



## Patricia Ann Kelly

January 18, 1941 - October 31, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home Oxford

Patricia Ann Kelly, 82, of Oxford, passed away on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at her residence with her son by her side.

The Family has elected not hold a service and will celebrate her memory each day.

Patricia was welcomed into this world on the winter day of January 18, 1941, in Sterling, Colorado, by her late parents, Henry C Kelly and Ruth A Wilson Kelly.

Upon completing her high school education at Saint Anthony Catholic School on June 03, 1959, Patricia continued her educational journey at California State University. She climbed the ladder of higher learning by obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree and later her Master of Arts in English. She used the knowledge gained through her experiences in college and applied it to her classroom as a teacher in a rural California farming town school. Patricia spent an expansive thirty-plus years molding the minds of young scholars before retirement called her name. However, she did not allow her mind to sit idle; Patricia returned to the school system after obtaining the certification to become a librarian. As an educator, she was awarded the Who's Who in

American Education for her outstanding commitment and significant contributions in the 1989-1990 edition of the National Reference Institute's publication. Finally, after retiring on a permanent basis, she packed her bags and moved to the south, landing in Oxford due to its rich history and strong literary community.

Aside from her passion for education, she dearly loved all creatures, great and small, and looked after several pets adopted from the shelter through the years. She was also known to lend a helping hand through financial gifts to charities such as Doctors Without Borders and multiple local charitable organizations. Above all of Patricia's hobbies and interests, she cherished her family with an unending love.

Although she has departed from our presence, her treasured memory will hold a special place in the hearts and minds of her loved ones.

She leaves behind a loving family to continue walking down the path of life in her absence: her son, Derek Bruno of Oxford, Mississippi; one daughter, Stacia Bruno of Lake Oswego, Oregon; and one grandson, Hunter Porter of Lake Oswego, Oregon.

The loved ones who departed from this life before her include her parents, Henry C Kelly and Ruth A Wilson Kelly.

The Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford staff is honored to serve the family as they walk through this challenging season of life.