



## Kelly Lynn Coleman

June 29, 1973 - June 9, 2017

Kelly Lynn Coleman, age 43, of Watseka, passed away Friday, June 9, 2017 at her home.

Kelly was born June 29, 1973 in Kankakee, the daughter of Lawrence J. & Carol Wheeler Coleman.

Surviving are her mother, Carol Calahan of Alamogordo, NM; her father and step-mother, Lawrence "Larry" & Marion Coleman of Aroma Park; her brother, Cameron L. Coleman of Alamogordo, NM; maternal grandfather, Ted Wheeler of Bradley; one maternal aunt, Pam Elroy of Las Vegas; paternal aunts & uncles, Laura Noeth of Memphis, TN, Jim Coleman of Raleigh, NC, Jerry Coleman of Palm Beach, FL, and Neil & Laurie Coleman of Buncombe, IL; and many, many cousins.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Lois Wheeler; paternal grandparents, Bill & Helen Coleman; two uncles, Bill Coleman and John Coleman; one aunt, Eileen Coleman; and her step-father, Tom Calahan. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the 4:00 p.m. memorial service on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Kelly Lynn Coleman has her kickstand up and left to give her Lord a final ride on her Harley. I'm sure God is grinning as they lean into the curves near Sturgis. Heading east, the morning sun's glare warms her face as they point to

New York. By noon, she's cruising the Holland Tunnel, arriving at a rundown alley in Manhattan's west side. She has her arm around God while snapping a selfie at a graffiti -filled wall. Stopped for a street light, a cop repeatedly points to his head, saying, "no helmet." She smiles that beautiful smile and says, "nice hat" as she twists the throttle. With God as her copilot, she cracks the throttle again, joining Rolling Thunder from Liberty Peak to the Vietnam Memorial. Kelly had her last ride last week when I picked up her remains. She was a butterfly on high octane from driving her jeep with a six foot bull snake wrapped around the roll bar to competing in karate. A loving girl who worshiped children, she studied to be a Chiropractor. Please keep Kelly in your heart forever as she loved God and family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
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Kankakee, IL 60901  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

RN

“ I am still in shock about Kelly's passing away. She was fearless. I remember once seeing her dance through a crowd, all alone at an outside concert. The expression "dance as if no one is watching" that was her! She was having a great time, all alone in a crowd, just being herself, enjoying the moment.

*My deepest expression of sympathy and prayers to her entire family.*

*Rosemary Nowicki*

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**Rosemary Nowicki** - July 01, 2017 at 01:43 AM

CC

*Thank you so much, Rosemary, for that wonderful memory! It reminds me of the time she and I went to a theater and saw "Happy Feet", when she lived in Las Cruces, NM. At the end, she stood and danced, too--with the penguins on the screen. These memories bring tears and joy, so welcome. We WILL see Kelly again, and enjoy unimaginable eternal life with her, Jesus, and family and friends that have gone home ahead of us. Thank you so much!*

*Mrs. Carol Callahan (Kelly Lynn Coleman's mother)*

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**Carol Callahan** - March 26, 2019 at 04:51 PM

DL

“ *Larry & Marion, my sympathy to you and your family on the recent loss of Kelly. Deb Lambert.*

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**Debra K Lambert** - June 25, 2017 at 02:16 PM

AS

“ Kelly, Has always been a free spirit who lived life to her fullest ,on her own terms.  
NO MORE BOUNDRIES!



May GODs loving eternal light grace those of us left behind. With only the memories of the joy Kelly Had for her life s experiences.  
Lovingly Jim & April Stepp

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**April L. Stepp** - June 25, 2017 at 10:31 AM

CC

Thank you so much for sharing. Kelly's my only daughter, and it brings tears and joy to remember her and know that others loved her as well. A little book called ENCOURAGEMENT FROM 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN is a wonderful account of the unimaginable and exquisite JOY our loved ones are experiencing with Jesus and family and friends. Since reading it, I know we'll all be with our loved ones again in perfect eternal life! Thank you again! --Mrs. Carol Callahan, Alamogordo, NM.

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**Carol Callahan** - March 26, 2019 at 04:47 PM

AL

“ Luis and Maggie lit a candle for Kelly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Luis and Maggie Alejos

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**Alejos** - June 24, 2017 at 09:45 PM

JJ

“ *Janine And Jim lit a candle in memory of Kelly Lynn Coleman*



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**Janine and Jim** - June 24, 2017 at 05:34 PM

MN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family... Dale Allen & Family.*



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**Mandi Naese** - June 24, 2017 at 01:37 PM

CJ

“ *I was very shocked and saddened to learn of Kelly's passing. I met Kelly in 8th grade at the Kankakee Junior High. We both lived in the St. Anne area, and shared long bus rides, classes and the high school swim team. I remember a lot of laughs that we shared. She had such a kind disposition, and a natural way of making you feel accepted and appreciated as a person. I remember her being very self-assured, confident, and never worried about what other people thought. I felt lucky that she considered me a friend. She was one of my favorite people in high school, and although we never reconnected much after, I never forgot her and would often think about what she was up to. I had always hoped that our paths would cross again someday. My heart feels heavy with her loss. She was a true free spirit, and I know she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with them all.*

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**Cathy Jepson-Langlois** - June 22, 2017 at 12:57 PM

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*As Kelly's mother, I want to THANK YOU for sharing about your experience of friendship with Kelly. My Petting Farm in Alamogordo, New Mexico would have been inherited by my only daughter, Kelly Lynn Coleman. It keeps me so busy, that without internet at home, I am only now getting to see this site. Comments have brought tears to my eyes and joy to remember my darling. We WILL see her again! A little book called ENCOURAGEMENT FROM 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN helped me TRUST that Kelly now experiences unimaginable, exquisite joy with Jesus, friends and relatives, which we can share when our times come to 'GO HOME.'" Thank you again, so much.*

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**Carol Callahan** - March 26, 2019 at 04:42 PM

JG

*Is this the same Kelly that worked for Goodyear in Bradley, Illinois?*

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**John Gearhart** - September 05, 2021 at 04:08 PM

BG

“ *Larry and Marion,  
So very sorry for the loss of your beautiful  
Kelly. Our prayers are with you.  
Joe and Barb*



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**barbara geisler** - June 22, 2017 at 10:23 AM