



Kelly Stern

March 29, 1976 - January 11, 2026

Kelly Stern passed away unexpectedly on January 11, 2026 at her home in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Born in Leesburg, Florida on March 29, 1976 to parents Chuck Smith and Carol Williams, Kelly grew up in her Ocala, Florida area home with Eddie and Carol Williams and attended Lake Weir High School.

Kelly made her permanent home in Saint Petersburg, Florida where she lived a quiet life during her career working with small children at a local school. She was regarded by others as kind and humble and will be sorely missed. Her sons, Carter Stern and Mitchell Stern and Carter's girlfriend, Val Silva were her pride and joy.

She is survived by her son, Carter Stern, her son, Mitchell Stern, her mother, Carol Williams, her father, Chuck Smith, her brother, Andy Williams her stepsister, Chrissy Johnston, her stepbrother, Jason Smith, her stepsister, Amy Kinsley, her stepbrother Jeremy Smith and her stepbrother Josh Smith. Predeceased family members are Eddie Williams, her stepfather and Alissa Ross, her stepsister.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at Beyers Funeral Home, 1123 West Main St, Leesburg, Florida 34748

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory
1123 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kelly Stern*



Beyers Funeral Home - January 22 at 09:00 AM

JU

Kelly was like a daughter to me for many years. She will forever have a place in my heart. I have missed and will continue to miss her. My love and heartfelt condolences to the family.

Julie - January 25 at 04:13 PM

VB

“ *I taught Kelly in middle school in Gainesville. Kelly was always attentive, polite, and ready to learn. She was social, friendly, and well liked by all of her classmates. She also came daily with her big smile. It was my pleasure to have known and taught Kelly. I am deeply saddened at her passing as I know her classmates also are. With my condolences and deepest sympathies. Vivian Benderwalker*

Vivian Benderwalker - January 25 at 08:17 PM

KJ

“ Karen Hollins Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kelly Stern.



Karen Hollins Johnson - January 24 at 11:57 AM

KJ

“ Karen Hollins Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly Stern.

Karen Hollins Johnson - January 24 at 11:57 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Kelly Stern.



January 23 at 09:03 AM

PH

“ Paul Hausman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kelly Stern.



Paul Hausman - January 22 at 01:25 PM

SB

“ I was the social worker for the deaf/hearing impaired program for Alachua county schools. Kelly was in our program. She was one of the kindest people I’ve ever known.

My daughter, Jasmine has cerebral palsy and Kelly was one of her best friends!! She spent many weekend and spring breaks at our home, at the beach, on the river, and she always felt like part of our family.

My heart is broken that we didn’t stay in touch. She will always be a part of us and we cherish the time we spent together.

With much love and sorrow,

Jasmine and Susan “Browning” Chriss

Susan Browning-Chriss - January 22 at 09:41 AM

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