



Keely Edwards

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Keely Eve Edwards passed away on July 31, 2021 at 2:19 am in Plano Texas. Keely was born on November. 22, 1963 to Clifford Edwards and Patricia Arlene (Thomas) Edwards .

Keely was born at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn New York, younger sister of Kevin and older sister and protector of Billy. She attended elementary school P.S. 273 moved to Mahopac, New York where she attended Austin Road elementary school and Mahopac High school. She graduated from Mahopac High School and received an art scholarship to Boston University where Keely graduated with her Bachelor of Science and Arts degree.

While working full time Keely continued her education and obtained a Masters from Manhattanville college in May 1998.

Keely moved to Texas to be with family . She worked restoring the Amon Carter Museum and then later moved on to other opportunities.

As a professor Keely taught at Westwood College and the Art institute in Fort Worth. Keely was honored and humbled when she was awarded Teacher of the Year. She was an inspiration to all of her students and encouraged them in their careers.

Keely attended Savannah College of Art and Design where she obtained her second Masters and had the opportunity to visit and study in France.

Keely's current position she was responsible for publication at Tarrant County College. She also free lanced and blessed many people with beautiful artwork.

Keely was such a gifted artist, designer, award winning photographer, author and an amazingly kind and gentle soul. Everyone who knows Keely is truly devastated, loved and admired her.



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Keely is preceded in death by her father Clifford William Edwards, brother William Edwards, Uncle Eugene Thomas and grandparents.

Keely's generosity has donated the gift of life to three recipients.

Her memories will be cherished forever by her mother and best friend Patrica Edwards, brother Kevin Edwards, sister-in-law Debra Edwards, Katherine Edwards (niece), Vincent Edwards (nephew), Raegan Edwards, Kennedy Edwards (grand nieces), Kaden Potter (grand nephew), cousin Anthony Vandorn and a host of relatives and friends.

Donations can be made to Make a Wish foundation.




Events


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Visitation with Family & Friends

 **Friday**, August 6, 2021


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT


 **Mansfield Funeral Home**
1556 Heritage Parkway, Mansfield TX 76063

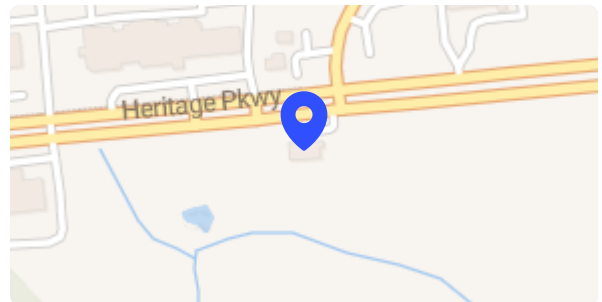


Celebration of Life

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 12:00 PM CT

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Monica Lea lit a candle in honor of Keely.

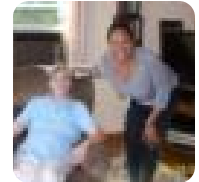
It has been a year on July 31 since you passed on Keely. I think about you often. Thank you for being apart of my life and such a good friend. Love you Keely girl.

July 21 at 7:20 AM



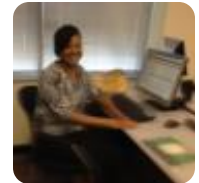
Bob Montwillo shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

October 6 at 10:59 AM



Will Webster shared an album called **Memories Album**.

August 7 at 2:35 PM



Monica Lea July 21 at 7:21 AM

What a beautiful, creative spirit. Miss you Keely.



Will Webster posted:

Keely is a radiant being whose light will be remembered and missed, whose laughter spoke in every language, whose vision saw into souls (mine included), and whose spirit will continue to inspire and elevate. She is immensely missed. May the deepest heartfelt condolences be extended to her family and friends with LOVE. websta

August 7 at 2:27 PM



Annette Revzin posted:

Dear Pat & Kevin, I was able to share this terrible day with you on Zoom. I hope I was the only person in the room who knew exactly what you were going through & feeling. Keely was very special and - especially special -- to me. I will love her & think of her all the days of my life. I know Jeffrey will find her. They were so alike in their values, thinking and beautiful smile. I love you so much and so privileged to have you in my life throughout the years & forever.

August 6 at 9:29 AM



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Santa O'byrne posted:

Keely had an incandescent spirit which touched all of us. I was blessed to call her friend. Until we meet again, my friend.

August 6 at 9:29 AM



Noliwe Hill posted:

Goodbye Keeley, you lived a great life. I miss you and will honor you with being more kind and creative!!! Thank you for being my friend.

August 6 at 9:06 AM



Noliwe Hill lit a candle in honor of Keely.



August 6 at 8:54 AM



Lajeane Williams posted:

To the family of Keely Edwards. My condolences you each of you. May God grant you the peace that only He can provide. I have only interacted with her for a few months at Trinity River Campus. She was a very kind and friendly person. I appreciated her encouragement in my new job. I knew that she was special the first time that we spoke. May God bless each of you. LaJeanne Williams TCCDCareer Services

August 6 at 5:47 AM



Samantha posted:

I loved working with Keely. I learned so much from her. She was a great leader, teacher, and friend. I'll miss our rants about work, sharing interesting and new design info we've found, and a friend to talk with. She was a great person to be around and someone very special.

August 6 at 5:44 AM



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Eric Serritella posted:

Dear Mrs. Edwards, Kevin, family and friends, I am a high school friend of Keely's and I am so, so sorry to hear the news. I am absolutely crushed to think of this earth without her. I feel so blessed to have re-connected with her as adults. We shared many stories of art, life, loves, challenges, society and friends over the years. We were hoping to visit here in North Carolina and were trying to arrange a trip prior to the pandemic. I am saddened to that we had to postpone that visit. My adoration and respect for Keely was immense. I admired her artistry throughout our school years and envied her innate talent. A talent she sought to improve upon with drive and integrity every day. Her artwork was often a reflection of society and its people and was so cathartic, both for she and for those who viewed it. Her artwork, and her kind spirit, touched many. And her kindness will live in our memories and have a positive affect on others through her art and through Cobalt. We will all miss her. Please accept my condolences and sympathies. Peace, Eric

August 6 at 5:08 AM

EJ

Ellen Johnston lit a candle in honor of Keely.

My deepest condolences to family and friends of Keely. Keely is a friend to all. She loved so many and we cherished her. I have been Blessed to know Keely and call her friend. I will miss her laughter, talent, and ability to love and accept others so graciously. I will miss our chats and hearing your laughter. Godspeed my friend. Godspeed.



August 5 at 3:22 PM



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Joanne Vuolo posted:

A poem for Keely
Keely was like a sister to me
She was always there when she needed to be
When I was lost she helped me find my way
Keely kept things simple with each passing day
I know she had to go ,
I will miss her so
Be peaceful my friend, the memories I have
Will never end!
Written by Joanne Vuolo

August 5 at 2:51 PM



Eric Serritella August 6 at 4:53 AM

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Nancy Jara Badolato August 5 at 6:18 PM

His very sweet Joanne



Nancy Jara Badolato August 5 at 6:17 PM

How sweet Joanne xxoo



Catherine And Sandra Head (Nicotra) sent a Love's Journey to the Edwards family.



August 5 at 10:48 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Edwards family.



August 5 at 9:48 AM



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Monica Lea posted:

Keely and I were very close work friends. We became close after several lunches together and being on a work trip to Baltimore. She knew I didn't like flying and she was so sweet to me about it. A close bond developed through the years and we would stop in and see each other. We talked even when we weren't at work. We started talking and texting daily to check in on each other when the pandemic started. We kept each other sane. She was a great person and a beautiful human being. I will miss her beautiful face, the creativity in her art, her soft voice and her kind words. But her soft voice had much to say. She was heard and let people know when she didn't agree. I loved that about her! She always knew what to say to make me feel better too. She was supportive and loving and always asked me about my husband and kids. A true friend I have lost, but I know that she will not be forgotten. She gave the world a creative spirit and her love and life lives on in her mom, brother and her beautiful artistic creations. Keely believed in fairness, equity and she stood up for the rights many people. I miss you so much Keely Girl (that was her nickname) and I love you. I am so grateful you were put into my life. You taught me a lot and I will pass it on. Blessing and love to your mother and brother.- Monica Lea and the Lea Family

August 5 at 9:45 AM



Dolores Syphax-Reed posted:

Cousin Keely was a beautiful, loving soul. She was not only our cousin, but the Godmother to my children and deeply loved. We'll miss her, but never forget her. Our lives have been enriched by her presence. God bless you, honey ❤️

August 5 at 7:41 AM

RS Robert J. Syphax August 5 at 9:04 AM

My Dearest Cousin Keely,,,,I don't know why such a Beautiful Soul was taken from us except to think maybe Cliff needed you more than we did. That's the only thought that helps get me through this difficult time. Your Smile will Never leave my Thoughts,your Voice will Never leave my Ears,your Beauty will Never leave my Heart. Peaceful Resting to you. 🙏🌹❤️



Gail Yanick lit a candle in honor of Keely.



August 5 at 6:27 AM



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Gail Yanick posted:

Keeley was a very talented and creative person. She was a friend and a mentor to many who knew her. She will be missed by everyone who's life she touched.

August 5 at 6:26 AM



Carol Womack posted:

I send prayers and my deepest condolences to Keely's family. She was so very talented and creative. Keely was one of the best art teachers I had the honor to work alongside; she dedicated herself to her students and their success. Keely was an amazing person with a kind and gentle soul. I will miss her deeply.~Carol Womack

August 5 at 6:15 AM



Pamela Birdow-Elliott posted:

My dear sister in Christ. You will be missed. My condolence to Keely's family. What a sweet and precious soul. Pamela Birdow-Elliott

August 5 at 5:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Edwards family.

August 5 at 5:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Edwards family.

August 5 at 2:16 AM



With Love, All Of The O'tooles sent a Serenity Wreath to the Edwards family.

August 4 at 6:44 PM





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Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Edwards family.

August 4 at 6:22 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Edwards family.

August 4 at 5:53 PM



Rich Debrino posted:

Keely and I started the same time at Austin Road Elementary, and she was the first kid I talked to on the first day of class. She always had a smile and a positive attitude all the way through HS. I only saw her a couple of times after HS since I moved away, but I always looked forward to news of her life, work and art! I regret not getting to see her more often as she was "One of the Good Ones". She will be missed.

August 4 at 4:43 PM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Edwards family.

August 4 at 4:37 PM



Bob & Dru McDonald sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Edwards family.

August 4 at 9:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Edwards family.

August 4 at 6:41 AM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Edwards family.



August 4 at 4:49 AM



Love Your Goldman Sisters/Mom sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Edwards family.



August 4 at 4:48 AM



Lorrie Wolfe N Family (Mahopac Ny) posted:

I want to send my condolences to Pat, Kevin and the rest of the family I am in shock Keely was the most beautiful person I know I am so sorry she will be greatly missed ❤️❤️🙏🙏❤️❤️

August 4 at 4:38 AM



Donna Brown lit a candle in honor of Keely.

I met Keely at BU and we have remained friends until she passed. A beautiful light and one of my most talented friends. I am devastated to lose her. May she Rest In Peace. I will miss her dearly. My condolences to Mrs . Edwards and the rest of her family.



August 4 at 1:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Edwards family.



August 3 at 4:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Edwards family.



August 3 at 2:38 PM



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Lynda Mcconville posted:

Keely and I met at Boston University back in 1981. She was always a bright, talented light, such a positive energy. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. The ones we love are never gone; they live within our hearts forever. Lynda M BU SFA 1985

August 3 at 12:57 PM



Annette Revzin August 3 at 7:39 PM

I am angry at this time. I just can't accept the we have lost a very special person. My grief is overwhelming. I was very lucky to have had Keely in my life.



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Edwards family.



August 3 at 11:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Edwards family.



August 3 at 11:53 AM



Anna M Turner posted:

A beautiful loving light in my life has been dimmed. I was always amazed at how loving and kind a person could be no agenda, just kindness. Rest beautiful until the day we meet again. I will always love and remember you.

August 3 at 11:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Edwards family.



August 3 at 10:16 AM



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Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Edwards family.



August 3 at 8:26 AM



Gloria Ford posted:

Heaven gained another Angel! Our love and prayers are with all family and friends. May the Peace of the Lord comfort you.

August 3 at 6:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Edwards family.



August 3 at 6:49 AM



Timothy Nolan posted:

You will be so missed and always remembered.

August 3 at 6:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Sincerity to the Edwards family.



August 3 at 6:14 AM



Santa Byrnes posted:

Keely and I met in high school where she shared her considerable talents in our literary magazine. Keely was a vibrant, caring and giving person all through her life. I was blessed to have called her friend.

August 3 at 6:05 AM



Bob Montwillo shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

October 6 at 10:59 AM



We loved seeing Keely in 2012



Will Webster shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

August 7 at 2:35 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Keely by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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