



## Kelly Maureen Korpinen

February 21, 1949 - October 13, 2020

Kelly Korpinen 71, was killed in a motor vehicle accident October 13, 2020 just miles from her home in Odessa, WA.

She was born Kelly Maureen Kissler February 21, 1949 in Spokane, WA. The oldest child to Melvin and Marlys Kissler, Kelly spent her childhood on the family farm between Odessa and Marlin. She attended school in Odessa, WA graduating from Odessa High School in 1967.

Kelly's passion for creating recipes and feeding other people started at a very young age, helping her mother and grandmother feed the family and harvest crews, often delivering the meals out to the fields. After retiring from Kmart, this turned into owning her own sandwich shop and catering business in Moses Lake. She had a knack for creating the perfect menu for business meetings, weddings, family gatherings and more. When Don retired he then joined her in the daily operations and they later transitioned "It's your Choice" to "JonathINNS Restaurant". After leaving the restaurant business, Kelly and Don went back to help run the family farm, where they continued feeding others with their german sausage business.

Kelly never met a stranger and was quick to volunteer, many people called her friend. She was always available for family and friends and enjoyed getting together for any occasion. She loved her family and was a loyal mom, wife,

sister, daughter, aunt, cousin and niece.

Kelly is survived by her best friend and husband, Don Korpinen, her mother Marlys Kissler, her children, Joel Koch and Katie Chapman (husband Mike), and her one and only grandson, Skyler, whom she loved and adored, her brothers Terry Kissler and family, Tracy Kissler and family, her best dog Red, step daughter Kim Korpinen, and too many nieces, nephews and special friends to list..... she loved you all.

She was preceded in death by her brother Corey Kissler, step son Jon Korpinen, and father Melvin Kissler.

There will be no formal service at this time. In lieu of flowers, please donate to any pet rescue of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ I loved Kelly very much, she was a great cousin, and I just recently became aware that he was killed in a car wreck. My prayers go out to all who knew and loved her.

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**Wallace Woodard** - March 07, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ I am still in shock over the passing of my dear friend Kelly. Our friendship goes back to the K-Mart days where her vibrant and bubbly personality made an impact on me and we became quick friends and remained that way over the years. I was honored to stand up with Kelly and Don on their wedding day (I know that was one of the happiest days in her life!). Kelly joined my pinochle card groups a few years ago and her presence lit up the room and she kept the ladies in stitches with her humor. Thank you, Don, for giving my friend an abundance of love and happiness for the past 31 years. You two always had a great time together with your trips to the ocean and lots of RV fun with friends, not to mention your cooking endeavors and sausage-making fun. I know these beautiful memories will be your strength.

*Marian Spencer*

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**Marian Spencer** - November 09, 2020 at 03:37 PM

CK

“ Our hearts ache for the loss of Kelly. She was such a loyal friend, hard worker, great wife & wonderful partner to Don, good Mom, and one awesome Cook”!!! She greeted everyone with loving kindness and a gorgeous smile. She had a competitive spirit, which made her a good card player! She worked hard for her community. Kelly and Don were the best sausage makers, and it was a joy to see them at the Odessa Festival, selling there product. Those that had the honor to know Kelly, were blessed in many ways. She truly touched the lives of everyone she encountered. Her boundless spirit & tireless energy, will never be forgotten. We are going to miss our dear friend!! Cathy & Paul Kersey

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Cathy Kersey - November 01, 2020 at 03:09 PM

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kk - October 30, 2020 at 08:44 PM

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kk - October 30, 2020 at 08:39 PM

DM

“ *Darla Mast lit a candle in memory of Kelly Maureen Korpinen*



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**Darla Mast** - October 27, 2020 at 06:42 PM

LS

“ *Kelly will be greatly missed by many. She was my friend and partner in crime all through our school years in Odessa. She always stayed in touch with me no matter where I was living. Rest In Peace my dear dear friend until we meet again. ❤️*

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**Lynnae Sowers** - October 23, 2020 at 08:55 AM

BP

“ *We have fond memories of Kelly when she baby sat for my kids at Moody. Our hearts are sad as well. Our deepest sympathy to all. Barbara Palmer, Dick, Doug, Darren and Lorna Wraspir.*

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**Barbara Palmer** - October 22, 2020 at 07:49 PM

DJ

“ Just a small advise on the lost of your love one.  
Hold fast to your memories, to all of the cherished moments of the pass, to the blessings and the laughter, the joys and the celebrations, the sorrow and the tears. They all add up to a treasure of fond yesterdays that you shared and spend together, and they keep the one you loved close to you in spirit and thoughts. The special moments and memories in our life will never change, They will always be in your heart, today and forevermore.  
Our deepest Sympathy to you all.  
Sincerely  
Edwin and Doris Jasman

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**Doris Jasman** - October 22, 2020 at 01:01 PM



Mom i cant believe your gone we love so much and miss you love your daughter son in law and skyler

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**Katie Chapman** - October 26, 2020 at 10:16 PM

LB

What a Dear Heart Kelly was, always thinking and doing for others. I will always remember her happy face and up lifting beat. Memories of her go back many years, though we were miles apart, it was always such a wonderful refreshing experience when we did see each other. My sympathy and heartfelt thoughts are with her family in these sad days you are experiencing, may it comfort you to know I share in your grief. She leaves behind a legacy of what a generous, kind and loving person she was. She also leaves a void in our lives that we will never enjoy her great sausage that so many of us enjoyed for so many years. I was lucky that I just got some a short time ago. Day by day may the loving memories you have reaped through the years bring you comfort and peace. Love to all, Lorraine Burghard

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**Lorraine Burghard** - October 28, 2020 at 09:12 PM

SC

*I met Kelly October 1973 47 years ago . She became a great friend and she watched my girls for years . She was a great Lady and friend she will be missed by so many . She was like another mother to my daughters and I know Kelly was loved by Angie and Teresa.*

**Sunny Caudle** - October 29, 2020 at 07:53 PM

LE

*Even now, it doesn't seem real, my friend and cohort in kitchen duties is gone. May God comfort you all in this time of mourning and going forward.*

**Laura Estes** - November 11, 2020 at 08:34 AM

RR

*I remember going out with Kelly for her 40th Birthday down at Michael's on the Lake. I was suppose to be her "Designated Driver" for the evening. Well Kelly knew EVERYONE IN MOSES LAKE...Long story Short...I now needed a Designated Driver as WELL AS KELLY....Everyone from town stopped in and purchased us drinks and I surely COULDN'T/WOULDN'T DRIVE US HOME. 🥺 It was a Wonderful evening I will Never forget. We always played beautician's to one another and frosted each other's hair while drinking champagne and orange juice. RIP DEAR SWEET KELLY !! YOU WILL BE DEARLY MISSED.*

*Your friend for years from Kmart 9060 Roxanne & Rodney Ronk* ❤️💜  
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**Roxanne Ronk** - November 12, 2020 at 03:57 PM