



Frances Elizabeth Kelly

October 14, 1941 - October 19, 2021

Frances Elizabeth “Beth” Kelly of Bruin, PA passed away on October 19th, after a long illness, just 4 days after her 80th birthday. She was a resident at Clarview Nursing Home since 2019 and had been admitted there several times before that.

Remembered as an avid reader, antique collector, and lover of art, Beth earned both a B.A. and M.A. at Penn State University in Art History. She went on to teach Art History as a professor at Western Illinois University in the 70s and Slippery Rock College from 1977-84, during which time she made several study trips to Italy. She then retired in 1984 for health reasons and was plagued with chronic conditions that kept her sidelined from pursuing her career.

Always the consummate student, Beth enjoyed going to art gallery openings and visiting formal gardens, and she surrounded herself with hundreds of books and magazines on art that filled her time. She was enchanted by the beauty of the Butler and Clarion County countryside and coveted long drives along the Allegheny River afforded by friends. Beth embodied an ethereal quality reminiscent of another time and place- a world less harsh, filled with all things beautiful.

She is survived by her sister-in-law; Carol Kelly, nieces; Amy (Jay Jurma) Kelly and Erin (Nathan Jones) Kelly, and a grandniece; Christine Jones. Beth was beloved by her dear friends; Joelle Logue of Buffalo, NY, Duane Tremba of Perryville, Linda and Burt Pisor, and Maisie Ryder of Bruin, as well as many

residents and staff she met at Clarview.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents; Clemon and Helen Afelter Kelly, her sister; Nancy, her brother; Dan, and her former companion; Jerry Coleman.

At this time, there are no memorials planned. The H. Jack Buzard Funeral Home of Parker, PA is assisting with arrangements at this time.

Tribute Wall

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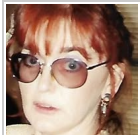
“ I MET BETH HERE A DR NALLAHAMBI OFFICE YEARS AGO. I ALWAYS LOVED IT WHEN SHE CAME. SHE WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE ME AND I HER. I TOLD HER SHE WAS MY BIG SISTER AS THERE WAS 9 YEARS DIFFERENCE AND SHE WOULD LAUGH. SHE LIKED CATS SO I SENT HER SOME STUFFED ONES AS SHE COULD NOT HAVE A REAL KITTY THERE. SHE LOVE HER CAT PEACHES AND SHE WOULD ASXSK ME ABOUT MINE. SHE WILL FOREVER BE IN MY HEART,AS I CHERISHED HER. GAIL SWARTZLANDER

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“ Beth will be missed by all of us! She was determined, strong of spirit and shared her love of art with us all. Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Nicole Salvo, Wellness Director at Clarview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Nicole Salvo - October 25, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ Teresa Coleman lit a candle in memory of Frances Elizabeth Kelly



Teresa Coleman - October 23, 2021 at 09:04 AM