



Katherine Kelley

March 20, 1954 - February 28, 2026

Katherine Helen Kelley (1954 – 2026)

Kathy was born the first child to Robert “Bob” Kelley and Sheila (Sherman) Kelley in Hamilton, Ohio. Kathy lived her early years in Ohio with her siblings, Tim, Missy, and Marna. Early on, Kathy helped raise her younger siblings following the tragic early death of her father.

Growing up, Kathy and her siblings spent many fun summers and vacations with her Harris cousins in Chillicothe, Ohio. Kathy was especially close to cousin Nancy and lived with her for a brief period until wanderlust got the better of her, then she moved to beautiful Washington State and spent the rest of her life there.

Kathy, “Kell” to many of her Washington friends, enjoyed bowling, camping, and many water sports. Kathy worked in a variety of fields, including owning her own cleaning business. In mid-life, Kathy went to college, earning her Bachelor's and Master's, becoming a counselor helping others. Through her counseling and friends, she met her life partner and spouse, Patty. Together, along with a close-knit group of friends, Kell lived a full life on her own terms, taking life as it came.

Kathy will be greatly missed by her spouse Patty, family, friends, and

Seahawks fans; Debbie, Lillie, and Rhonda, Lisa and Lou, and childhood friends Julie, Susan, Debbie, and so many others. Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and sisters.

Cremation is planned, and those who wish to memorialize Kell should give thanks to her indomitable spirit and to live an unfearful life surrounded by family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wenatchee Humane Society Clinic at wvhs@wenatcheehumane.org, specifically for spaying and neutering. If sending a check, write Katherine Kelley on the check.

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy, you were my best friend when we were kids. We spent every single summer together. I loved you like a sister. We had so many great times together that I can't even come close to naming them all. You have left us way too soon and have taken a piece of my heart with you. Don't worry about Tim. Jo and I will make sure that he is okay. I love you, Kathy.*

Nancy Robertson - March 11 at 10:33 AM

JG

“ *Kathy, my dear friend. You will be missed by many. We were best friends in early childhood before you moved to Michigan, then after moving back to Ohio after Bob died. I always looked forward to seeing what kind of things we could get into on the weekends. I thought of you often during the years. The week before you passed, you were on my mind and thought of often. Not really knowing why. Then got the message from Tim. Now I know you are not in pain and in a better place. Love ya, Julie.*

Julie Gross - March 10 at 04:42 PM

TK

“ *Dear Sis aka "Ka Ka." Thank you for helping raise me from infancy into a young adult. Although we got into mischievous "situations," at times, our times together meant the world to me. Thank you too for protecting, and when needed "counseling," me, Missy and Marna. You, Missy and Marna are all gone now but live on in my memory and one day we may again be together. Love your Bro*

Tim Kelley - March 10 at 11:24 AM