



## Kelli R Paswater

February 7, 1982 - January 4, 2019

Kelli R Paswater, 36, of East New Market, Md. passed away peacefully on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Dorchester General Hospital in Cambridge, Md. She was surrounded by family and loved ones at the time of her departure.

She was born February 7, 1982 in Easton, Maryland, the daughter of Cynthia Meeks Davis, and the late Gerald Lee Paswater. Kelli lived in Greensboro, Maryland throughout her early twenties and was a graduate of North Carolina High School, class of 2000. She later graduated from Delaware Technical College as a Veterinary Technician, leading to a successful career as a vet tech throughout the Eastern Shore.

Kelli's uncanny, easy way with animals made her the chosen person with pet owners far and wide to be on duty when they came in for visits. She regularly amazed people by remembering their pet's name, breed, ancestry, ailments, and other minutiae that even the pet owners had forgotten. There was no pet she forgot, ever. This, combined with her fierce work ethic, long time loyalty, and no nonsense, no drama attitude made her an in demand employee, which lead to her last and most promising position at Animal Wellness Center of the Eastern Shore in Salisbury. At the time of her falling ill, she was making plans to return to school and pursue more specialized certifications to advance her career.

Outside of her professional life, Kelli's two brown dogs, Alice, and June, were her world. They adventured to many states, towns, parks, pet friendly coffee shops, agility trials, and Dock Dog events, charming people with their collective good behavior, attentiveness, and well executed tricks. Alice and June forced Kelli to learn to take a compliment. Their adventures are well documented through her formidable photography skills, and her pictures are the legacy she would like to be remembered by. Her Flickr name was Alice browndog.

Kelli's favorite athletes were all animals and she was a devoted fan of the Kentucky Derby, often correctly picking the winner ahead of time. She could often be seen at music venues throughout the region, and easily spotted by her mismatched clothes and lack of pretense. It should be noted as well that she was a connoisseur of meatloaf, sampling many Meatloaf Mondays throughout the land.

Cold rainy days were Kelli's favorite, and they often found her reading books about history, space exploration, and music of the twentieth century. She was an avid reader her whole life, starting at preschool age. There is so much more to say, but Kelli was a modest soul and would not like all of the attention.

She is survived by her two brown dogs, Alice and June, her trusted special person Pete Baker of East New Market, Maryland, her mother Cynthia Davis, step father Jay Davis, and brother Taylor Davis of Smyrna, Delaware, Grandmother Delema Meeks of Goldsboro, Maryland, Sister Erica Mowrer and husband Nate Mowrer, niece and nephew Madison and Luke of Petersburg, Pennsylvania. Kelli is preceded in death by her father Gerald Lee Paswater, and grandparents Alan Meeks, William Earl Paswater, and Joyous "Dickie" Paswater Marvel.

A funeral service will be held at Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral home in

Greensboro, Maryland on Wednesday, January 9 at 1:00 PM, with interment immediatly afterwards at Greensboro Cemetary. A covered dish lunch will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church's Wheatley Hall following the interment. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Kelli's name to Chesapeake Cats and Dogs at 326 Wye Mills Road, Queenstown, Maryland 21658. To share condolences, please visit [www.fleegleand helfenbein.com](http://www.fleegleand helfenbein.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Greensboro Cemetery

311 N. Main Street  
Greensboro, MD 21639

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 W. Sunset Ave.  
Greensboro, MD 21639

## Funeral

JAN 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kelli R Paswater*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Kelli R Paswater*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Cindy Fox lit a candle in memory of Kelli R Paswater*



**Cindy Fox** - January 10, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ *To Kelli's family and friends, please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. I knew Kelli through Flickr - we met through the 52 Weeks group and she joined our 12 Months group for a few years. She was always a supportive person, quick with encouragement and kind words. She was one of those people who you cared about because she cared about others so easily. And oh she loved those dogs. She was on my mind a few days before she left us, and I so regret not reaching out to say Hi, and that I was thinking of her. I cannot love her the way you do, and I will not miss her the way you will, but when I think of her, I will always remember her with affection and warmth, and regret that she is no longer with us. My spirit and prayers are with you.*

**Liz Caldwell** - January 09, 2019 at 02:18 PM

JP

*Well written Liz.*

Julie Poehlman - January 09, 2019 at 07:01 PM

MM

“ *Mary Murtha lit a candle in memory of Kelli R Paswater*



Mary Murtha - January 09, 2019 at 09:41 AM

CL

“ *My deepest sympathies, Cindy. My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Cyndi Ebling Lawson - January 08, 2019 at 05:41 PM

CL

“ *Cyndi Ebling Lawson lit a candle in memory of Kelli R Paswater*



Cyndi Ebling Lawson - January 08, 2019 at 05:39 PM

NV

“ *Jay and Cindy,  
Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.  
Alex and Nancy Vaughan*

Nancy Vaughan - January 08, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kelli R Paswater.



January 08, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kelli R Paswater.



January 08, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ Kelli was such a delightful person. She stayed with my dogs many times and they loved her. Especially Reign. I could be far across a field from Kelli and Reign would spot her and run to her like her long lost friend. I don't know what we will do without her loving ways and fun attitude. She is definitely in our hearts forever. Sandy Moody and Reign

**SANDRA MOODY** - January 08, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ David And Angie Rholetter lit a candle in memory of Kelli R Paswater



**David and Angie Rholetter** - January 08, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kelli R Paswater.



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January 08, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Kelli R Paswater.



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January 08, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sending prayers and hugs to all of you.*

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**Diane Listman** - January 08, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ *We are so grateful Kelli was in our lives. Her sweet smile, common sense, & great heart for our dogs were such a blessing. She was both a strong person with a gentle soul. She was so easy to talk with, instant bonding. She almost had a instant understanding of needs. A kindred spirit. We are praying for her family and close friends. The world is less kind now with the void she left. She was a gift.*

*Most sincerely, Tom & Julie Poehlman Denton, MD*

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**Julie Poehlman** - January 08, 2019 at 09:54 AM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss...



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**Beth wall** - January 08, 2019 at 07:42 AM

BD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and the family.



*Beverly (Lohmeyer) Duvall*

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**Beverly Duvall** - January 08, 2019 at 07:24 AM


KW

“ My heartfelt condolences to all of Kelli's family and friends. Such a sad and devastating loss of a young life. I never knew Kelli in real life, only through her amazing photos of Alice and June, on Flickr. The love she had for her dogs shone out of every picture and gave me much inspiration. She had admirers far and wide, all over the world, and we will miss her.

*Karen White (UK)*

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**Karen White** - January 08, 2019 at 03:24 AM

 Tara Fountain

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Paswater family  
*Tara Fountain (Gould)*



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**Tara Fountain** - January 07, 2019 at 10:22 PM

KK

“ *Kelli was such a kind soul. She shared her world with beautiful photographs, laughter and always had a dynamically quirky outlook on life. I am so sad to hear of her passing.*  
*Kim Kilmer*

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**Kim Kilmer** - January 07, 2019 at 09:44 PM

CC

“ *Cindy Clopper lit a candle in memory of Kelli*  
*R Paswater*



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**Cindy Clopper** - January 07, 2019 at 09:23 PM

BB

“ *Cindy and family, Kenny and I are thinking about you and your family during this very difficult time.*



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**Brenda Breeding** - January 07, 2019 at 09:11 PM

MK

“ *Kelli, your sweet soul, your compassion, your friendship will always be in my heart.*

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**Margie Klapper** - January 07, 2019 at 08:37 PM

KL

“ *Kim Lohmeyer lit a candle in memory of Kelli R Paswater*



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**Kim Lohmeyer** - January 07, 2019 at 08:31 PM

DT

“ *Dan Towers lit a candle in memory of Kelli R Paswater*



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**Dan Towers** - January 07, 2019 at 08:26 PM

 Marylee Sard

“ *Marylee Sard lit a candle in memory of Kelli R Paswater*



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**Marylee Sard** - January 07, 2019 at 07:00 PM

ES

“ *Erin Swann lit a candle in memory of Kelli R Paswater*



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**Erin Swann** - January 07, 2019 at 04:19 PM

TW

“ Tina Watson lit a candle in memory of Kelli R Paswater



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**Tina Watson** - January 07, 2019 at 03:17 PM

LF

“ Love, Smyrna Middle School FFA purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kelli R Paswater.



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**Love, Smyrna Middle School FFA** - January 07, 2019 at 01:44 PM