



## Kelly A. Engler

February 23, 1968 - December 21, 2018

Townsend: Kelly A. (Rourke) Engler, 50, of Townsend formerly of Lowell , died Friday, December 21, 2018 at her residence.

Kelly was born in Lowell, February 23, 1968, a daughter of Donna (Wojas) Rourke and the late John Rourke and has resided in Townsend for twenty two years.

She was a 1986 graduate of Dracut High School and in 1990 received her Bachelor's Degree in English from Fitchburg State College. In 1992 she received her Masters of Education Degree, also from Fitchburg State College.

Kelly taught kindergarten and second grade at Brookside and Englesby Elementary Schools in Dracut for 24 years, retiring this year.

In addition to her mother of Lowell, she leaves her husband of 22 years, Eric I. Engler; her son, Zachary Engler of Townsend; her daughter, Paige Engler of Townsend; two brothers, John Rourke of Georgia and David Rourke of Lowell.

Kelly enjoyed spending time with her children and girlfriends and Karaoke.

She was a member of St. Michael's Church in Lowell.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, December 28,

2018 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Townsend.

There are no public calling hours.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend Center is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information or to leave an online condolence.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

Dudley Road  
West Townsend , MA 01474

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church  
1 School Street  
Townsend, MA 01469

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Eric, Paige, and Zachary,  
I am so sorry for your great loss. I have taught with Kellie for the last 20 years and I also knew her from our childhood hanging out at St Luis field. She was a great person with an infectious laugh and was always ready for a good time. She was an energetic teacher and made a difference in her students lives. I know that Kellie will be watching from above and will always be remembered.  
Sending love and prayers, Sharon McGrath

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sharon mcgrath - December 31, 2018 at 04:49 PM

FL

“ I spoke to Kelli several months ago. She was so bright and funny and full of life. She could teach us all a lesson. She was also an amazing Red Sox fan.

*My wife, Natalie, and i are so sorry to hear that Kelli is gone now. but I know she is not really gone because someone like that makes an impact forever. Her family is in our thoughts.*

*Fred Lynn*

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Fred Lynn - December 30, 2018 at 06:19 PM

CW

“ Eric, Paige and Zach,  
My deepest sympathies to you all in the loss of your wife and mom. She was an amazing, strong, funny woman and loved you all fiercely. She will be remembered always by all who knew her. We are lifting up your family in prayer in this time of sorrow.  
With love,  
Christie, Jeff, Grace, Abby and Ellie Willett

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Christie Willett - December 28, 2018 at 12:20 PM

BW

“ Sending love and prayers to Cousin Kelli's family and friends. She was adored and loved by so many people. I know she is finally pain-free and singing up in heaven with Grampy Wojas and her Dad, Uncle Johnny....but I still feel so sad. Sending love to all. Beth Wojas

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**Beth Wojas** - December 28, 2018 at 12:13 PM

HK

“ Eric, Paige and Zac,  
I worked with your mom/wife at Brookside. Kelly was an outstanding teacher who had so much to offer, not only her students but her colleagues as well. She had an smile that would light up a room and provided much entertainment in the teacher's room. We had many long talks, Kelly would often call me on her ride home to Townsend, we talked not only about school but about her family. She was so very proud of her children and thankful for Eric and the family they created together. Kelly and I spoke a few months ago, even then she put a positive spin on her health. I will always remember the fun loving Kelly that joined the Brookside staff as well as her giving nature. She has left a lasting legacy of wife, mom, friend, teacher and overall incredible person - may you find comfort in that.  
My heartfelt condolences,  
Helen Kennedy, Brookside

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**Helen Kennedy** - December 27, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I sat next to Kelli at many baseball games over the years as our sons played together. I admired her enthusiasm and her dedication to her children. May God bless your family during this difficult tome.



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Laura Linabury - December 27, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Kelly A. Engler.



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December 27, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ The love and laughter from such a bright soul, the smile and helping hand to pull anyone out of a hole...God needed you - we will never know why...not of sorrow but of happy memories we cry. Kelly you are always in our hearts...here on Earth you stood for everything pure & good...as from above you watch over your family and circle of many friends from the DHS hood...Deepest condolences to your family-it is for them that we mourn, in Jesus' name, you will always BE your childrens' light...you taught them to always be strong - never give up the fight❤️ You will ALWAYS shine in our hearts.

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carolyn iron moccasin - December 27, 2018 at 05:37 AM

 Jeremy  
Martin

“ *By God's mercy, she is smiling now forever. She is proud of you all. You are such good people and it is my honor and privilege to serve you.*

*In Christ,*

*Fr. Jeremy St. Martin*

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**Jeremy Martin** - December 26, 2018 at 11:20 AM

KB

“ *What an impression you made on my daughter Gabbrielle at Brookside back in 2006. She loved going to school and learning new songs. We still remember "Grey Squirrel" and so many more. When she graduates in June from DHS we will open the memory capsule you had her create when she graduated kindergarten and we will have a good cry again for all the wonderful memories she has of her time in your class. Thank you for making a difference in one little girl's life. Karen Brown*

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**Karen Brown** - December 24, 2018 at 06:18 PM

LW

“ *Dear Eric, Paige and Zac, we grieve with you and Kelli will be missed but never forgotten. She is now in the loving arms of her Dad and Grampy until we see her again. She certainly taught us the true meaning of bravery. Love is a gift one heart gives to another and Kelli gave us all her greatest gift. Her bright light is shining above and she is watching over you. Love, Aunt Lynn, Uncle John, Beth, Pame and Jay*

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**linda wojas** - December 24, 2018 at 04:16 PM

AM

“ Eric, Paige and Zac, I can not even begin to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I look back on the chapter of our lives when I use to care for Paige and Zac and all the talks Kelli and I had about everything :) Not only was I blessed to able to care for her very precious children, I was also blessed that she was Jake and Adams' kindergarten teacher. We will never forget how much of a role she played in our youngest son Adams life, and how the day of his High School Graduation she took a moment to text me and say how sorry she was she could not attend the ceremony but wanted to send her love and well wishes. That's just the kind of gal she was :) She will be missed but never forgotten. With all our love, April, Rick, Jake, "Sam Bam", and Adam Martin

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**April Martin** - December 24, 2018 at 12:39 PM

JC

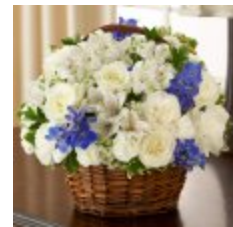
“ Dave, please accept my condolences for Kelly's passing. She was a great girl. I can't believe she is gone. So sorry for your loss.  
Jim Cassin

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**James Cassin** - December 24, 2018 at 09:30 AM

MT

“ Marc Turgeon purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Kelly A. Engler.



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**Marc Turgeon** - December 24, 2018 at 08:35 AM



“ *She was my teacher in the second grade....I liked her very much because She made learning fun. I am sad to hear that she died. My love to her family. Skylar Lawler.*

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**Anne-Marie Milliken** - December 23, 2018 at 08:01 PM

JK

*My deepest sympathies go out to the Engler and Rourke families. Kelly was truly a bright light for everyone she touched. Always smiling and laughing. She will be missed for sure but her memory will carry on through her beautiful family and her countless friends. Rest In Peace.*

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**Jim Keefe** - December 24, 2018 at 10:11 AM

SF

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Kelli was my student teacher when she was dating Eric. She was the best Student Teacher I ever had. The teaching profession has suffered a great loss. I'll always remember her beautiful smile and devilish laugh!*

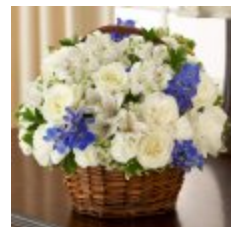


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**Sheryl Farrar** - December 23, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kelly A. Engler.*



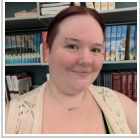
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December 23, 2018 at 03:43 PM

LS

“ *To the Entire Family  
So very sorry for your loss. May your memories give you strength  
The Shifrin Family*

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**Laura E Shifrin** - December 23, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ *My love and sympathies go to the family; I was one of Mrs. Engler's many kindergarten students. I believe I was her student in '97. She helped me love school and nurtured my storytelling. Today, I am a writer pursuing a graduate degree in hopes of teaching (although teaching undergraduates and not children; I don't have the sweet patience Mrs. Engler had working with kids). I have much to thank for all she did for me, helping to set me up to have a fulfilling education. She will be sorely missed, but I assure her loved ones that she lives on in hundreds and hundreds of people who were nurtured by her teaching.*

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**Kaylie Crawford** - December 23, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Kelly A. Engler.*



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December 23, 2018 at 12:21 PM

TL

“ Kelly was such a sweet girl, beautiful inside and out. We have many of fond memories of her when she was a teenager in Dracut. So sorry for the loss of this beautiful mother, wife sister and daughter.

*Bootsie and Jack Langan  
Naples, Florida*

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**Teresa Langan** - December 23, 2018 at 11:13 AM

KM

“ A beautiful soul , so sorry for your loss Fly High Mrs Engler and watch over your 2 precious Children 💕

*Kristen McCullough*

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**Kristen Mccullough** - December 23, 2018 at 07:24 AM

KM

“ Eric, Zac and Paige, I just wanted to tell you that my thoughts and prayers are with you. I also want to say thank you for sharing your mom with us. She was so proud of you and we all felt like one big family. She touched so many hearts and changed many lives. I have no doubt she will continue to watch over you. She will be missed.

*Karen Mercurio  
Englesby/Brookside*

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**Karen Mercurio** - December 23, 2018 at 12:07 AM

DA

“ Growing up with Kelly at St Louis Park I have so many fond memories of our childhood days. My condolences to her family through this time. Diane (Brodeur) Anderson

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**Diane Anderson** - December 22, 2018 at 11:36 PM

JN

“ To Kelly’s family: I am sorry for the loss of your mom/wife. I taught with her for many years at Brookside. She inspired me to walk with her after school in our early years and would share the love of her own children. We were pregnant and having newborns at the same time. She also had an amazing impact on children in Dracut.

*Sending hugs and prayers!*

*Jill Hosman Nelson*

*Brookside*

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**Jill Hosman Nelson** - December 22, 2018 at 07:07 PM