



Kelly Tain Crosby

December 1, 2025

Kelly Tain Crosby, beloved daughter, wife, sister, aunt and friend, passed away December 1, 2025 leaving behind a legacy of dedication, intellect, and love.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Kelly was the cherished daughter of Robert and Marsha Tain. She graduated from high school at Upper St Clair High School in Upper St Clair, PA then her family later moved to Chicago, where she began shaping the remarkable path that would define her life.

Kelly's academic journey took her to Washington, D.C., where she attended George Washington University. A member of the swim team, she balanced athletics with an extraordinary academic record—earning four unrelated minors, two undergraduate degrees in International Studies and Economics, and a master's degree in Political Campaign Management from the Elliott School. Her thirst for knowledge was insatiable; she often said she could have been a professional student, and indeed, she lived as one who delighted in learning for its own sake.

Her career reflected her passion for politics and service. Kelly ran political campaigns and volunteered nationwide, later running campaigns for the United States Senate, United States Congress and local races across the country. She lived in Germany for a year while attending Feinburg University,

broadening her global perspective. Over the course of her career, she worked in 32 states as a political consultant and campaign manager, often running multiple campaigns simultaneously. She also served as a professional lobbyist for National Right to Life and various non-profits, bringing her sharp intellect and tireless energy to causes she believed in.

In 2010, Kelly moved to North Carolina to be closer to family. There, she played a pivotal role in reshaping the state's political landscape, helping to flip North Carolina red for the first time since Reconstruction. In 2017, she met Allen Crosby while commissioned by the Honorable William "Bill" Brawley to run Allen's campaign. Kelly often joked that Bill was her "Political Dad," a testament to the deep mentorship and friendship they shared.

Kelly and Allen married in 2023 in Washington, D.C., and together they built an amazing life. She adored spending time with her beloved dogs, Sammy and Lizzie, and found joy in travel, coloring, and the small pleasures of life—British television, vibrant wardrobes that contrasted her professional black attire, and the beauty of flowers, especially yellow tulips.

Kelly's curiosity and love of learning never waned. She delighted in books, ideas, and the pursuit of knowledge, embodying a spirit of lifelong discovery. She is survived by her husband, Allen Crosby; her parents, Robert and Marsha Tain of Charlotte; her maternal grandmother in Chicago; her sisters, Dani and Bekki Tain of Charlotte; her niece, Bria "Squirt"; her "Political Dad," William "Bill" Brawley; her parents-in-law, Phil and Susan Crosby; her brother-in-law, Michael (Erin) Crosby; and her sister-in-law, Lara Crosby. Kelly is further survived by numerous other relatives and friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Kelly's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for her and for them. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for her at

1:00 pm on Friday, December 12, at St Matthew Catholic Church with the family receiving friends after the mass. The reception will be held at Grace O'Malleys in Matthews.

Kelly's life was one of brilliance, service, and love. She will be remembered for her sharp mind, her boundless energy, her devotion to family and friends, and her ability to find joy in both the grand and simple moments of life.

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness during this most difficult time.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Saint. Matthew Catholic Church
8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy
Charlotte, NC 28277
lee@loweneddo.com

Reception Following Services

DEC 12. 2:30 PM (ET)

Grace O'Malleys
157 N Trade Street
Matthews, NC 28105
<https://www.gomalleysnc.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kelly Tain Crosby*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - December 12, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Kelly is my biological mother. She will always hold a special place in my heart, and I think of her every day. Still doesn't feel real.*

Kat Merritt - March 16 at 05:22 PM



“ *Caitlin B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly Tain Crosby.*

Caitlin B. - January 21 at 12:57 PM



“ *Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Kelly Tain Crosby.*



December 12, 2025 at 08:41 PM

PO

“ Pat and Celest O’Brien planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly Tain Crosby.

Pat and Celest O’Brien - December 12, 2025 at 08:41 PM

FL

“ From Katie, Ady, Bri and Liz purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kelly Tain Crosby.



From Katie, Ady, Bri and Liz - December 11, 2025 at 07:44 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Kelly Tain Crosby.



December 11, 2025 at 01:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kelly Tain Crosby.



December 10, 2025 at 04:20 PM

LJ

“ Love, Mike and Jimbo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly Tain Crosby.

Love, Mike and Jimbo - December 10, 2025 at 04:20 PM

GD

“ George and Angely Furcolo from D.C. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Kelly Tain Crosby.



George and Angely Furcolo from D.C. - December 10, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kelly Tain Crosby.



December 09, 2025 at 11:41 PM

BA

“ Brian Axell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly Tain Crosby.

Brian Axell - December 09, 2025 at 11:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kelly Tain Crosby.



December 09, 2025 at 10:53 AM

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“ I was shocked to hear of Kelly’s passing. We were good friends at Upper St. Clair High School. She was a genuine friend. We had lost touch about 5 years ago. My condolences to her husband and family. Kelly was always deep rooted in her faith and I know she will be watching over everyone. 🥹

Tammy (Wheeler) Lentz - December 04, 2025 at 10:23 AM