



Kelly Lyon Backey

June 15, 1971 - June 15, 2026

Kelly Elizabeth Lyon Backey

Beloved Daughter, Mother, Sibling, and Aunt.

Kelly Backey, an undeniable unique and free spirit, left us on June 15, 2026. Born on June 15, 1971, in Los Angeles, CA and moved to Olive Branch, MS with her family at the age of five. She had many loved ones who cared for her deeply.

Kelly was a person of many passions. She was a seeker of freedom; she never wavered in her desire for a new adventure. Traveling from city to city with the Grateful Dead, to falling in love with the mountains of Colorado, she found solace in her travels. As a follower of God, she also carried her Bible with her everywhere she went.

Kelly attended grade school and high school at Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis, TN. She then went on to attend The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. After college, she became a certified midwife. All the while, she was also keen in practicing her skills as a seamstress and a baker, having careers in both fields throughout her life. One of her most notable talents was decorating cakes, which she found immense joy in.

She loved her children, as well as her nieces and nephews, with all her heart. Her presence touched the lives of them each, she loved to nurture their imaginations and never wanted anything more than for their lives to be filled with joy.

Kelly was preceded in death by her father, Dale Windham.

She is survived by her mother and adoptive father, Joyce and Edward Lyon, siblings, Christine Moondancer and Lindsey Chrestman, and her children Zion Hodgkin and Elizabeth Backey.

A private service for extended family will be held to celebrate Kelly's life on June 19, 2026 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

We are grateful for the support of our congregation as well as our fellow community members who have prayed for her and her family in this time.

Tribute Wall

YF

“ *Your COOP Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Kelly Lyon Backey.* ”



Your COOP Family - Yesterday at 11:38 AM

JL

“ *Jess L. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kelly Lyon Backey.* ”



Jess L. - June 16 at 10:27 PM

SE

“ *Sean purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kelly Lyon Backey.* ”



Sean - June 16 at 07:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kelly Lyon Backey.* ”



June 16 at 04:42 PM

JR

“ *Julia R. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kelly Lyon Backey.*



Julia R. - June 16 at 03:39 PM