They fed each other's cats while one was on vacation, even worked together at the same place for a time. Neighbors for 17 years. No wonder Aubrey feels like she's lost her sister and we feel like we've lost a daughter! Prayers for you ALL, Gary, Ed, Ann, Ryan and Addie. God bless you all in these difficult days ahead. We love you all!



Kathy - February 10, 2021 at 01:18 AM

DJ

“ Dicky, Kathy, Eli, Aubrey, Tyler & Josh purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kelly Brinkley.



Dicky, Kathy, Eli, Aubrey, Tyler & Josh - February 09, 2021 at 10:16 PM

MA

“ I'll always be grateful to Kelly and her family in making us their neighbors. We all had such a wonderful time in those years. Kelly and Abby often played together. We send our love to all of you. The memories are sweet. Hold on to all of them.

Mike Alexander - February 09, 2021 at 09:54 PM

KW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kathy Walker - February 09, 2021 at 09:54 PM

TS

“ May you be surrounded by all the furbabies that you ever loved ❤️
Fly High Beautiful Butterfly 🦋 Visit Often we will be watching

TERESA SMELTZER - February 09, 2021 at 09:51 PM

JM

“ How do you pick just one memory of someone you have known almost 15 years? The one thing I will always remember is Kelly's laugh. Once she got started, she had all of us at the office laughing. Rest easy, sweet friend! ☐



Jacqueline Moon - February 09, 2021 at 08:09 PM

ML

“ Kelly was always fun to be around,i remember her saving a wild kitten from Pat and Gary's house she sat on the front porch and had the kitten all cuddle d up in my sister Shirleys bucket hat then took it home with her,i understand it made a good pet. Kelly will be greatly missed and fondly remembered

Mary(aunt Libby)scott - February 09, 2021 at 06:52 PM

JR

*Our memories are seeing her warm smile, soft words and loving demeanor.
She will be missed but will live on in all the mind of those who had the privilege of knowing her.
May the Lord bless her and wrap his love around Kelly. Our very deepest sympathy.*

JP Rama, Auro Hotels

JP Rama - February 15, 2021 at 04:05 PM

ML

“ I remember so fondly when kelly rescued the kitten down at Pat n Gary's house.she held it in her lap in my sister Shirleys bucket hat then she took the wild little thing home.it was always great fun to be around Kelly she will be greatly missed.

Mary scott(aunt Libby) - February 09, 2021 at 06:42 PM

LM

“ You will be missed sweet lady. I'm glad I had the opportunity to call you my sister in law. Love you. Fly high sweet angel. Our loss is heavens gain

Lynn Mason - February 09, 2021 at 06:34 PM