



## Kelley Purkey Keeling

January 31, 1962 - March 1, 2019

Kelley Purkey Keeling, age 57, a resident of Cleveland, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 1, 2019 at her home. Kelley was born on January 31, 1962 in Findlay, Ohio. Kelley joins her mother, Barbara Purkey, her uncles Butch, Bud and her brothers, Greg and Mike Purkey in Heaven. Kelley was a beautiful soul and definitely marched to her own beat.

Survivors include her father, Robert Purkey of Cincinnati, Ohio, her husband, Charles Keeling of Cleveland, Tennessee, her son, Brock Bowen and his wife Rebecca, his daughter, Rachel Purkey and her husband Jon, her grandchildren, Zero, Zyon and Zelda all of Cleveland, her sister, Robin Basett of Findlay, Ohio, her brother, Shawn Purkey and his wife Tammy of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, her sister, Heather Wells and her husband Danny of Cincinnati, Ohio, her aunt, Connie Walls also of Findlay, her uncle, Lee Walls and his wife Rose of Gallipolis, Ohio and her uncle Doug Purkey of Findlay, Ohio also survives.

The Remembrance of Life Service will be conducted at a later time in Findlay, Ohio. The Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Chapel has charge of the arrangements. You may share your condolences and your memories with Kelley's family at [www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com).

# Comments

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“ I am so sad to learn that Kelley passed on. I previously went to school with Kelley at Cleveland State Community College from 2002 till 2005, and Kelley was one of the first friends that I made as a student at CSCC, as I was new to the college and I was just fresh out of high school. I recall that Kelley and I both took Composition 1 together, as well as several other classes. Kelley really made me feel at ease with her kind words, she helped me study for my classes, and she helped me learn to adjust to being a college student, in general. My heart goes out to Kelley’s entire family. Sincerely, Jason Gillespie.

**Jason J. Gillespie** - April 19, 2020 at 03:51 PM

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“ Kelley was a loving person. Even as a child I picture her making sure I knew she loved me. I am proud of her and the way she handled her last days was impressive. She did her best to get things right with people where there may have been issues. She did her best to make sure everyone knew she loved them. That's all we can do is our best. And oh, those grandkids! Not a conversation went by without them being bragged about. And she was so proud of her kids. I am thankful that my kids have pleasant memories of her, being her favorite. I am glad to have had her as my sister. She will be sorely missed. I would like to add that Kelley prepared most of her obituary. Unfortunately she neglected to include Aunt Carol and Aunt Eileen as being deceased. I know she wasn't thinking straight due to oxygen deficiency and surely would have added them. I know she loved them as well and we talked several times about how kind and good they were to us.

**Shawn** - March 11, 2019 at 08:43 PM

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“ Kelley was a dear niece....she loved to laugh and never took anything very seriously. She loved her family, friends, and especially her grandbabies. I will miss our many phone calls but more than anything, I will miss her . Rest In Peace until we meet again.

**Connie Walls** - March 09, 2019 at 05:57 PM

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“ Kelley always made it a point to let all of her neices and nephews know that they were her favorite, lol! That very act of love put a smile on all of their faces. She was a wonderful sister-in-law and I am looking forward to seeing her again someday. It's not goodbye, it's until we meet again!

**Tammy** - March 09, 2019 at 07:24 AM

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“ 5th grade is when we became friends for life. I love you and when I think of you I will smile until we meet again. R. I. P. Dear friend.

**Polly Barringer-Shuman** - March 08, 2019 at 01:43 PM

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“ For the past 7 years, she has more than welcomed me into her home, but also into her family with open arms. She was a beautiful woman inside and out, and always had something funny to say. I loved her as if she was my own mother. Thank you momma for giving me the chance to learn from you, and for raising the amazing son I married. You will be missed by all. I love you and will miss you.

**Rebecca Bowen** - March 07, 2019 at 07:49 PM

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“ Kelley was my momma. And for 28 years she was my absolute best friend, the one person I turned to for any and everything, and she was an amazing woman. She was hilarious and playful, honest and opinionated, quirky and sometimes so ditzy. But she was so wonderful, and most everyone who knew her loved her. I miss her so much. And so do my kids. I'll never regret the time spent taking care of her, or being there for her final moments, as hard as that was. I love you momma.

**Rachel Purkey** - March 07, 2019 at 05:02 PM