



Lorraine Kelly

August 9, 1932 - November 9, 2025

KINGSFORD - Lorraine Esther Kelly, of Kingsford, died peacefully on November 9, 2025 at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford.

Lorraine “Rainey” was a woman whose capacity for fun and friendship seemed to have no limits—endlessly kind, loyal, and filled with love for her family and friends. Up until her final months, she was still making “new” friends, and she kept her friends for life.

Born in Faithorn on August 9, 1932, Rainey had an incredible childhood on the farm with her three sisters and two brothers, Janice, Douglas, Larry, Bethel, and Norma, as well as her parents George and Grace (Salzeider) Reid.

After graduating from Norway High School, she ventured out into the world with courage and purpose, and in 1953 earned her nursing degree from Augustana Nursing School in the big city of Chicago—a point of pride and adventure for this small-town girl. Nursing (and being an Auggie) was one of the great loves of her life. Throughout her decades-long career in Milwaukee and Iron Mountain, she cared deeply for others, ultimately retiring at age 75. She was a founding board member of the Medical Care Access Committee, which supported improvements in medical care and hospital services in the region. Her compassion, professionalism, and dedication touched countless

lives.

Lorraine was the devoted mother to her four children: Stephen (Julia) Sigg, Julie Leveritt, Claudine (Ron) Taub, and Katie (Steve) Cantwell. She was the proudest grandmother to Matthew Taub, George Taub, John Mark Leveritt, Abby Taub, Danny Leveritt, David Leveritt, Casey Sigg, and Beckett, Lillian, Evangeline, and Cooper Cantwell, as well as her 12 great-grandchildren. Her nieces and nephews brought her so much joy. Family and Faith were her foundation, and her love and warmth will continue to guide us.

She was married for 38 years to Kenneth Sigg and later for many wonderful years to Jerry Kelly, both of whom shared in her life's joys, adventures, and laughter.

She was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford, where she leaves many close friends and a supportive faith family. In her later years and in a very special way, she received support from a close circle of friends including Pat Beauchamp and the truly incredible and caring staff at Evergreen, and her children are endlessly grateful for their care. Lorraine leaves a legacy of love, friendship, and care—for her patients, her friends, and most of all her family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Dickinson Area Community Foundation and specify NURSES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, which supports nursing education and scholarships in the state she loved.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, November 14, at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford, with Rev. Bob Malsack officiating.

A luncheon will be held at Pine Mountain Resort immediately following the

service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802
<https://kingsfpc.org/>

Tribute Wall

SL

“ *My sympathy to all of Lorraine's beloved family. I worked with her for 30 years at DCHS & served on many committees with Lorraine. She was smart, witty, told the best stories, and sparred regularly with some of the men we worked with, which was entertaining, to say the least! She sure could hold her own when she didn't agree with something, but always put patient comfort and safety first. Such a fun, caring person. So blessed to have known her.* ”



Sheryl LeBombard - November 17, 2025 at 07:56 PM

CG

“ *So very sorry to hear about Lorraine. She was a wonderful nurse and a very special person. She will be missed. My sincere sympathy to you all.* ”

Cynthia Gordon - November 15, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorraine Kelly.* ”



November 12, 2025 at 11:34 AM

MA

“ Lorraine will be missed very much. Words cannot describe the many times Dave and I spent laughing, eating, sharing with our friend Lorraine. She worked along side Dave (Chaps) for many years at the hospital. They helped so many people. We visited Jerry and Lorraine when they were in Florida. We were also privileged to stand up as witnesses when she and Jerry got married. Rainey is with Dave now in heaven. Reunited again and I am sure up to fun and games like they did here.

Sending love to all of her family on this great loss to the world. 💜
Marie Anderson

Marie Anderson - November 12, 2025 at 10:11 AM

KP

“ My family has such wonderful memories of time spent with Katie's family, Steven and Julia, Julie and Claudine. Lorraine was there for many of them. Our time in Hale was priceless, especially Steven and Julia's annual rib off. Lorraine loved my husband Neal and would bring him fresh chicken livers to fry up for a treat. My favorite story she told from her youth was about her and her sisters went swimming with friends. One of her sisters just bought a beautiful brand new yellow bathing suit and thought she was hot stuff. Unfortunately when she came out of the water you could see absolutely everything through her wet suit. She was laughing so hard telling the story and it stuck with me. We have beautiful memories of our Florida trips spending time with Lorraine and Jerry. Thanks for the memories and we will see you one day on the other side.... God Bless

Khristina Petrucci - November 12, 2025 at 09:38 AM

NB

“ Steven, Julie, Claudine and Katie, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom! She certainly set the nursing standard for me, in my career! More importantly she and all of you always made me feel welcome into your family, life and home! I have the BEST memories of Iron Mountain! Your mom at the top, always had a smile, her white uniform and a a great laugh! May she rest in peace, a life well lived and a legacy in all of you❤️. Nancy Burke

Nancy Burke - November 11, 2025 at 10:05 PM

TF

“ Sending our love to you and all of the cousins. Aunt Rainey was so intelligent, caring and funny. She was always a pleasure to be around and will be dearly missed.
Connie and Scott
Samuel, Alli and Zoe
George, Jack and Patrick

The Guffey Family - November 11, 2025 at 03:33 PM

DF

“ Dutkiewicz, Petrucci & Schindler family purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Lorraine Kelly.



Dutkiewicz, Petrucci & Schindler family - November 11, 2025
at 09:18 AM

WF

“ With love, Laura Lee and family purchased the Ar
rive in Style for the family of Lorraine Kelly.



With love, Laura Lee and family - November 10, 2025 at 07:57
PM

MC

“ To my cousins, My thought are with you all. Your mother, my aunt,
was a wonderful person. I loved her very much. Remember the
summer we all went to Washington D. C? There are so many more.
Just know I am thinking of you all and sending my love .

Mary Beth Carlson - November 10, 2025 at 04:45 PM

MF

“ *Manternach Family purchased the Peaceful Whit
e Lilies Basket for the family of Lorraine Kelly.*



Manternach Family - November 10, 2025 at 04:24 PM