



Joanne Rose Kelly

January 11, 1939 - April 3, 2026

Joanne Rose Kelly, age 87, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2026, in Newberg, surrounded with love.

Joanne was born on January 11, 1939, in Portland to Donald Marvin Sprague and Rose Frances Sprague (Burke), who preceded her in death. She was raised in Tigard and graduated from Tigard High School in 1957.

In 1958, Joanne married the love of her life, Kenneth Ray Kelly, in Portland. Together, they shared an extraordinary 67 years of marriage, a beautiful example of lifelong partnership, devotion, and friendship. After retirement, Joanne and Ken spent many happy years traveling the United States in their RV, talking for hours as they explored the countryside side by side, rarely needing anything more than each other's company.

Joanne retired from Wells Fargo in 1995 after many years of banking service. She carried her strong work ethic and kindness into every aspect of her life.

Above all else, Joanne's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her husband Ken; her children Tina Lynch (John), Kim Huston (Randy, deceased), and Chris Kelly (Jill); and her brothers Mike and Jerry. She was preceded in death by her brothers Gary and Donnie.

Joanne's legacy lives on through her nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren, each of whom brought her immense pride and happiness. She always lit up when her grandchildren walked into the room.

She had a gift for making others feel loved and cared for. Joanne enjoyed stamping, crocheting, and knitting, often creating thoughtful, handmade pieces that reflected her caring nature.

Joanne will be remembered as the kindest soul, gentle and loving. Her legacy is one of family, warmth, and a lifetime of quiet, steady love that will continue to live on in all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fastpitch Cares, an organization close to Joanne's heart after many years of cheering on her grandchildren from the sidelines.

Joanne will be laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Fastpitch Cares: <https://fpcares.org/donate>

Cemetery Details

Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd.
Portland, OR 97086