



## Brian A. Kelly

October 3, 1939 - December 31, 2018

Brian A. Kelly, 79, of Benicia passed away Monday, December 31st at his home in Benicia following a brief illness. He was born in Taft, California and lived in Benicia for nearly 50 years. He worked as a Biology teacher at Benicia High School for more than 37 years and also coached track & field at the school. Brian also taught biology and physiology at Solano Community College and to the prisoners at Vacaville Prison for many years.

He was a former Christian Brother and longtime member of St. Dominic's Church. He enjoyed spending time at his mountain home, sailing, kayaking and taking his beloved dog Murphy on bike rides throughout Benicia. In the later years he became somewhat of a political junkie.

Brian is survived by Connie, his wife of 47 years, son Jeremy and his wife Susie; daughter Janie; three sisters Therese Kelly, Kathleen Anosolabehere of Bakersfield and Candice Kelly of Oak Harbor Washington; his grandchildren Delainey & Mason Kelly and his dog Murphy.

There will be a Rosary/Vigil held 7:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18th at St. Dominic's Church. A Memorial mass will be held 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 19th at St. Dominic's Church. Burial will be private. The family prefers donation be made to Garces Memorial High School in the Name of Brian Kelly.

# Previous Events

## Vigil services

JAN 18. 7:00 PM (PT)

St. Dominics  
475 East I Street  
Benicia, CA

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 19. 1:00 PM (PT)

St. Dominics  
475 East I Street  
Benicia, CA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brian A. Kelly*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I have such wonder memories of the Kelly family. Brian was my freshman science teacher at BHS. It was his first year of teaching. We've remained friends ever since. He was also a gentle and patient man. I'm going to miss you Brian. Michele Sibilla*

**Michele Sibilla** - January 19, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *He was a kind and gentle soul...*

**dan dorazio** - January 18, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian A. Kelly.*



January 18, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brian A. Kelly.*



January 16, 2019 at 07:24 PM

KJ

“ Brian was the best neighbor ever! Always there with a smile and always there to help/ We have enjoyed knowing him these many years and will miss him dearly. Our hearts go out to Connie and their family. We will miss him.

Josh and Kathy Jacobs

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**Kathy Jacobs** - January 11, 2019 at 12:15 AM

D“

“ I have vivid memories of Brother Brian. Mostly because I have videos of him that Tim Manning '68 and I filmed at La Salle during our years there. I am so happy to see that he lived such a loving and productive life. My condolences to his family and friends. Duffy Dignam, class of 68.

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**Dignam Charles “Duffy”** - January 09, 2019 at 05:31 PM

GW

“ I knew Brian Kelly as Brother Brian in what may have been one of his first freshman Biology classes at La Salle High School. Even within a rambunctious class of freshman at an all-boys school, his gentle demeanor and sense of caring were noticed by his students. From these comments I can see that those same qualities that endeared him to us, continued in Benica. He was truly dedicated to his students. I have very fond memories of Brother Brian as I'm sure others do as well. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this difficult time.

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**Glenn Willumson** - January 09, 2019 at 05:00 PM

DH

“ I attended high school with Brian in Bakersfield, and remember him as a tough competitor and a kind human being. His entire family was warm and genuine, but Brian stood out even among them. May God rest his soul. Dr. Gerald Haslam



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**Dr. Gerald Haslam** - January 09, 2019 at 04:08 PM

RG

“ Brian Kelly, Brother Brian to me, helped kindle my interest in Biology in the mid 60's at La Salle High School. I continued my study of Biology in College and graduate school and eventually ended up as a college professor. I would occasionally think back fondly on Brother Brian and the positive influence he had on my life. I was sorry to hear of his passing and wish to extend my condolences to his wife and family.

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**Rob Gendron** - January 08, 2019 at 08:34 PM

AG

“ Brian and I were former Christian Brothers and we taught together at LaSalle H.S. in Pasadena. He was a great and generous human being, always smiling, always upbeat. He was a wonderful role model for his students and quite an outstanding Biology teacher. He definitely will be missed! I'll have a special Mass said for him this week. Prayers for his family during this difficult time. Tony Gelfuso (former Brother Paul)

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**Anthony Gelfuso** - January 07, 2019 at 06:56 PM

RW

“ *Brian Kelly was a dedicated educator and a mentor to many of the young teachers in the district. Unselfish, hard-working and an example that we all strive to emulate. I am proud to have worked along side this great man. My sincere condolences to Brian’s family. We will all miss his welcoming smile and genuine love for others.*

*Ron Wheat*



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**Ron Wheat** - January 04, 2019 at 04:33 PM

BP

“ *I volunteered with Brian at Kaiser in Vallejo. We got to know each other immediately with common interests. He was such a good man to know and work with. He had to stop volunteering because of his cancer diagnosis, but he would visit our station every time he came in for chemo. He had such a good attitude despite his illness. I and the others who worked with him will miss his presence. What a guy!*

*Beverly Phelan*

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**Beverly Phelan** - January 04, 2019 at 01:38 AM

MG

“ *Mr Kelly was not only an amazing teacher in schools but a wonderful and spiritual CCD instructor. He and his lovely wife prepared myself and so many others for our confirmation. RIP Sir and thank you!*

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**Mike Gutierrez** - January 03, 2019 at 10:14 PM

ME

“ *Connie and family: Thank you for sharing this great man with all of us through the years.*

*His strength was always what he gave to his loved ones and to his students and his community. It was sad to see him undergo such illness, but even then he showed us how to endure. All of us recall happier times and so many memories. It is our hope these will comfort you in all the days ahead. My deep sympathy,  
Marie Earp*

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**MARIE EARP** - January 03, 2019 at 02:24 PM

SM

“ *I'm so very sad to hear of Brian's passing. Brian was a dear sweet man who always made me feel cared about and appreciated.*

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**Shelley Million** - January 02, 2019 at 07:45 PM

BE

“ *He was a wonderful man in so many ways and he had so much more to give of himself.*

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**Bill Earp** - January 01, 2019 at 08:38 PM