



Amanda Valerie Schroepfer O'Kelly

January 9, 1980 - May 1, 2024

Amanda Valerie Schroepfer O'Kelly, a courageous, devoted mother and beloved daughter, passed away in the presence of family on May 1, 2024 after a two-year battle with cancer. Throughout her 44 years of living a beautiful life, she loved her family and friends fiercely and was loved fiercely in return.

Growing up in her childhood home in Piscataway, New Jersey, Amanda took in the world through thick-rimmed glasses with curiosity and empathy. As the eldest sister, she took good care of her younger siblings, having a natural affinity for providing guidance and support. She made many close friends in childhood and adolescence with her kindness, spirit, and humor.

After graduating from Piscataway High School, Amanda went on to earn her undergraduate degree from Rutgers University, during which time she met her life partner, Tom O'Kelly. She then went on to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, putting her abundant compassion for others into her career as a child psychiatrist and pediatrician. She was overjoyed upon her acceptance into the triple board program (Adult Psychology, Child Psychology, and Pediatrics) at the Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawai'i, a life-changing opportunity that she cherished. In June 2007, she left New Jersey for Oahu with a grain of trepidation and a pound of enthusiasm. There, her residency flowered into a vast, loving community of colleagues and friends. She was joined on the island shortly after by Tom, then her sister Adrienne for

a time, and later, her brother-in-law Sean. Amanda and Tom married and started a family of their own, raising their children Kieran Kai and Ashling Valerie on Oahu. After living there for 16 years, with a steady stream of family members and friends visiting from the mainland, she returned to New Jersey to be closer to her family.

Amanda found joy in traveling with friends and family and spending as much time outdoors as possible. Her children were the greatest gifts of her life, and she devoted herself to them, fighting to stay with them for as long as she could. She will be remembered for the light she brought into so many people's lives and for her incredible strength of spirit and mind.

Amanda is survived by her children Kieran and Ashling; her husband Tom and the O'Kelly family; her parents and step-parents Judy Taylor and Bill Evans, and George and Debbie Schroepfer; her sisters Christina (husband Chris), Adrienne, and Jilly; her brothers Bryan, Mike (wife Roberta), and Dan; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many dear friends and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation or to the Queen's Medical Center.

Breast Cancer Research Foundation

To make a Gift in memory of Amanda to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, please click on the following link:

<https://give.bcrf.org/fundraiser/5516224>

Queen's Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

To make a Gift of Aloha to The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu, please click on the link and indicate in Tribute Gift: In Memory of Amanda O'Kelly.

<https://www.queens.org/give/ways-to-give/donate/?BBFund=3688>

Autism Society of Hawaii

<https://autismsocietyhi.org>

The memorial visitation will be on Friday, May 10, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ 08835.

There will also be a Memorial which will take place at a later date in Hawaii.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 575-8512
info@ketusky.com
<https://www.ketusky.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberta M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroepfer O'Kelly.*

Roberta M. - November 13, 2024 at 11:15 PM

LI

“ Amanda was such a bright light - always positive, optimistic, full of hope...a glass half full kind of person. I admired her very much. We met on the playground of the building we both lived in and our children are around the same age. Kieran a year older than my daughter, Ashling two years younger. She was a beautiful, patient, and kind mother. Her love for them was undeniable. They were her heart and I know she did everything in her power to fight to be with them, often masking her own pain to ensure they had normalcy. She would be tired and weak from treatment, but that didn't stop her from chasing Kieran and Ashling around the playground. Didn't stop her from taking them on picnics, to the beach, water park, the list is endless. We had a going away party on one of their last days on Oahu and I look at those pictures one year ago, seeing Amanda's radiant smile, and it reminds me of how truly special she was. We kept in touch after their move and my last conversation with her in April sounded promising. She was undergoing new treatment and it had been successful. I don't understand nor will I ever understand why the bright and beautiful are taken first. I'm beyond devastated that she's gone but know she'll never be forgotten. Amanda will live on in the hearts of the many people that loved and cherished her. Until we meet again, my friend.

My deepest condolences to her family during this difficult time. You were such an amazing support system for her and my heart goes out to you.



Lia - August 25, 2024 at 04:08 AM

TA

“ I got to know Amanda during her psychiatry training in Hawaii. She was generous with her time and loved her children very much. She will be missed so much.

Tammie - June 26, 2024 at 05:16 PM

ME

“ I first met Amanda in kindergarten. We were closest during middle school, when we wrote notes furiously and even created our own code. We won a township award together for a video we made. Our contact in the decades since high school was just a few Facebook messages to acknowledge that we both went into mental health fields, and she talked about how much she loved helping children. I have so many memories of Amanda in childhood — how smart she was, both with books and with seeing the world. I remember her energy and silliness in 2nd grade, and her seriousness and incisiveness in middle school. I send all her family my deepest condolences.



Meghan - May 13, 2024 at 02:15 PM

AH

“ I knew Amanda in high school. Despite being a teenager she was always smiling and looking on the bright side of things. She will be missed!



April Hoffman - May 12, 2024 at 06:11 PM

CN

“ Christine N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroepfer O'Kelly.

Christine N. - May 10, 2024 at 02:21 PM

LE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lauren Evans - May 10, 2024 at 10:22 AM

LE

Beautiful Amanda, passing out wedding programs at her cousin Lauren's wedding.

Lauren Evans - May 10, 2024 at 10:24 AM

CR

“ *Cristina Rozo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.*



Cristina Rozo - May 10, 2024 at 07:22 AM

CR

“ *Cristina Rozo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.*

Cristina Rozo - May 10, 2024 at 07:22 AM

DK

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Dan and Steph Kulakowski - May 09, 2024 at 09:57 AM

DK

Such a great visit with Amanda and Tom! Amanda giving us a Hang 10!! ❤️

Dan and Steph Kulakowski - May 09, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O’Kelly.



May 09, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ Love, Anne Gwal and Anita Amidon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O’Kelly.

Love, Anne Gwal and Anita Amidon - May 09, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O’Kelly.



May 08, 2024 at 10:36 PM



“ Integrated Health Hawaii planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O’Kelly.

Integrated Health Hawaii - May 08, 2024 at 10:36 PM

ME

“ Melody purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



Melody - May 08, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



May 08, 2024 at 08:37 PM

MF

“ Megan and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.

Megan and Family - May 08, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



May 08, 2024 at 08:04 PM

TS

“ Timothy and Maria Sumereau purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



Timothy and Maria Sumereau - May 08, 2024 at 02:23 PM

TS

“ Timothy and Maria Sumereau planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.

Timothy and Maria Sumereau - May 08, 2024 at 02:23 PM

LS

“ LESTER AND SAMANTHA SARA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



LESTER AND SAMANTHA SARA - May 08, 2024 at 11:55 AM

LS

“ LESTER AND SAMANTHA SARA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.

LESTER AND SAMANTHA SARA - May 08, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



May 08, 2024 at 07:22 AM



“ The Canfield Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.

The Canfield Family - May 08, 2024 at 07:22 AM



“ Shveta T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.

Shveta T. - May 07, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ Christopher and Joanna Kling purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



Christopher and Joanna Kling - May 07, 2024 at 02:35 PM

CK

“ Christopher and Joanna Kling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroefer O'Kelly.

Christopher and Joanna Kling - May 07, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroefer O'Kelly.



May 07, 2024 at 12:33 PM

FF

“ From your friends at Caring Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroefer O'Kelly.

From your friends at Caring Family - May 07, 2024 at 12:33 PM

NM

“ *From the Marshood Family*

Amanda

By Nabil Marshood

May 7, 2024

Rose in the garden

She was the fountain

Filled the air with blessed aroma

She gave us light

She gave us hope and love and we were heartened

You touch the rose and feel kindness

You smell the rose and feel freshness

You hear the rose and join the chorus

Near her you were gorgeous

She was picked early

Our hearts are broken

They are heavy and shaken

The earth is rocking

And the skies are weeping

With her two young roses near

We hear the rose

She is our dear

Her fragrance is in the air

We will sing her prose

And forever cheer

Nabil Marshood - May 07, 2024 at 11:52 AM

AD

“ Aunt Evelyn, Kristina and Davie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



Aunt Evelyn, Kristina and Davie - May 07, 2024 at 10:17 AM

KE

“ Kate, Agustin, and Ellie purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



Kate, Agustin, and Ellie - May 06, 2024 at 11:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



May 06, 2024 at 11:32 PM

DH

“ Davinia and mike and holland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.

Davinia and mike and holland - May 06, 2024 at 11:32 PM

AJ

“ Aunt Allison and Uncle Joe purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.



Aunt Allison and Uncle Joe - May 06, 2024 at 08:46 PM

AJ

“ Aunt Allison and Uncle Joe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Valerie Schroeffer O'Kelly.

Aunt Allison and Uncle Joe - May 06, 2024 at 08:46 PM