



## Mary Canzanella Kelly

January 6, 1943 - March 17, 2025

Mary Canzanella Kelly  
Central, South Carolina

Mary Canzanella Kelly, age 82, loving wife to the late Leland T. Kelly, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Mary Kelly, born on January 6, 1943, in Brooklyn, New York, was the beloved daughter of the late Anthony Canzanella and Margaret Capiello Canzanella. A devoted member of Saint Andrews Catholic Church in Clemson, she lived her faith through service and community. Mary earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Furman University, and her academic journey paved the way for her remarkable career. She proudly became one of the first women to serve as an officer with the New York Police Department, breaking barriers and setting a path for future generations.

Mary's professional career continued to flourish as she took on the role of Assistant Manager of Regional Sales at Bellsouth, where she made significant contributions. Beyond her work in business, she demonstrated a deep commitment to education, founding a reading program at Six Mile Elementary, which earned her the prestigious South Carolina Board of Educators Volunteer Award.

Above all, Mary was devoted to her family. She cherished every moment spent with them, especially with her grandchildren and beloved dogs, who brought her immense joy. Her legacy of love, service, and dedication to those around her will be remembered fondly by all who knew her.

Survivors include her daughter, Theresa Dunkley (Jeff) of Central; grandchildren, Kelsey Dunkley, Thomas Dunkley, and Kaitlyn Dunkley, all of Central, and Christopher Looper of Pickens; and nephew, Russell Kelly.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Kelly was predeceased by a son, Leland Ralph Anthony Kelly.

The family will hold a memorial service at Saint Andrew's Catholic Church, 209 Sloan St, Clemson, SC 29631 on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025. Visitation will be from 1pm to 2pm. The service will begin at 2pm.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Kelly family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Saint Andrews Catholic Church  
209 Sloan Street  
Clemson, SC 29631

## Memorial Service

APR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KS

“ Kristen S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Canzanella Kelly.

Kristen S. - April 08, 2025 at 11:05 AM

TS

“ Hi Mom. Thank for 57 years of love , laughter, being there when Kels, Jordan and Kat entered this world, holding on when daddy and Tony left this world, and an amazing journey together. All my love Mom. I miss you but know you are HOME. GOD BLESS ❤️💕  
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Theresa Dunkley or as you called me, Sis - April 08, 2025 at 09:11 AM

TS

“ Theresa Dunkley Or As You Called Me, Sis lit a candle in memory of Mary Canzanella Kelly



Theresa Dunkley or as you called me, Sis - April 08, 2025 at 09:06 AM

ME

“ I knew Mary from St. Andrews - and yes, she never met a stranger and was so quick to say something nice about you. I can't remember if she was with any of my CRHP groups but I always think of her when I think of those retreats. So beautiful.

Martha Ervin - April 04, 2025 at 11:44 AM

MM

“ Mary was a bright light to everyone around her. I'm so blessed to have known her. She adored my boys, always spoiling them. Especially my littlest, Danny. Gosh how she loved that boy. The world is a better place because she was in it. God bless you, Mary.

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**Marissa McFarland** - March 27, 2025 at 09:45 AM

KA

“ She never met a stranger, and always made you feel like she was glad to have the opportunity to spend a few moments with you. Thank you for every hug and every smile, Mary! You helped make St. Andrew's a welcoming place!

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**Kathy** - March 25, 2025 at 10:19 AM

LC

“ Teresa, I'm sorry to hear about your mother. She was a wonderful neighbor!  
Libby Evans Cope

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**Libby Cope** - March 22, 2025 at 11:46 AM

EB

“ My sympathy and prayers to you Theresa, Kelsey, Jordy and Kaitlin, and Chris. Mary was so fiercely loving and proud of y'all. Her love ran as deep and rich as her Brooklyn accent, and those "98 years" of age. I can not imagine the joyous reunion with Leland, heaven is probably a bit livelier now. She will be missed, but fondly not forgotten. Emily Brown

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**Emily Brown** - March 21, 2025 at 09:29 AM

LD

“ Oh my sweet partner in crime with youth ministry!!!! Mary touched SO MANY with that New York accent, her smile and her deep love of God’s children. Mary is the epitome of service above self. I have missed her smiling face around church, but her beautiful spirit lives on in her family, especially Kelsey, Jordy and Kaitlyn! God bless you Mary Kelly, thankful to know you will be waiting at the pearly gates with that smile, to welcome your Saint Andrew family when God calls us home.

*Lisa DuBose*

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**Lisa DuBose** - March 20, 2025 at 12:06 PM

VW

“ I was fortunate enough to know and work with Mary Kelly. Her energy and fun loving personality kept our office hopping. She loved her family so much. I will miss her.

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**Vickie White Williams** - March 18, 2025 at 11:31 PM

BE

*Vickie, Very few people I recall from the short time I was in Greenville, however do seem to recall the Name Mary Kelly -- can you share more about her... do believe she was one of the kind ones... like you and Becky*

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**Betsy** - March 19, 2025 at 01:40 PM

SS

“ I met Mary at what was then BellSouth. She was a bright light in this world and I loved her dearly. I am so very sorry for your loss! Prayers for her family and friends.

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**Susan T Seigler** - March 18, 2025 at 09:57 PM

DJ

“ I am so sad to hear of Mary's passing. I had the pleasure of working with her at Southern Bell/BellSouth. She was so much fun and very inspirational. Rest in peace my dear friend, until we meet again. With love and sympathy.  
Debbie Murphy Jameson

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**Debra M Jameson** - March 18, 2025 at 04:21 PM

VM

“ Words can't express how sorry I am. Mary was such an inspiration and joy to be around. Her energy was like no one I have ever known. That morning greeting of " Boy do I feel good" will remain with me forever. Rest in peace sweet lady.

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**Vickie Myers** - March 18, 2025 at 01:02 PM