



Kelly Ann Bowden

March 27, 1982 - April 28, 2025

Kelly Ann Bowden passed away on April 28, 2025 at 43 years old, gone to soon! Survived by her loving son William Bowden, Mother Lisa Bowden and sister Tracy Khoshnou and her husband Freddy. She worked in the hospitality industry since she was 15 years old. She graduated Vallencia with degrees in business of which, she worked as General Manager at Bella Italia. She also had a criminal justice degree and worked for a law firm three and half years. She was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. We will all miss her very much!

Tribute Wall

WB

“ This is her son. Growing up, my mom worked two full-time jobs, went to full-time college, and took care of a dog on top of that. To say she had it rough, was an understatement. But she pulled through and that was because she was taught by my great grandma and carried her spirit, and that similar spirit is something my mom had which is now passed down to me. I can never replace my mom, nor can I match her iron will and hardworking nature, but I can do it in my own way; she always pushed me to pursue my own talents and wishes rather than stick to the norm; and I think I started to realize that a bit during COVID, when the world was in its darkest and we started losing loved ones.

Many don't know but I was never always appreciative of my mom through her work ethic and sacrifices she made. I hated her for it at one point. But after talking with her and really understanding her, and her understanding me, we got through it and on my 18th birthday I made a vow to never get into petty arguments or hold anything against my mother, and I'm happy to say I did that. We would have our disagreements, and our in-the-moment shouting matches, but it was out of the dynamic between a single parent and a child, I suppose.

The last moment I had with her was the night before she died, where we both told each other 'I love you.' That's my final words to her. Thank God, honestly. She would get worried she wasn't doing right by me and how sometimes she thought she was holding me back, but two months later I can say that, she never did. She taught me what she could, and now I'm living on for her. That same soul that was so loving, caring, and accepting of everyone, it's my turn to be that for so many MORE people.

I love you, mom. You did the absolute best. Thank you.

William Bowden - July 06, 2025 at 11:59 AM

DB

My deepest sympathy. Your mom was such a beautiful woman inside and out. She was always so positive and uplifting every time we saw her. She is deeply missed.

Deborah Ballerino - August 08, 2025 at 02:32 PM

FV

William I'm so sorry for your loss, I know how you feel sadly I lost my mom 13 years ago, she was 48. I was your mom's best friend during high school and I can tell you I loved and adored your mom. She was the best best friend anyone could ever ask for, she had spunk, she was funny, she was smart, she loved with all her heart, she wore her heart on her sleeve, you had a beautiful smile and laughter, she was an amazing mother, daughter, sister, granddaughter, friend. I have loved your mother since the day I met her. She was there when I found out I was pregnant with my 1st child, she was there for the birth, she was there when I had my 2nd and 3rd sons. I can't even express my sadness of losing my best friend. I got found out a few days ago of her passing, I went to go give her ,her Halloween boo basket like I always did, I would when I could take her Halloween boo basket, Christmas gift basket, Birthday gift basket and Aldo informed me of her passing months ago, I was and still horrified of learning about her passing, I felt like my heart was ripped out 😞, Your mom raised a fine young gentleman, she loved you more than anything 💖 she was an amazing fur mommy to Zena her dog in high school and peanut. May she peacefully and know she is up above with her dad, her grandma and grandpa, her friend uncle Rich and her dog Zena. She will always be loved and missed dearly 💖. Her friend Franki

Franki VanD - October 02, 2025 at 01:26 AM

AB

“ It is with heavy hearts that we remember Kelly Bowden, a truly special soul who touched so many lives. For 12 years, Kelly and I worked side by side at Bella Italia Pizza. She wasn't just my coworker , she became family. Kelly had one of the biggest hearts I've ever known. She was honest, dependable, and one of the hardest workers you could ever meet. Whether it was helping a customer with a smile or supporting the people around her, she always gave her all. She was the heart of our restaurant, loved by staff and customers alike. Her absence leaves a space that cannot be filled, but her spirit and kindness will stay with us forever. Rest in peace, Kelly. You will never be forgotten

Aldo Bella - May 30, 2025 at 08:07 AM

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Aldo Bella - May 29, 2025 at 05:54 PM

PF

“ I am very sad to hear the loss of Kelly. She was trying a ray of sunshine. I Loved talking with here whenever I stopped by at Bella. Her son and my daughter are the same age. We would talk about how we wished great things for our kids. She was a very special person that would always recognize my voice when I would call in to Bella to place an order. She will be truly missed.

Paula Frazier - May 24, 2025 at 07:10 PM

JF

“ Bella Italia has long been a family favorite of ours which is where we came to know Kelly. She was quick to welcome us when we came through the door with her smile and enthusiasm. Any time we commented on the small and ever changing decorative changes Kelly was given credit for the creative handiwork....always making us feel at home at one of our favorite neighborhood haunts. It has been said that Kelly was the heart of Bella and her pulse will forever be felt by all of us who love her. Our condolences to all who bear the weight of this tremendous loss...especially William and her work family. Until we see you again dear girl, with love from Janis, Dave and the Foskett "kids".



Janis Joslin Foskett - May 24, 2025 at 06:26 PM

MH

“ Kelly was such an incredible person. She was definitely the heart of Bella with her welcoming smile, laughter & incredible personality. She made Bella feel like home & it will surely miss her presence! Both the Staff & regulars alike. My kids grew up eating at Bella & She was family to us. You had so much life to live. You will be forever missed & loved. Rest in Peace my Sweet Friend. This is so hard to imagine.

Michelle Haugh - May 24, 2025 at 04:27 PM

JO

“ So very sorry to hear of her passing. The last memory I have is when Mom and I came to visit years ago and she was there. Kelly’s mom and my mom were sisters. We always loved coming to Florida and always had a great visit. I’m so glad we were able to have dinner and enjoy our family getting together for dinner that evening and enjoyed spending time with you all. Rest in peace Kelly. Much love going out to the family❤️🙏

john - May 24, 2025 at 08:31 AM

JS

“ We are heartbroken to hear of Kelly’s passing. Her vibrant spirit and genuine warmth made every visit to Bella Italia feel like coming home. She always greeted us with a smile and remembered our family by name, making each meal feel like a reunion with a dear friend. Kelly had a gift for making people feel special, and we will miss her deeply. Our heartfelt condolences to her loved ones and all who were lucky enough to know her.

Jim Sellers - May 24, 2025 at 07:30 AM

AR

“ Rest in peace, sweetie.
You had the best heart— always helping, always caring.
You’ll be missed more than words can ever say.
Thank you for being you.

Adela Recí - May 23, 2025 at 10:55 PM

DA

“ I was her god father, I remember Kelly and Tracy coming to my son's birthday parties all the time. As she grew up she was very serious in what she did and wanted in life. She always put in 110 percent in everything she did. Kelly protected her son and family from any harm and always there for them. We became very close and loved each other as family and were there when needed or to talk. She didn't hold back when she knew she was right. I will miss her as the daughter I didn't have. Lost way to soon. God bless her.



David amshoff - May 23, 2025 at 09:16 PM

DL

“ Kelly was the sweetest person, and I looked forward to seeing her when I went to Bella.
I will miss seeing her smiling face. Condolences to her family.
Donna LoBasso

Donna LoBasso - May 23, 2025 at 05:56 PM

CP

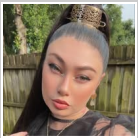
“ When my wife and I would have dinner at Bella restaurant Kelly would always take care of us. She was a delight with a wonderful personality. We will miss her

Charles Penrosa - May 23, 2025 at 05:10 PM

SW

“ I am heartbroken to hear about Kelly’s passing. I knew her at Bella Italia for many many years. She helped me with my lunch orders when I ordered for our local elementary school. She handled any and all issues quickly and without question. She just got the job done. Most times she knew my order when I would come to sit down after work just to take a break from the busy day. We moved out of the area a year and a half ago, but when we came back to town, I pop in to say hello to her or to grab a bite to eat and take away. She made it feel like we were really coming home. I’ll never hear the name Bella Italia restaurant without thinking of her. Weren’t we lucky to know her.

Sara Walters - May 23, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ Kelly was the first person who ever gave me a serving job she taught me everything to know. Over the years working with her at Bella Itallia she became more than a friend but more family a sister. I enjoyed being there with her and will miss talking to her. I still remember the morning she came to have me do her Halloween make up for work cause we all were dressing up. Even after the move to Ohio she still kept in touch. She will be missed greatly. I know how much she loved everyone down to little peanut. To the family and the rest of us friends I hold us all in prayer and grieve this as a huge loss. My love and condolences to Kelly’s mom and son.



Sammy Rose

Sam Salem - May 23, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JR

“ My husband and I are so saddened by this news. We moved out of the area 8 years ago, but would sometimes make the trip over to Bella Italia just to see Kelly. We knew her for well over 15 years there, and knew she was just a gift to the human race - so kind, thoughtful, and loving. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family - especially William. Godspeed, dear Kelly.
Adam Castellaw and Jennifer Radloff

Jennifer Radloff - May 23, 2025 at 01:58 PM

HF

“ Kelly was one of my first friends when I moved to Orlando a few years ago. She was so kind, witty, and so fun to be around. We have had so much fun together in the last few years. She became such a great friend to me. I'm going to miss her smiling face and wonderful personality. My condolences to her family. Bella won't ever be the same without Kelly.

Heather Flack - May 23, 2025 at 01:21 PM

LB

“ We as a family grieve the loss of our beloved Kelly. Our heartfelt sympathy is with all who knew her. I try to focus on the good memories I had with her. I remember her as a small child who grew up to be incredible businesswoman. She worked hard and was very intelligent, sensitive, generous and thoughtful. She told me daily she loved me. She was a wonderful caring and loving daughter. I was very lucky to have her in my life; she will be missed very much! She took me to a Lionel Richie Concert at Amway. We had a very nice time. Many good memories she gave me. I am grateful she gave me a precious Grandson, William! I am honored to have had her as my daughter. Gone to Soon but, one day I will see you in heaven! In Loving Memory of Kelly! Lisa Bowden

Lisa Bowden - May 23, 2025 at 11:20 AM

DG

“ *She is greatly missed at Bella Italia. I always enjoyed going in and covering with her. Gone way to soon!*

Diane Grover - May 18, 2025 at 10:03 AM