



Keli Renee Baker

August 5, 1984 - February 16, 2021

Keli Renee Baker, 36, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee, Ohio. She was born August 5th, 1984 in Napoleon, Ohio to Kevin and Cindy (Bruback) Rippee. On June 7, 2008 she married Sean Baker at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, Ohio.

Keli was a 2003 graduate of Napoleon High School and 2008 graduate of the University of Akron, where she attained a bachelor's degree in early childhood development. She was currently finishing her courses to complete her license in Intervention Specialists.

Keli worked as a pre-school teacher at Napoleon Elementary schools, the job she loved with all her heart. She previously worked at Head Start, Defiance for several years. Keli was highly active in the school system and was currently serving as President of PTO and the 5th-grade volleyball coach. She also helped coach recreational and travel softball and volleyball.

She would be considered the "Super" Mom, as she was involved in every activity concerning her daughters: volunteer swim coach, dance mom, gymnastics, basketball and Maumee valley civic theater which her daughters both participated in. She loved everything Ohio State Buckeyes, Napoleon Athletics and Cleveland Browns.

She is survived by her husband, Sean; the two lights of her life, daughters, Abbi and Georgia; parents, Kevin (Cindy) Rippee; siblings, Rochele and Caitlin Rippee, and Jason (Amy) Behlke; father and mother-in-law, Doug (Deb) Baker; several in-laws and nieces and nephews, cousins and her exchange brother and sisters from Germany and Brazil, Neto, Nina and Sorina.

A public visitation will be held on Sunday, February 21 from 1-7 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon. The family requests that you wear your Napoleon Wildcat or Ohio State Buckeye clothing. Masks and social distancing will be required.

A private Mass of Christian burial, by invitation only will take place on Monday, February 22nd at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, Ohio. The service will be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page at 11 a.m.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS AND GIFTS, memorials are suggested to "Sean Baker", which will be used for a future college education fund for Abbi and Georgia or Donate Life America.

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Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ *I'm one of her students and want to say she was a great person and I have always wanted to thank her she was like napoleons miss honey* ”

Lillyan - June 03, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keli Renee Baker.* ”



February 27, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *Kevin and Cindy, so sorry for your loss. Praying for healing and comfort for you. Dean and Natalie Reineke* ”

Dean Reineke - February 24, 2021 at 05:19 PM

HS

“ Mrs. Baker was my daughter Sadie’s preschool teacher at Napoleon for the 2018-2019 school year. I helped with the Halloween and Christmas parties in the classroom. Mrs. Baker was an excellent teacher and very sweet to the kids. We are saddened by the loss of her. I am attaching a picture Sadie drew of Mrs. Baker at Kool Kidz at NES. I sent it to her through Class Dojo and she got a big kick out of Sadie even including her curls.



Holly Stetler - February 22, 2021 at 11:41 AM

KS

“ Sean and daughters, Cindy, Kevin, Deb and Doug, we are so sorry for the loss of Keli. She was way too young to leave you, but cherish the memories of her beautiful life. She’ll always be with you in your hearts to keep her memory alive. God bless you, Karen Harms and Jeff Smith



karen harms and jeff smith - February 21, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keli Renee Baker.



February 21, 2021 at 12:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Keli Renee Baker.*



February 20, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ *John and Wendy Nashu purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Keli Renee Baker.*



John and Wendy Nashu - February 20, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ *Sending our condolences and prayers to Sean, the girls and all of the family and friends. What a sad and sudden loss of a beautiful person. May God give you strength.
Sincerely, Jan and John Stover*

Jan Stover - February 20, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ *Dear Cindy, dear Kevin, Sorina told me of Your loss and I can't tell You how touched I am. I'm so sorry for what happened to You and Your whole family. I am with You in thoughts. Feel hugged, Christina (we met shortly before Sorina's wedding at a Weinfest in Stuttgart)*

Christina Sperker - February 19, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keli Renee Baker.* ”



February 19, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Baker Tribute Video* ”



Rodenberger Funeral Home - February 19, 2021 at 10:26 AM

MK

Deepest sympathy to Sean and the girls.

Mel and Alice Kleman - February 19, 2021 at 02:25 PM

AN

“ *Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Keli Renee Baker* ”



anonymous - February 19, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Keli Renee Baker.*



February 19, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ *Reda Maynard lit a candle in memory of Keli Renee Baker*



Reda Maynard - February 19, 2021 at 07:26 AM



“ *Kevin, Cindy so sorry for your loss! So young. She was my Great-Great Niece's Pre-School Teacher. My Deepest Condolences! Prayers for your Family!* 🙏🙏🙏🌹🌹🌹

Reda Maynard - February 19, 2021 at 07:22 AM



“ *Kevin & Cindy, so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you & your family.*

Becky Snyder (cafe worker)

Becky Snyder - February 18, 2021 at 06:38 PM

SK

“ Dear Sean, Abbi, Georgia, Cindy, Kevin, Deb, Doug, and all of your family, We are so very sorry to hear of Keli Renee's passing . Jesus bless and comfort you. Peace-Love-Joy,
Stanley and Susie Krukowski - Bo's parents



Stanley and Susie Krukowski - February 18, 2021 at 05:36 PM

LF

“ Linda Fisher lit a candle in memory of Keli Renee Baker



Linda Fisher - February 18, 2021 at 03:21 PM

LF

“ Sean: We are so sorry to hear of Kelli's passing and send our deepest sympathy.
Steve & Linda Fisher

Linda Fisher - February 18, 2021 at 03:17 PM

JH

“ Sending sympathy and many prayers for your family!

Judith (judy) Hoffman - February 18, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keli Renee Baker.*



February 18, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *My heart just aches for all that knew this precious girl. Strength and comfort as you move forward. So very sorry for your loss.*
Mary (Kuser) Thomas



Mary Thomas - February 18, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to Sean, the children and family. I was so happy when Kelli came to work at Napoleon. A shining light for her students. May God comfort each of you. Jeff and Char Weber.*

Jeff and Char Weber - February 18, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ *Sympathy and prayers to your families may God's love be with you in these difficult times Randy and Lisa Kruse*

Randy and Lisa Kruse - February 18, 2021 at 08:15 AM

MT

“ Keli we watched you grow up. Cannot believe you are gone. Your bright light will never be extinguished.



Michael and Toni Thomas - February 18, 2021 at 05:20 AM

TF

“ Thinking about all of you from the Roby family purchased the Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden for the family of Keli Renee Baker.



Thinking about all of you from the Roby family - February 17, 2021 at 10:30 PM

DL

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. She was a lovely person, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers Deb and Dave Leavell



Deb Leavell - February 17, 2021 at 10:21 PM

ST

“ Sean and family. We are sending our sympathies our thought and prayers are with you. Rick and sue thayer

sue thayer - February 17, 2021 at 09:04 PM

KH

“ *Kim Hefflinger Helberg lit a candle in memory of Keli Renee Baker*



Kim Hefflinger Helberg - February 17, 2021 at 08:59 PM

LG

“ *Liza Gerken lit a candle in memory of Keli Renee Baker*



Liza Gerken - February 17, 2021 at 08:55 PM

LG

“ *Keli was a great person. I met her thru dance classes for her girls but also as a down the road neighbor. We were so excited to get our girls dancing again. I'll miss seeing you decorating outside for the seasons, talking to you at dance but most of all talking to you about life and your family. My Deeper Sympathy to your family and friends. You left a lesson for everyone you touched. RIH friend. 🙏🌹*

Liza Gerken - February 17, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keli Renee Baker.*



February 17, 2021 at 08:52 PM

BK

“ I worked with Keli at NOCAC and she always cater for her preschoolers and put their needs at the forefront. Prayers for all of you during this extremely difficult time. May God guide you, give you strength, and healing. She will greatly be missed

Brianne Kiessling - February 17, 2021 at 07:06 PM