

Kelly and I have been friends for a long time. But it's been over the last 6 years or so that our relationship has grown the closest. Our friendship is one ~~no~~ I could have only dreamed of. ~~was the kind of relationship that~~ It's one of <sup>respect, honesty,</sup> ~~we can say anything~~ ~~then tell each other~~ <sup>love and of course</sup> ~~anything we know~~ <sup>fun + laughter</sup> there is no competition amongst us b/c we both want the best for each other, there is no hurt feelings ~~from~~ from honest opinions that might otherwise hurt, ~~that's the way I turn to for anything~~ whether is an opinion ~~and if there was we~~ <sup>well, except once +</sup> there's no drama or fighting... ~~and if there was we~~ <sup>was</sup> one we'd make sure it was a good ~~project~~ <sup>project</sup> + I mean epic ~~but in the end it~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~wasn't~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~to this day it still makes up~~ <sup>except</sup> but in the end it was nothing ~~well maybe~~ <sup>except</sup> a little to much ~~alcohol~~ alcohol.

~~My friend who have been~~

~~During our friendship~~ ~~well have been~~ ~~than~~ Kelly amazes me w/ her ability to know what she wants + her strength + discipline to make it happen. I saw her put herself thru school while working full time. She graduated as RT + got good job at UW. ~~She worked teaching~~ ~~at~~ ~~at~~ She took ~~off~~ on a teaching position at MATE while working her way up to Supervisor ~~and~~ and eventually taking a Director of RT at Menlo. She did all of this on her own ~~and~~ while raised her two amazing daughter Peyton + Olivia.

Together  
We have been through & some of the  
hardest times in our lives - through the  
loss of loved ones, Kelly losing her father and me my  
sister, thru ~~major~~ <sup>tough</sup> ~~medical~~ <sup>diagnoses</sup> medical decisions,  
emotional and mental breakdowns, ~~both~~  
~~major~~ <sup>major</sup> career changes  
and <sup>raising</sup> ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> kids. We have shared a lot  
of tears, and a lot of laughter. I know  
that all the hard times that are  
there are also all the good times -  
career changes, raising kids, girls night out  
and lots + lots of laughter. ~~We are all good~~  
~~that left us thru the~~ and then Steve.

I was lucky enough to be there from  
the very beginning. It was a great night  
I am lucky enough to have been there  
from the very beginning of their courtship  
and it has brought me nothing but happiness.  
Now that I am older + married for so  
long I forget that feeling you get one you just  
meet someone and all the excitement of being  
I got to witness this w/ Kelly + Steve.  
The giddiness Kelly had from day one... think he'll call me,  
when will he call, he's not going to call... he called.  
~~And that's the first date, Steve meeting the girls,~~  
~~making a together, buying a <sup>party</sup> ~~together~~~~  
Between now + then there had been so much  
and as Steve knows by now Kelly tells me