



## Kevin Ely

February 18, 1957 - February 22, 2015

It is with great sadness we announce the unexpected loss of Kevin J. Ely on February 22, age 58, of Hudson, NY.

Kevin was the loving husband of Donna Ely for 34 years and an amazing father to his daughters Nicole (David) Pereira and Danielle (Tony) Ely. He always made everyone laugh, especially his two granddaughters Cali Ely and Kiyana Pereira.

Kevin was predeceased by his father Joseph Ely and brother Brian Chris Ely. Kevin leaves behind his mother, Arlene Ely of Ghent, NY and his three sisters Kathy (Matt) Griffin, Pamela Ely, and Susan (George) Oram. He also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, cousins, and the entire world who loved him.

Kevin was born in Brooklyn, NY and moved upstate to Red Hook with his family in 1973. He received his nursing degree from Columbia-Greene and continued to have a wonderful career in psychiatric nursing. Kevin worked at Columbia Memorial Hospital for 17 years. He loved helping people, brought light to tough situations, and will be greatly missed by his fellow staff and friends.

Kevin will be remembered for his sense of humor, his impromptu story telling, and easy going nature. He enjoyed everything outside including walks with his

wife, fishing, gardening, and the beach. Kevin was very artistic, intelligent, and enjoyed rocking out to his music.

So in Kevin's honor, make someone laugh and turn the music up.

Visiting hours are 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Saturday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Services will follow at 6:00 pm at the funeral Home. Please visit [www.batesanderson.com](http://www.batesanderson.com) to leave condolences for the family.

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ Hello. I decided to look up Kevin to try and reach out to him as we served together and were stationed at Camp Pendleton, 1st Marine Division in southern California. I am so sad to see he has passed away. We were attached to the 11th RMST ( Regiment Medical Support Team). The 11th marines is an artillery unit. We not only were medics attached to the same unit but were close friends and housemates living off base in a small mobile home (trailer 42 1/2 feet long) in the town of Vista just outside of Camp Pendleton. Every and all thoughts and memories of Kevin are only of friendship and brotherly love. Although being stuck out there with the marines, (we were Navy Corpsman), I can honestly say there were so many good and fun times. Here is one I will share with you which Kevin and I would probably be laughing our butts off about. Kevin bought this car, I believe it was a silver/gray 1966 Chevy Impala with a Rochester 4 barrel . Well it was running rough so I told him "No Problem" we'll just rebuild the carburator. He said "You sure about this?" I told him yea that I had rebuilt a caburator on a lawnmower and it was real simple. I said "How hard could it be? We'll just lay out some newspaper down on the floor of the trailer, lay out each piece as we take it apart, replace the parts with the rehab kit and then put it back together the same way as we took it apart. Well...we had pieces of this thing going down from one end of the trailer and back up to the other end. There had to be over two hundred parts we had to piece back together. As we were doing this and taking things apart and putting things back together we were laughing our asses off wondering if it would ever work again. When we were done we had one or two tiny little pieces left over ( I kid you not...). We put it back in place, started up the engine...Lo and Behold...it ran like a champ. This being only one simple memory of the two years we shared as medics together I still and will always cherish for all of my life. Bless You my kind, caring and heartfelt friend...Eric Bergenn...

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Eric Bergenn - February 11, 2022 at 05:09 PM

JK

“ *Jean Kulynych lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Jean kulynych** - March 15, 2015 at 06:07 PM

JK

*To the ely family, I cannot believe this ! He was A kind, sweet . loving , funny man .I am lost for words. He is sorely missed. Forever in our Hearts Love You ! Kevin ! Rest in Peace*

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**Jean kulynych** - March 15, 2015 at 06:12 PM

JK

*To the Ely Family, He was a sweet,kind , funny man . More like a brother Than an In-law , I am lost for words. He will be sorely Missed. Rest In Peace ! Kevin Fly with the angels Forever on our Hearts. Love you Always*

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**Jean kulynych** - March 15, 2015 at 06:24 PM

JW

“ *Arlene and family, I was so sad to read about Kevin. I am away and was not able to attend his wake. He was a great guy, I have a lot of memories of him starting as an orderly at CMH and then watching him work his was to become an RN. He was so good to his patients. The Ely family was a big part of CMH. My thoughts and prayers to you all.*

*Jeanette Wilber*

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**jeanette wilber** - March 02, 2015 at 07:28 AM

JH

“ *RIP Kevin, may God bless you and your family*

*John & Barbara Harvell*

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**John & Barbara Harvell** - February 28, 2015 at 02:42 PM

MV

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts for your family . In deepest sympathy, Melanie & Tony Vining & family*



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**Melanie vining** - February 28, 2015 at 11:52 AM

ST

“ *Sandy And Todd lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Sandy and Todd** - February 28, 2015 at 09:02 AM

LB

“ *Leta(Dandridge) Bailey lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Leta(Dandridge) Bailey** - February 28, 2015 at 08:57 AM

LC

“ I first met Kevin while working with him on Memorial 5. Such a funny guy to work with he genuinely cared for his patients, and helped make work a pleasure. Such a loss, sympathy to Arlene , Sue and the whole family.

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**lori collins** - February 27, 2015 at 08:18 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear this horrible news. To all his family mt deepest sympathy. God bless all of you. Dolores Host.

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**DOLORES HOST** - February 27, 2015 at 07:44 PM

PE

“ If the world was full of more people like you Kevin,,, it would be a much happier place to live.....you by far have proven to be one of the best examples of how people should behave in the world.... You never ever became judgemental,,, hateful,,, prejudiced,,, or belittling to anyone personally and or professionally.... You had a free easy flow about yourself and always managed to make us laugh,,, or at least look at life a little bit lighter!!! I've had nothing but admiration and love for you all our lives....and will continue to...youve been the rock of our family...the peacemaker,,, the go to guy!!! Life will really suck without you...it's still unimaginable to me!!! You and Chris are the best Big Bros!!! Like day & night.....Hearts are forever broken.....You are the music .... You are the laughter..... You are LOVE💙

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**Pamela Ely** - February 27, 2015 at 01:55 PM

CS

“ Donna, Nicole, Danielle, Aunt Arlene, Sue, Pam and Kathy. We are so sorry to to hear of Kevin's untimely passing and are saddened that he is no longer with us. May you all find comfort and solace in one another in the days and weeks to come and know that Kevin is resting in the arms of the angels. He indeed is watching down and taking care of all his girls. may he be eternally at rest.



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**christina shaw** - February 27, 2015 at 10:26 AM

JS

“ Joe and I are at a loss for words...just stunned. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Donna, Nicole, Danielle, Aunt Arlene and all of the Ely family! We love you and hope you will join us in holding wonderful memories of Kevin close in our heart. You are all in our thoughts and prayers! Joe and Tracy Shaw and family.

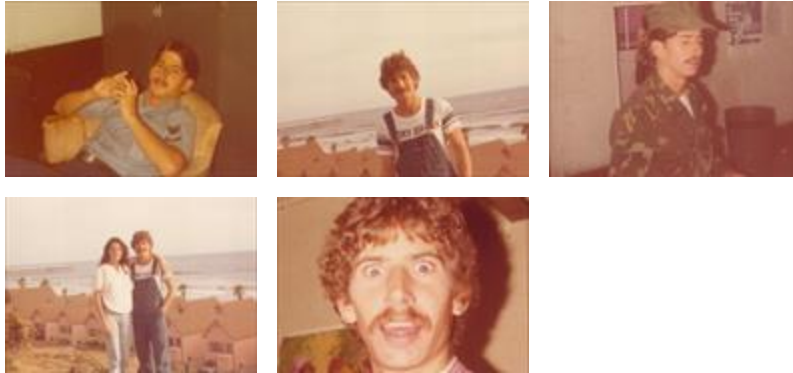


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**Joe and Tracy Shaw** - February 27, 2015 at 09:27 AM

TT

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



**Tim Trahan** - February 27, 2015 at 09:17 AM

MH

“ *Marie Hotaling lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*

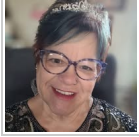


**Marie Hotaling** - February 27, 2015 at 05:27 AM

CC

“ *So very sorry to hear this sad sad news. Prayers to the Ely family. Kevin was wonderful. Everyone he met was touched in a very special way. Arlene I can't imagine your sad heart. You are all in my prayers.*

**Cynthia campeta** - February 27, 2015 at 01:27 AM



“ So sad! I just can't believe it, he was such a great human being, funny, and a good dad, My prayers and thoughts to Donna his best friend and wife, his daughters , g babies and his family. The world lost a good man, FLY high Kevin.....we will see you again.

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**Debbie Heck** - February 26, 2015 at 09:03 PM

FY

“ Frank Yannone lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely



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**Frank Yannone** - February 26, 2015 at 07:12 PM

AL

“ I am saddened to hear about Kevin. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family! I worked many years ago with Kevin at the hospital when he was an orderly and in nursing school! He was a great person and will truly be missed!

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**Ann Litke** - February 26, 2015 at 06:55 PM

GR

“ Donna my deepest condolences to you and your family- please know you are in my prayers. Ginny Rosborough

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**Ginny Rosborough** - February 26, 2015 at 06:13 PM

EB

“ Donna and family my heart goes out to each and every one you for your loss,I'll be think of you all . No matter where I saw Kevin he always took the time to stop and talk with me and never seemed in a hurry to get away,I will miss these talk and may he rest in peace...Ethel Blanchard

Ethel Blanchard - February 26, 2015 at 06:04 PM

VT

“ Donna, It was a terrible shock and really saddened of the passing of Kevin especially after just talking to you folks on Saturday at George"s. Our deepest condolences to you, his mom and family. Ginny and Lloyd Tipple



VIRGINIA TIPPLE - February 26, 2015 at 05:48 PM

LR

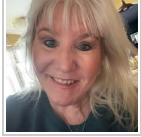
“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Kev's passing. We were very close in high school and tried to stay in touch through the years. I will never forget his gentle humor and all the shenanigans we were able to muster up as teenagers along with Chris , Richie B., Scott A. and Tom M.We certainly knew the word party! I will hold those memories dear to my heart!

Donna and Kathy and the rest of Kev;s family, my heart goes out to all of you.I've know loss and sadness and the darkness is not a nice place to be. I hope that your faith along with memories of Kev can comfort you as the days pass.

Celebrate his life! Sending all of you love and light <3  
With a heavy heart.... Loni Rifenburgh  
Class of '75'



Loni Rifenburgh - February 26, 2015 at 04:13 PM



“ *Susan Ely-Oram lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Susan Ely-Oram** - February 26, 2015 at 02:06 PM

DE

“ *Desiree lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Desiree** - February 26, 2015 at 11:30 AM

RB

“ *Robyn Berkowitz lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Robyn Berkowitz** - February 26, 2015 at 10:49 AM

EM

“ *My sincere heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire Ely family. Nicole, I didn't know your dad but I do know how close you were and I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Ethel P. McKenna** - February 26, 2015 at 10:25 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Griffin lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**kathy griffin** - February 26, 2015 at 10:20 AM

LS

“ *My deepest condolences.*



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**Lesley Weston Salvato** - February 26, 2015 at 08:07 AM

DS

“ *Your Family is in my prayers. So sorry to hear this.*

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**Debra Schedler** - February 26, 2015 at 07:18 AM

DS

“ *Debra Schedler lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Debra Schedler** - February 26, 2015 at 07:16 AM

DR

“ I am so sad and shocked to learn of the passing of Kevin. The world has lost a beautiful soul. Donna, I am sending you and your family my deepest, deepest condolences. I worked at Dr. Danz's dental office and saw Kevin for almost 19 years. I always knew that whenever I saw his name in the schedule that it was going to be a good day...we always shared a good laugh together and he always spoke of you and your daughters with a smile and a look of great love on his face. I will say a prayer for you and your family. Wishing you peace. Rest in peace, Kevin...

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**Donna Ringwood** - February 26, 2015 at 06:50 AM

SA

“ Sandy lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely



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**sandy** - February 26, 2015 at 06:24 AM


MA

“ Mary lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely



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**Mary** - February 26, 2015 at 06:16 AM

 Cheryl Kaszluga

“ Cheryl Kaszluga lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely



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**Cheryl Kaszluga** - February 26, 2015 at 04:01 AM

 Michael Inn

“ Michael Inn lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely



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**Michael Inn** - February 26, 2015 at 12:44 AM

 Michael Inn

*Although it's been years since I had the pleasure of working with Kevin at CMH I'll always remember how his lighthearted joking and cheerful smile brightened not just my day but our patients as well. He will be sorely missed.*

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**Michael Inn** - February 26, 2015 at 12:46 AM



“ Angel Damon lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely



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**Angel Damon** - February 26, 2015 at 12:25 AM

DH

“ Donald And Brenda Hodges lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely



Donald and Brenda Hodges - February 25, 2015 at 11:42 PM

DH

“ We will always have kevin in our memories he was a great and loving person, he always made you feel comfortable and accepted, he will be missed deeply. Rest in peace Kevin ♥ Duck and Brenda

Donald and Brenda Hodges - February 25, 2015 at 11:41 PM

AC

“ Donna we are at a loss we love you and are so sorry love Tom and I



amy canelli - February 25, 2015 at 11:25 PM

ET

“ Ethelhoyt lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely



Ethelhoyt - February 25, 2015 at 10:26 PM

ET

“ *Ethelhoyt lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Ethelhoyt** - February 25, 2015 at 10:21 PM



“ *Donna and the Ely family, I am so sorry for your loss. As a fellow corpsman serving with Kevin, I had known him to be kind, funny, honest and caring. I pray that God will keep him close.*

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**Kenny Considine** - February 25, 2015 at 10:13 PM

LD

“ *Laura Dauenheimer lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**laura dauenheimer** - February 25, 2015 at 09:41 PM

KK

“ *So sorry to hear about Kevin. I had the pleasure of having him in clinical as a nursing student and then working with him at CMH. He was a very caring person & would brighten the atmosphere by his smile and telling jokes. My condolences to Arlene , Pam , his wife and the rest of the Ely family. You are in my thoughts*



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**Kathy (Melnyk) Keyser** - February 25, 2015 at 08:44 PM



Marianne Decker

“ *Marianne Decker lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Marianne Decker** - February 25, 2015 at 08:25 PM



THIS IS BULL \*\*\*

“ *Eighteen years ago I meet Kevin and Donna and they became very close friends and just recently I had a friend in the hospital and he took him under his wing and really helped him. You will be missed by many and everyone that knows you loves you rest in peace my dear friend. I am here for you Donna and I love you dearly.*



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**Helen Decheck** - February 25, 2015 at 08:07 PM



SC

“ *My prayers and condolences to Kevin's entire family and friends. In a High School we had a lot of great times and will always remember them and they were great times, I'm sorry things change after high school and lose being in touch with each other but the times we did share were fantastic and that's how I will always remember you Kevin. RIP my friend*

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**Steve Couse** - February 25, 2015 at 07:57 PM

AF

“ *Loved life and lived it to the absolute fullest!!!! Loved waking up on weekends in high school to him jamming out in the livingroom to sometimes the funniest music and sometimes to some of the greatest!!!! Heart is absolutely broken for Donna, Cole, Danielle and the kiddos, but know they have THE best memories!!!*



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**Andrea Foley** - February 25, 2015 at 07:54 PM

RM

“ *Robin Merante lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Robin Merante** - February 25, 2015 at 07:13 PM

BE

“ *Bobbie Erlichman lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Bobbie Erlichman** - February 25, 2015 at 07:10 PM

BE

*Thoughts and prayers to Donna and family. XXOO*

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**Bobbie Erlichman** - February 25, 2015 at 07:15 PM

AM

“Bereavement is so personal that few of us, unless we have experienced it ourselves, can comprehend its grief. I served with Kevin in the United States Navy and can recall with clarity his dedication to duty, honor and country. He was a patriot, but most of all he was my friend and shipmate. As a typical consequence of military service, I lost contact with Kevin for over 33 years, but was fortunate enough to locate him through another shipmate last year. I can't express how great it was to hear from him again. Donna, although sympathy is only a small consolation, even from the hearts of those who share your sorrow, I want you to know how deeply Kevin's loss is felt here.

Anthony Minter

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Anthony Minter - February 25, 2015 at 06:55 PM

NR

“Thoughts and prayers to Donna and the whole Ely family. Kevin was a gentle soul who had a story, smile, or listening ear for many a patient at Columbia Memorial psychiatric center. He touched the lives of many, both patients and fellow staff, like myself. Hugs to all who have lost. Nancy Ranft

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Nancy Ranft - February 25, 2015 at 06:21 PM

JR

“RIP brother and prayers to the family!

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Joe Reina - February 25, 2015 at 04:38 PM

TS

“My prayers go out to Donna and family, my aunt, and all the Ely's. I remember often the days back in the 60s, having great times in the pool, hanging out with my cousins. RIP Kevin.

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Tom Shaw - February 25, 2015 at 04:12 PM


 Yajaira  
Miranda-  
Dianda

“ *Another life taken way too soon!!! He was always super kind and may I add very funny! He always had a smile and always had jokes!! May you RIP Kevin! Thoughts and prayers to the Ely Family! <3*



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**Yajaira Miranda-Dianda** - February 25, 2015 at 04:10 PM

 Kristien  
Middleton

“ *Family friend...always good humor and very friendly. Thanks for the jokes and laughter at work!! RIP Prayers to Donna and family/Friends.....XO*

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**Kristien Middleton** - February 25, 2015 at 03:09 PM

TT

“ *Kevin was a good friend to all of his fellow Navy corpsmen, and will be missed for his kind heart, dry wit, and gentle nature. What a tremendous man this world has lost. Donna, I share your loss and am keeping you in my prayers.*

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**Tim Trahan** - February 25, 2015 at 02:24 PM

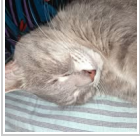
GD

“ *Gayle Donnoli lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely*



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**Gayle Donnoli** - February 25, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Donna, his daughter's, grand children, and the entire Ely family. He will be missed. He was a fun living person who would always have you laughing. RIP our dear friend. From Diane & Bob Boyles.

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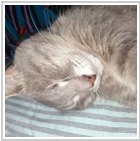
**Diane Rogers Boyles** - February 25, 2015 at 11:39 AM

CR

*its so hard to think we lost another family friend .taken way to early and leaving behind the love of his life .an awesome couple loving caring for each other. Anthony and myself will never forget you . may your family keep the memories alive each and every day. keep smiling Kevin watch over all your family they will be needing you every day stay strong for each other love friends <3*

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**Carol & Anthony Rogers** - February 25, 2015 at 06:18 PM



“ Diane Rogers Boyles lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ely



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**Diane Rogers Boyles** - February 25, 2015 at 11:34 AM