

### JAN PAULA KELLY



On Tuesday, August 17, 2021, Jan Paula Kelly, 74, of Valdosta, loving wife, and mother to three children, was received into the arms of her Loving Savior.

Jan was born on January 1, 1947, in Jacksonville, to Herbert and Carolyn Langenfeld. She would later join the Boatright family and affectionately referred to Clem A. Boatright, as “Dad.” On January 1, 1963, she married William “Avery” Kelly Jr., and together they lovingly raised three sons. She received a Nursing degree from FCCJ and worked at Nassau General Hospital in Fernandina Beach; Baptist Primary Care in Callahan; and for a season, provided Instruction to students at Hilliard High School who had a desire to enter the field of nursing upon graduation. Although recognized for her expertise in each of these areas of employment, her greatest contributions were made alongside her adoring husband of 58 years in faithful ministry. Her lifelong selfless sacrifice and influence offered to those in need of physical, spiritual, and emotional support will extend for generations to come.

Jan had a lifelong passion for music that glorified the name of her Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. As an outstanding Alto and pianist, she was always in demand, as was her participation in leading teen, children, or adult ensembles. In the role of “Nana” to family, she was the epitome of a southern cook who cherished and orchestrated Sundays where the family would gather and together enjoy the immeasurable blessings of God. Her vigilant watch care, fervent prayers, and devoted participation with family throughout her years have permanently secured her place in the hearts of her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Jan Kelly was predeceased by her father Clem; her mother Carolyn; and sister Karen Scroggins.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Dr. William “Avery” Kelly, Jr; her three children Avery Kelly III of Atlantic Beach, Dr. Michael (Lindi) Kelly of Kingsland and David (Kersti) Kelly of Callahan; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; as well as brothers Clem (Valerie) Boatright, Rusty (Kelly) Boatright and Lynn (Wayne) Thomas.

The family will receive friends Saturday, September 4 at 9:30 a.m. prior to the memorial service to celebrate Jan’s life at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Valdosta, 200 W. Central Ave., Valdosta. Dr. Mike Kelly will officiate the service and be joined by Dr. Wayne Higginbotham and Dr. Chuck Owens who will also share additional words of comfort.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.callahanfh.com](http://www.callahanfh.com) for the Kelly family.