

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*5 Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the LORD for ever.*



REA FUNERAL
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CREMATION SERVICES

In Loving Memory of



*Kelly Leann
Burkholder*

May 20, 1961 ~ September 1, 2026

Kelly Leann Burkholder

Kelly Leann Burkholder, 65, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at her home. She was born on May 20, 1961, in Belton, Missouri, the daughter of D. Wayne Mucke and Jo Anne (Job) Mucke, who preceded her in death.

On June 7, 1986, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Sedalia, Missouri, she was united in marriage to her sweetheart, Kent A. Burkholder, beginning a marriage that lasted more than forty years.

She was a proud graduate of Smith-Cotton High School Class of 1979. She went on to earn her undergraduate degree in Elementary and Special Education from Missouri State University in 1983 and her master's from the University of Central Missouri.

Teaching was Kelly's calling for 31 years. She began her career in Smithton and spent most of it at Sedalia Middle School, much of that time teaching sixth grade math. She retired in 2015, then continued her passion for students by giving her time as a mentor at Heber Hunt Elementary.

Above all, Kelly was the center of her home. A talented cook and baker who believed food was love and meant to be shared. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother to her children. She carried her faith throughout her life, supporting Sacred Heart Catholic Church and later First Christian Church. She served her community by delivering meals to the Sedalia Senior Center. Kelly enjoyed a good game of cards or mahjong, cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs and Missouri Tigers, and going to the lake with her family and making memories.

In addition to her husband, Kent, Kelly is survived by two children, Ali Burkholder of Sedalia, Missouri and Jacob Burkholder of Columbia, Missouri; two sisters, Krista Kempton and her husband Mark of Sedalia and Karla Hall and her husband Steve of Parkville, Missouri; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Kelly was preceded in death by a brother, Kevin Mucke.

Celebration of Life Service

1:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 10, 2026

First Christian Church

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Dr. Chad McMullin

Musician

Darrin Hartman

Special Music

"Here I Am Lord"

"You Raise Me Up"

"Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"

"The Goodness Of God" - Video Tribute

Entombment

Memorial Park Cemetery

Sedalia, MO

Memorial Contributions

First Christian Church, "In Memory of Kelly Burkholder"

Bothwell Canon Center for Cancer