



## Elaine Rose Kelley

May 16, 1940 - April 25, 2022

Elaine Rose Kelley of Corvallis, Oregon passed peacefully on April 25, 2022 in her home in Albany, OR. She was 81 years old.

Elaine was born in Delburne, Alberta, Canada on May 16, 1940 to Edward R & Irene N Hodson.

She married James T Kelley in 1959, whom she met while he was stationed at the Saskatoon Mountain Air Station in Beaverlodge, Alberta, Canada. She became a US citizen in 1969.

She enjoyed traveling and visited Austria, Belgium, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Scotland & the Netherlands, many US states, as well as spending time with her family in Hawaii. She enjoyed oil painting, doing word puzzle Anacrostics, jigsaw puzzles, gardening and anything French, having spent years studying the language and spoke it fluently. She's known for her beaming smile and she vibrantly lived life to the fullest, all packed into her 4'11" frame, as she would say, "she had a choice to be short and beautiful or tall and ugly".

She worked in the Corvallis School district from 1974-1997 in the libraries, was an avid reader and served as the President of the Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Library.

She is survived by her son, Michael T Kelley of Portland, OR; her daughter, Kathryn M Jolliff and Son-in-law, David W Jolliff of Albany, OR; her grandchildren, Emily R Jolliff of Lapine, OR, and Andrew T Jolliff of Albany, OR; and her siblings Leona M Peterson & Andrew G Hodson of Lethbridge,

Alberta, Canada.

An Open-House Celebration of Life will take place in her home at 35625  
Riverside Dr SW, Albany, OR, 97321 on her birthday, May 16th from 3-7 pm.  
In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Friends of the Corvallis-Benton  
County Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330  
Please sign the guest book at: [www.demosdurdan.com](http://www.demosdurdan.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Elaine Kelley home  
35625 Riverside Dr. SW  
Albany, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall



“ Elaine worked in the Western View Junior High/Middle School library where I had the joy of working with her as a classroom teacher. Elaine was joy to work with and always brightened the day with her great smile. She also kindly hosted memorable faculty parties at her home that my wife and I attended. She will be missed, but fond memories of her remain.

*John Wood*

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**John Wood** - May 13, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Elaine for my years teaching at Western View. She was such a crack up! I so enjoyed her company! Hugs to the family.

*Lois Olund*

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**Lois Olund** - May 12, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ Shelli Cameron lit a candle in memory of Elaine Rose Kelley



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**Shelli Cameron** - May 12, 2022 at 12:44 AM



“ *Elaine Kelley was the sweetest lady ever! She was the librarian at western view middle school when I went there, I spent a lot of time in the library with her and Mr. Andre. I love you Miss Kelley Rest in paradise*

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**jana williams** - May 11, 2022 at 11:41 PM



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**DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory** - May 11, 2022 at 12:48 PM