



## Kelly Scott Brady

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Kelly Scott Brady, the beloved pilot, friend, family member and unrepentant jokester, died of a heart attack on May 22nd, 2022 at the age of 50.

Kelly was born on August 12th, 1971 to Thomas and Marion Brady in Honeyoe, NY. The younger brother of Dean Brady, Kelly quickly developed a reputation as a big personality with a passion for living life to the fullest. In high school, he was well-known for taking part in a diverse selection of extracurricular: hockey, soccer, trombone, and musical theater, among other hobbies. Kelly adored being the center of attention, so his musical theater roles truly allowed his dramatic and humorous temperament to shine. He was nearly not cast in "The Diary of Anne Frank" because the director felt he was "too much of a cut-up", but Kelly managed to rein himself in for the production. To his compatriots in Honeyoe, his most famous role was when he starred as Danny Zuko in "Grease". However, his children never let him forget his turn as Buddy Hackett in "The Music Man". His big musical number in that show? "Shipooopi".

After high school, Kelly attended The SUNY College at Brockport, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Visual Arts. While he was well-known for being a clown, Kelly was also a diligent student who worked five jobs to pay for his

degree.

Once he graduated, Kelly worked as a cameraman for a local news channel in Rochester, NY. He also founded his own DJ business, Red Line Entertainment, with his friend Chris. In 1999, Chris invited Kelly to a Halloween party where he met his future wife, Tonnya Schoeck. She was dressed as a Roman goddess; Kelly, meanwhile, was always a character and therefore did not need a costume. They married in 2001 (or 2000 depending on which ceremony you count- he asked so many times that it only made sense for them to marry twice), but Kelly would refer to Tonnya as his "bride" for the entirety of their marriage. Their relationship gave Kelly the new challenge of helping to raise Tonnya's two daughters. Fortunately, Kelly believed in preparation and had been stockpiling dad jokes for years. Kelly and Tonnya went on to have two more children, making their family the modern Brady Bunch (except their seasons had fewer kids and no maid).

Raising four children is difficult, but Kelly managed to be a great dad while working full-time and participating in a dizzying number of hobbies and charitable events. He was a fervent supporter of the Dream Factory, an excellent home chef, and the type of friend who would show up to teach you to hang drywall and somehow turn it into a party. After his family's move to North Carolina in 2014, Kelly developed a passionate interest in experimental aircraft and quickly dedicated himself to earning his pilot's license. Kelly was President of EAA Chapter 309 and spent a considerable amount of time mentoring with the Young Eagles Association, helping youth interested in aircraft learn to fly. Naturally, his last weekend on Earth was spent at a fly-in.

Kelly was predeceased by his father, Thomas Brady. He is survived by his mother, Marion Brady; brother, Dean Brady (married to Sue Brady); and his wife of 21 years, Tonnya Brady; daughters Madeline and Danielle Schoeck of Albany, NY; Evan (son) and Shayla (daughter) Brady of Mooresville.

A Celebration of Life service will be held by the family on Sunday, May 29th at 4 P.M. at the Lake Norman Airpark Montambo Hangar, 119 Airplane Court, Mooresville, NC 28117.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to <https://www.eaa309.club/> to honor Kelly's lifelong commitment to charity and his passion for flight. The family appreciates everyone who has contacted them to share their memories and photographs of Kelly and encourages them to continue to do so.

While Kelly's sudden passing has been unexpected and difficult, his family has been frequently struck by the sudden meaning of one of his worst (or best) and most infamous dad jokes. As a result, they would like to close this reflection on his life by inflicting it on anyone unfortunate enough to read to the end:

Unlucky Dad Joke Participant: "What time is it?"

Kelly, until the end: "The best time of your life, enjoy it."

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **29**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Lake Norman Airpark  
119 Airplane Court  
 Mooresville, NC 28117

# Tribute Wall

BI

“ Hello, we are Vicki and Brian Ioele.

*Like so many others, we were shocked and saddened to hear of Kelly's sudden passing and wanted to express our deepest condolences to Tonya, their kids, and their families. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.*

*I knew Kelly from years back from when he and I used to share an office together at a company we work for as IT pros.*

*He was a great guy, always willing to help others, very funny and he really made work fun.*

*Kelly was there when I meet my future wife, Vicki, for the very first time.*

*He was also there with me the very next day at a party for a mutual friend of ours which he rode with me to. We were supposed to fly my plane to the party from Rochester (KROC), but we got weathered out and had to drive instead.*

*Vicki and I really hit it off at that party so much so that Vicki tells the story where, Kelly said to my future in-law (who also happened to be there) that, he might need a ride home because “it doesn't look like Brian, and I are going to be leaving any time soon”.*

*Besides working together, Kelly and I shared flying as a passion. As I looked back through my logbook the other day, I found the entry I had made for the flight we took some years back. I picked him up at the Williamson Sodus airport (KSDC) in Upstate, NY to take him flying around the area near where he and his family used to live.*

*We had a great time up there together and many years later, Kelly would tell me that I was the one who “gave him the flying bug”.*

*I was really honored to hear that and be one of the many people*

*that he met along his journey toward becoming a pilot and I was so excited for him the day he got his license and realized his dream.*

*Kelly touched Vicki and my life in many positive ways, just like we know he touched so many other people and made such an impact in their lives in one way or another.*

*Vicki and I will miss him dearly and will be thinking of him on our future flying adventures together in our plane :)*

*With that I wanted to close with a YouTube link below that takes you to a music video for the infamous Green Day song, Time of Your Life.*

*<https://youtu.be/CnQ8N1KacJc>*

*This song is very fitting for a great guy who showed us how to not take things too seriously all the time and live life to the fullest :)*

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**Brian loele** - June 02, 2022 at 09:56 AM

LT

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayer.* ”



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**Lisa Truthart-Doland** - May 31, 2022 at 10:20 PM

CP

“ I was so sad to hear of the sudden passing of Kelly. Sending all my thoughts of comfort to all his family.  
Carla Porter



Carla Porter - May 29, 2022 at 11:19 PM

CB

“ Constance Buongiorno lit a candle in memory of Kelly Scott Brady



Constance Buongiorno - May 28, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Celebration of Life Service



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - May 27, 2022 at 10:48 AM