



# KENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Death of Retired Kentwood Police Officer Kelly Baldwin

The Kentwood Police Department and the local community are mourning the loss of retired Officer Kelly Baldwin who passed away on Friday, February 28, 2020, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Her engaging smile and energetic laugh were well known throughout the local law enforcement community and Kelly's difficult fight inspired many. She will truly be missed.

Kelly retired from the Department December 20, 2019 after serving the Department and community for twenty years.

Kelly's assignments during her career at the Kentwood Police Department include Patrol Officer and Detective. She quickly developed into an incredible investigator and her talents and expertise in this area benefited not only the Kentwood Police Department but other agencies over the last 13 years of her career. She also demonstrated an incredible drive to solve cases and was always a seeker of justice for the victims.

Her true character was evident by her daily display of thoughtfulness and generosity to everyone she came in contact with. A few examples include the purchase of a memorial headstone for a family of a dog that was killed during a home invasion, hiring an exterminator to treat for bed bugs at a sexual assault victim's home and collecting money to purchase Christmas gifts for two young boys whose mother was murdered by their father just before Christmas.

Kelly leaves behind her husband and four children. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 4, from 3:00 PM–5:00 PM and 7:00 PM–9:00 PM at Cook Funeral Home, 4235 Prairie St SW, Grandville, MI 49418. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 5, at Grand Rapids First, 2100 44<sup>th</sup> St SW, Wyoming, MI 49519. There will be visitation from 10:00 AM–11:00 AM, prior to the service.

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