



Kelly Conrad

October 18, 1951 - February 15, 2021

Kelly passed away in his home on February 15, 2021.

Kelly was born on October 18, 1951 in Conrad, MT. He had a deep love for the Big Sky country and enjoyed spending every summer in Whitefish, MT with his family. Kelly was a Type 1 Diabetic from the age of 3, which inspired him to dedicate his life to medicine and serving others. He studied pre-med at Carroll College. After attending the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, he moved to UNC Chapel Hill for residency, where his son, AK, was born. His first daughter, Caitlin, was born in Rochester, Minnesota, while completing his fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the Mayo Clinic. His second daughter, Naime, was born in Bend in 1986, where he practiced medicine for over 30 years.

Kelly was a stellar student and a lifelong learner. He had a wicked sense of humor and an infectious laugh. He had a tender heart and was not afraid to show his love and affection. He enjoyed the finer things in life including golf, cigars and bubble baths. Much like his medical subspecialties, he was equally passionate about his favorite college basketball teams, the Tarheels and Zags. His children were his greatest pride and joy. He taught them what mattered; compassion and kindness, the value of hard work and family, and the healing quality of humor.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Betty and Jerry Conrad. He leaves behind his wife, Sandra Berge; his children, AK Conrad, Caitlin Conrad Fields (Jeremy) and Naime Conrad; grandson, Karsten Fields; siblings, Cindy Brown, Bill Conrad and Lisa Clark; and numerous nieces.

He was loved tremendously and will be deeply missed. There will never be another Kelly Conrad, Dad, Daddio, Daddykins, Dolemite. We are proud to be his family and find comfort knowing he lived an extraordinary life and is now resting easy.

Donations can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at JDRF.org in his memory.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Kelley was my Physician and more importantly my friend. He truly had an amazing compassion about jhim for me as his patient and Friend. Since I went blind due to a rare adult onset dystrophy, Kelley was particularly touched by my cindition. He told ne going blind was what he feared most as a kid growing up with diabetes. As a man with a lot of problems (me, well Kelley too :)) we shared a lot about fear and he was so complimentary and proud of me for overcoming several difficulties and would TELL me he was proud of me. His words encouraged me when I really needed it. He related to the "little boy whistling in the dark trying to prove he was not afraid." He made me want to try harder. We were not bff's, nut he touched my life and helped me through some of my darkest times. Dr, friend, Tarheel, wize ass. God broke the mold when he made this complex, stubborn, funny, bright, charming, pain in the ass man and I am forever grateful God put him in my life way too briefly. 25 years he cared for me as his patient. You never went blind Kelley and heaven smells like cigar smoke and bubbles now! I will never forget you brother! Love, Doug Graeber, Bend Or. 07/25/2021

Doug Graeber - July 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM