



Joyce Mowry Kelly

May 10, 1934 - November 9, 2006

Joyce Ann Mowry Kelly, of New Britain, died Thursday November 9, 2006 at Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. Born in New London, daughter of the late Arthur and Helen Harvey Mowry, she has been a New Britain resident since 1952. Joyce graduated from Williams Memorial Institute in 1952 and Teachers College of Connecticut now CCSU in 1956. She was an elementary school teacher in the New Britain School System from 1956 until her retirement in 1994 as Assistant Principal at Smalley Elementary School, where she spent most of her career. Joyce was a member of Church of Christ Congregational in Newington; was former Financial Secretary of the Hartford County Retired Teachers Association; was also employed as a travel agent for Colonial Travel in Farmington for the past 20 years. She was also a member of Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity.

Joyce was adored by her family, admired by her friends, and loved dearly by all who knew her. Her positive outlook impacted countless lives and her strength drove her to overcome obstacles against almost impossible odds. Her life was a blessing for which we are eternally grateful and she will live on in our hearts forever.

Surviving is her beloved son, D.J. Kelly and his wife Janet of New Britain; a beloved daughter, Lara Bohlke and her husband Thomas also of New Britain; a sister, C. Patricia Callahan and her husband Donald of Waterford; four

grandchildren, Joseph, Michael and Katherine Bohlke, and Abigail Kelly; a niece, Tammy Durham; and two nephews, Kevin and Scott Callahan.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday 1 PM at Church of Christ Congregational, 1075 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. Entombment will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Monday evening 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Church of Christ Congregational address above or the American Cancer Society, 538 Preston Ave, Meriden, CT 06450. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Joyce's family by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ I only wished I could have found this guestbook earlier to let the family know how deeply saddened I am for them. What a tremendous lady your mom was and though I only knew her for a short time, I will remember her and her words of wisdom always. I will miss her and wished I could have come to show you my respects to her.

Years have passed since she went to heaven, but she remains alive in your memories and hearts. God Bless You.

Katrina Garbiel - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy to the Kelly family at their time of grief. I did teller work for the former American Savings Bank and your mom stopped in at the branch I worked at. She was a wonderful person and it was a pleasure to wait on her. May the Lord Bless you and keep you close in this time of grief.Psalm 23

Mary Tinder Knockwood - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I am so terribly sorry for your loss. I worked at Smalley School as a crossguard and volunteerwhile Joyce was there. She was a wonderful person and more than helpful. I know at a time like this it is hard to look at a bright side but, Just remember she is with the Heavenly Father now looking down on you. God Bless You All at this difficult time!

Carina and Eugene Palmucci - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

UF

“ *The Unghire Family William, Clara, Bill, and Judy Wish to send their deepest sympathy at the loss of your mom. Clara will miss Joyce very very much and regrets that she couldn't be there. She was a wonderful friend and will miss her tremendously! She would always keep me informed of her wonderful family. When we spoke in person her face and eyes lit up with joy and happiness when talking about her family. D.J. and Lara I remember you when you were young but wouldn't know you on the street if i passed you. D.J. I did see your darling daughter one time when leaving from a visit with Joyce at the hospital. Lara I did meet your son also one time when Joyce and a small group of Smalley Friends were visiting a friend at a nursing home. Joyce will always be in our thoughts and prayers! We are very very sorry for your loss! God Bless all of you and remember all of the good times!*

Unghire Family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy on the death of Joyce, our teaching comrade. Her love of life and smile will be sorely missed by all. Sincerely, David and Lucy Krause*

David and Lucy Krause - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *As Pat's high school buddy, I have fond memories of staying at the Mowry home on Bellevue Place where Joyce was like a big sister to me. In later years she and I often talked at Alumni meetings, and she would catch me up on Mowry news. She always spoke with love and concern about CarolPat, and we shared a smile or two. My heart and prayers go out to my friend and to Joyce's family. May your memories of Joyce sustain you all in the days to come. Please, Pat don't hesitate to call me, 599-1626*

Beverly Merritt Wilson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ DJ KELLY: I THINK YOU KNOW HOW SAD WE ARE, I THINK YOU KNOW WE ALL CARE AND EACH JOY AND SADNESS IN YOUR LIFE WE AS YOUR BEST FRIENDS SHARE THE LOST OF YOUR MOM.:

phyllis taylor - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *My dear Bohlke's & Kelly's,*

Was so saddened to hear of Joyce's death and wanted to send our love & prayers to all of you. I do know how desperately you all will miss her. She was a joy to know and I have nothing but fond memories of her all of which include laughter and that's a marvelous legacy to leave behind. Please know we are thinking of you all and wishing that only good memories will lift you through this journey.

*Our best to you all,
Pat & Sheldon*

Pat Corrow - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I would like to express my condolences to the Kelly family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I had the pleasure of getting to know Ms. Kelly through my friendship with her daughter Lara for the past 15 years. I got to see what a wonderful and gentle soul she was through her two children and grandchildren. It was at her grandchildren’s birthday parties that I truly got to spend some time with her. Her smile warmed your heart and her personality shined ever so brightly. She loved her grandchildren and they loved her back. It was a joy watching them play and learn from her. She truly managed to touch my life and that of my husbands. She gave us a lasting gift for our wedding; she managed the travel arrangements for our honeymoon trip to Orlando, Florida. I will never forget this unique individual for her spirit will live on in our hearts forever. Again I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family.

Anna DeNapoli - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our deepest condolences from the Sarmuk Family

Bill Sarmuk - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I have 20 years of happy memories of Joyce from those days at Smalley School. Joyce was one of those rare kinds of persons: sincere, straightforward, honest, friendly, humorous, bright...I could go on and on. I feel privileged to have known such a special person and I can appreciate how deeply DJ and Lara are feeling at this time. There is nothing like the loss of a mother. My sympathies and prayers are with the family at this time of loss.

Sister Marylou Wojtusik - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AL

“Joyce- Thank you for sharing your passion for travel! Our April trips were always fun and exciting. Because of you I met wonderful people and traveled to places I would never have ventured. I am lucky to have shared those experiences with you. Angie

Angie Lepore - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“How lucky we were to know Joyce. Each of us will miss her ability to make a humorous remark that made you think and laugh. My sympathy goes to all members of her family and dear friends.

Alice Hinchcliffe - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“Please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of Joyce. She was not only a wonderful person and friend, but also a great organizer and a person one could always turn to for help at any time. I know that she made my tenure as President of the Hartford County Retired Teachers' Association very easy because of her skill and friendliness. I too will miss her greatly. Sincerely, Bob DeBishop, Past President, HCRTA.

Bob DeBishop - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EM

“I would like to express my condolences to the Kelly family. I never knew Mrs. Kelly, but played football with her son through our years at NBHS and he was a great kid, a testament to great parenting. I lost my father in 1997, also an educator, so I can understand the pain you guys must be feeling. In closing I'd like to wish you all the best in these hard times, and hope Mrs. Kelly's memory stays strong in her family and also in the lives of all the children she's touched through her years as an educator.

Edward Murratti - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM