



## Kelly Mauck

January 26, 1966 - January 26, 2008

HIXTON, Wis. - Kelly J. Mauck, 42, of Hixton, died on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, from injuries sustained in an auto accident in Garfield Township in Jackson County, Wis.

Kelly was born on March 8, 1965, in Springfield, Ohio, to parents Cliff and Joanne (Archer) Mauck. She grew up in the Niagara, Wis., and graduated from Niagara High School.

Kelly graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1988 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and a minor in mathematics. She started her career as a fifth and sixth grade teacher in Weslaco, Texas, where she taught for four years. She then taught for two years in the Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine School District in northeast Wisconsin as an eighth grade teacher and Title I teacher. She began teaching with the Black River Falls School District in 1995 as a Title I teacher at Hixton Elementary and Forrest Street Elementary School. She started as a regular classroom teacher at the Black River Falls Middle School in the fall of 2005. While in the Black River Falls School District, Kelly received her master of arts degree in education from Viterbo University in 1997.

Kelly was a very dedicated, enthusiastic educator. She was extremely passionate about her role as a teacher and truly cared about each and every

one of her students. She was a member of the Black River Falls Education Association and currently held the office of secretary-treasurer.

Outside of teaching, Kelly had a wide variety of talents and interests. She loved caring for her two poodles, Bailey and Chole. She enjoyed cooking, especially candy making which she learned from her mother. English toffee, mint fudge and caramels were some of her specialties. She enjoyed gardening and landscaping her home with plants and flowers. She was an avid reader of mystery novels and she liked to listen to uplifting music, both contemporary and gospel. She also enjoyed taking trips to Idaho to visit her brother and his family.

Kelly is survived by her parents, Cliff and Joanne Mauck of Sagola; one brother, Craig (Joyce) Mauck of Boise, Idaho; special friends, Ruth and Larry Casper of Hixton; two aunts, Shirley Swetnam of Westerville, Ohio and Naomi Scales of Sheridan, Wyo.; one niece, Allison Mauck; one nephew, Jason Mauck; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Raymond (Margaret) Mauck and Joseph (Lulu) Archer.

A celebration of life for Kelly Jo Mauck will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Lunda Community Theater in Black River Falls.

Friends may call one hour prior to services at the Lunda Theater in Black River Falls. Arrangements were with Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton.

On Thursday, funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara with burial in the Niagara Cemetery.

Friends may call one hour prior to the services at the church.

Niagara arrangements are being handled by the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

Memorials may be directed to a scholarship fund in Kelly's memory through the Coop Credit Union of Black River Falls, Wis.

Condolences to the family of Kelly J. Mauck may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Cliff, JoAnne, and Craig. My deepest sympathy for your loss. I have not seen Kelly for many years however when thinking of fond memories of high school I can't help but think of her wonderful smile and caring nature. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**James Phillips** - February 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Dear Cliff and Joanne*

*We were so saddened to hear of the loss of your daughter, Kelly. Please know you have our deepest sympathy, Sincerely, Gloria & Tom Burlo and Doggy Daycare Service*

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**Gloria & Tom Burlo** - February 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss. Kelly was an anchor personality in our class. She was involved in everything and was everywhere where something was happening. And what an unforgettable and uncompromising laugh. I'm gonna miss her. May God comfort all of you at this very difficult time. Jill Smith and family*

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**Jill (Klenke) Smith** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Dear Joanne, Cliff and Craig, Our prayers are with you and your family as you attempt to put your arms around this terrible tragedy. Our days in Niagara hold so many wonderful memories, included in that is Kelly and the whole Mauck family. We hold you in a special place in our hearts as you grieve the loss of your beloved daughter and sister. With sympathy, Julie and Dave Beal*

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**David and Julie Beal** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Cliff, JoAnne and Craig; my heart goes out to you and your family during this most trying time. I was blessed to have known Kelly at NHS- her incredible smile could touch your soul. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
*Jill Heckman-Jones & Family*

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**Jill Heckman-Jones** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I was saddened to hear the news of Kelly's tragic death. There is obviously no good time or way for someone whom you care about to die. However, I know that the great strength of family, friends, and faith will help you at this time of loss. As you grieve, may God through his perfect compassion grant you a measure of comfort and peace.

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**Patricia Bloch** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Cliff, JoAnne and Craig, we are very sorry to hear of Kelly's passing.

*Please know, several people shared this sad news with Chris and I and we've been out of Niagara for 20+ years. This shows just how many people care about Kelly and you, her family.*

*Please know that Kelly and you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Brian and Chris Diel** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Dear Cliff, Joanne, Craig, and Joyce: We are so sorry for the loss you all have suffered. Kelly's warm heart and sense of humor will never be forgotten by those who knew her - you could always count on her to greet you with a smile, some sharp-witted (and usually well-deserved) teasing, or her great laugh. We pray that the healing power of God will be with you in this difficult time. Brian & Lori Nelson

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**Brian Nelson** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ cliff, JoAnne and Craig I am so very sorry for your loss I truly loved Kelly like a sister; we had just talked the weekend before her passing and were trying to come up with the best dates to see each other this summer, kelly will truly be missed and I will never ever forget her smile and her one of a kind laugh! my thoughts and prayers are with all of you through this difficult time-Laura (Lundquist) Pond

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**Laura (Lundquist) Pond** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Dear Cliff, Joanne, Craig and family,  
Your loss is unimaginable. We pray you find some comfort and peace within this incomprehensible tragedy. We periodically saw Kelly in LaCrosse and it was always a pleasure. Her Students loved her and are also mourning the loss of someone profoundly influential in their lives. I recently met a young boy in Kelly's 6th grade homeroom this year whose mother credits Kelly and her "after school program" with encouraging and educating him from C's and D's to all A's and B's. WOW!! What a gift to have touched so many children's lives in so many ways! Please know she lives on, not only in her family and friends, but in countless numbers of youth that will help shape our Nation's future.  
Deepest Sympathy, Heather (Beal) Sysimaki and family

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**Heather Beal Sysimaki** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Cliff, JoAnn, Craig, Joyce and family, I can't say enough how sorry I am for all of you, you have all been in my prayers, and know that Kelly "Miss Mauck" is looking down on you now. I was there for her service here in BRF, and I've been in a haze all week long. My son Billy had her for class last year. She made the transition from elementary school to Middle School a very easy one for him and all the kids. When he found he had Miss Mauck he was so happy. As I mentioned in my card, he was a bit of a class clown, (and I'm guessing she might have been too), because she never dampened his spirits, and on several occasions joined him on his "performances". He was very proud the day he "Earned" a "tongue" from her. Or her sitting down to stare at him to get him to smile, just to see his dimples. As I "tried" to tell you at her Celebration of Life Ceremony, he wanted to be there, but at the last minute, with tears in his eyes, said he couldn't see her that way. He had talked to her on Friday, and wanted that to be his last memory of her. He also said you should remember him, because he gave her an electric toothbrush for Christmas last year, and she told him, she told you about this, and you were upset, since you got her the same thing, haha! I am also a Hygienist and cleaned her teeth on occasion, and enjoyed our visits at the office as well. Please know, that she will live on through these kids that she has touched, and helped to shape into adulthood. She has been a very important part of their lives! She will be missed. If there anything I can do, please don't hesitate to ask. Again, you are all in our hearts and prayers. Love Keith and Rhonda Cormican, and Billy Dykstra

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Rhonda Cormican - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Cliff, Joanne and Craig, I am at a loss for words. I just spoke with Kelly in November and had a great conversation. When I think of Kelly I think of someone who was always there whenever someone needed something. She would give the shirt off her back if you needed it. I have so many memories from high school and college with Kelly. She will make some lucky person a Great guardian angel.

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**Jill Zipp Avoles** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Cliff, JoAnne and Craig- Your family has been in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry to hear about Kelly. I didn't know Kelly real well since she was a few years older than me, but I do remember her laugh and great big smile! .. one of the several benefits of growing up in a small town like Niagara where everyone knows everyone. God Bless. Robin Bovee (Pilon) & family.

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**Robin Bovee** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dear Craig and Family,

*I was so sorry to hear of your tragic loss. Although no words can ease the pain and sorrow that you are feeling, please be comforted by the fact that many are thinking of you and praying for you. May God bless Kelly and your family.*

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**Dave Luttig** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ to the family of kelly i extend my sympathy. i lived in black river falls for years and i recognized her from her picture. i lost my 26 year old son brad on Easter Sunday morning in Jackson county, near home. I know how you feel. i hope you are recovering also. i am a Van Laanen from Iron Mountain and stay here alot. my deepest regrets.

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**barb brown** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mr.and Mrs. Mauck, Craig,and Joyce-  
Please know that you have all been in our constant thoughts and prayers all week. We are so sorry to hear about Kelly and we know her students were blessed to have Kelly touch their lives through her teaching and love for them.

*Love-Janice and Don Moore,The Guethles in Arizona*

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**janice moore** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Joanne,Cliff,and Craig-I cannot express how sorry I am to hear of your loss. I will never forget Kelly's outrageous laugh and how she always reached out her kindness to all. I believe Kelly will be repaid in heaven for all gods work she has done here. You are in my thoughts. Priscilla

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**Priscilla ( Thomson) Van Straten** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Cliff, JoAnne, and Craig,*

*We are so sorry to learn of your great loss of such a wonderful person. I can remember Kelly as a person with an infectious smile and always heard how wonderful she was to everyone. God has gained a true angel in all the sense. You are in our thoughts and our prayers.*

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**Dennis Guethle and family** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Cliff & Joanne -*

*Even though we are now in Green Bay, word travels fast and we were shocked to hear of the accident and Kelly's death. Our words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss and please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Gus & Sandy Blom** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Dear Cliff, JoAnn and Craig- I am saddened to hear of Kelly's tragic passing. Although she was a year younger than me it seems like it was yesterday when I'd pass her in the hall of N.H.S. and hear that great laugh of hers. My prayers are with you all during this very difficult time.*

*Tom Anderson and family*

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**Tom Anderson** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Cliff, JoAnne & Craig,  
Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. We am so sorry for your loss of Kelly, she will be greatly missed. I remember her bright smile and loving personality when I first met her at Craig & Joyce's wedding - her smile just lit up the room! There are no words to ease your pain, but please know that our hearts are full of love and care for every one of you and we are keeping you in our prayers.  
Love, Janet Guethle & Mike & Chris Davis

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**Janet Guethle** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Cliff, JoAnne & Craig I have been thinking of you at this time of sorrow. I am wishing you comfort and peace, and sincere sympathy. Take care.

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**Judy Conklin & oj** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Cliff, Joanne & Craig - When I was transitioning from Niagara elementary to high school, I distinctly remember Kelly going out of her way to make us young punks feel welcome. She greeted everyone the same -- with a big smile and a wonderfully sharp sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Roger Maes & family

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**Roger Maes** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KP

“Cliff, JoAnne, and Craig I am so sorry for your extreme loss. I wish I could be there the way you have been there for me in the past. Know that I have been thinking of you since I heard the news, and I am keeping you in my prayers.

Sincerely,  
Kathy

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**Kathy Pozorski** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“Cliff (you mean mean man, I still want my slice of cheese.:)), Joanne, and Craig, I was so so sorry to hear about Kelly and your accident. It brought back a flood of memories from our childhood and all the great times Kelly and I had. I remember making up our special dances and you and my parents would make us perform them for you. Our days in REDETTES, block parties, sleepovers, so many wonderful times. Kelly will always be in my heart and prayers as will the rest of your family. If you need anything please don't hesitate to call.

All our Love  
Tami (Alsteen) Kuder and Family

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**Tami (Alsteen) Kuder** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“Cliff Joanne and Craig, we are so sorry to hear of this loss. Kelly was a wonderful person and always had a smile to share. We are praying for you. Dani Poquette and Denise Duke Family

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**Don Hertig Family** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Cliff, Joanne, and Craig,

*Your family is an enduring part of my life and an extension of my own family. I can picture those big, beautiful eyes and sweeping lashes, and her presence of being. I smile as I picture her pulling a little girl's pigtails because I can so see her doing that with an underlying intention of playfulness and appreciation, and I cry as I realize her loss, most deeply to you but also to all who knew and will continue to love her. Kelly and your family are in my heart and prayers.*

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**Lou Anne Allard** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Joanne, Cliff and Craig, I still remember your phone number, 251-3186. It seems like just yesterday that Kelly and I sat in your yard playing barbies, marched down the street in our little red skirts, or tried to learn the words to a top hit 70s song ("...Oh where, Oh where can my baby be, the lord took her away from me"...coincidentally, is a song that Kelly taught me. I think of her when ever I hear it on the radio. It will have more of a special meaning now. Although, I have not seen her often over our adult years, she was always considered a friend. She had a good-natured personality and was always ready for a good laugh. My prayers are with you all!

*Love, Denyl and Family*

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**Denyl (Bovee) Hewes** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I have fond memories of Kelly from UWSP. On campus she lived one floor up at Steiner Hall. Off campus she was a few apartments down the hall. We spent a lot of time together and became good friends. She always made me laugh. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Dave Carpenter** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ We are so Sorry to hear the news of Kelly's death. We can only imagine the sadness you must be feeling. I want you to know we have you in our thoughts and pryaers.

*The Tehako Family*

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**Frank & Gerri Tehako** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I was saddened to hear the news of Kelly's death. I would see her often at Forrest Street Elementary School. She always took time to say "Hi" as I waited to pick up my daughter from school. My daughter remembers her pulling on her pony tails while she waited in the lunch line. She will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family as you go through this difficult time.

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**The Nelson Family** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. No words will ease the pain. Just know that so many people care and are praying for you.

*Heather Plemel*  
*The Miller Agency*

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**Heather Thompson-Plemel** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM