



## Ann Marie Kellam

February 4, 1949 - August 15, 2024

It is with a heavy heart that the family of Ann Marie Kellam, 75, of Tracy's Landing, Maryland, announce her sudden and unexpected passing on August 15, 2024, at 11:35 p.m. Ann experienced unforeseen complications during triple bypass surgery at MedStar's Washington Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Ann was able to talk with loved ones who surrounded and provided her with comfort as she passed away peacefully in the presence of God.

Ann is survived by her faithful and loving husband of 50 years, Donald Kellam (78), her daughter, Diane Brashears (53), grandson, Derick Brashears (29) and his wife, Cheyenne Brashears (28), and three great grandchildren, Greyson Brashears (7), Clairice Brashears (4), and Luca Brashears (2). Forever loved and remembered, Ann is also survived by siblings Joseph Awad, John Awad and Kathleen Awad.

Ann was born February 4, 1949, in Washington, D.C. and is predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Wanda Awad and, brother, Albert Awad, who she now joins in heaven.

Ann was raised alongside her four siblings in Silver Spring, Maryland. She

attended Albert Einstein High School in Kensington, Maryland and graduated with the class of 1967. After graduating high school, Ann joined the federal government's civil workforce dedicating 34 years of excellence in service while working for the National Institute of Health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and USDA, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The majority of Ann's career was spent working for USDA, ARS in Beltsville, Maryland as a writer on the Congressional Writing Staff.

Ann had many passions in life, but none compared to the dedication and love she had for her family, great grandchildren and friends. Ann and her husband, Don spent years sailing on the Chesapeake Bay and together they forged lifelong friendships. This experience solidified their joined passion to buy a home that overlooked the Chesapeake Bay. This dream came true and each morning for the past 25 years, Ann would awake to watch the sunrise on the Chesapeake Bay and enjoy the many hummingbirds that came to gather around her feeders. Ann and Don also took time to travel in their motorhome.

Ann impacted so many people's lives leaving an everlasting impression on their hearts with her amazing big smile, genuine laugh, unbridled joy for living, compassion and empathy and love for animals but, most important, her unwavering love for family and friends. She will be forever missed. Until we meet again.

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ I want to thank each of you for your comments and support for our beloved Ann. She, like her mother, was down to earth. She was beautiful inside and out. Kind and thoughtful. She so loved her family especially the 3 great grand children. 2 boys and 1 special girl. Her family was everything to Ann. She will be missed and remembered. God bless my Annie and each of you. I will always love and cherish the good times that we all had.\nThank you.

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**Donald Kellam** - October 13, 2024 at 07:18 PM

CS

“ Hi Don. Bob and I were so sorry to hear about Ann. We missed you all when you left Crystal Lake. She was always a such a sweetie. We had alot of fun in Crystal Lake with the ladies. You take care. Love Carole and Bob Shaffer

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**Carole and Bob Shaffer** - August 26, 2024 at 02:42 PM

CB

“ There are so many memories that come to mind when reminiscing the last 7 years I have known Nana, but the one thing in common with all of them, is Nana's amazing smile. She always was happy to see her family, but especially Derick and \"her Grandbabies\". Nana made sure she was at all of the kid's big life moments, but also made sure to just be there for the small ones too. She was there for mine and Derick's wedding, many birthday parties, sports games and practices, church events, cookie exchanges, family dinners, and came by just to hang out with the kids on random days. Nana was the kind of Nana that got down on the ground and played cars and airplanes with the kids, blew bubbles outside, and made sure to have the snacks the kids really liked. You could tell she didn't care how tired she may have felt, how rambunctious the kids were, or if the kids were making a mess, because she never complained once that they made a mess, are being too loud for her, or that the ground was too uncomfortable. She will forever live in our hearts and we will make sure to share all the stories with the kids. \nWith so much love, \nDerick, Cheyenne, Greyson, Clairice, and Luca Brashears

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**Cheyenne Brashears** - August 26, 2024 at 12:59 PM

SM

“ Don and family, I am so sorry to hear this. I have such great memories working and “playing” with Ann and so many of our USDA/ARS friends. She was always one beautiful lady, inside and out. I just wanted to share some of the fun times so many of us had with her. She will be missed. May you be comforted by the many that care, Sandy Moores

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**Sandy Moores** - August 25, 2024 at 05:26 PM

JB

“ I never had the honor to meet you, Diane says you were incredible. To honor you, this tree is planted a living tribute that you will grow and flourish

J. Bentley - August 24, 2024 at 07:46 PM

SH

“ Always in my heart and all the wonderful memories you've filled my heart. Thank you for bringing Diane into our lives. Deepest thoughts and love !

Sharon - August 23, 2024 at 09:57 PM

LB

“ With our deep condolences, May the love you all shared and the memories help you to heal. We love you and are here for you.  
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love, your circle of friends at home base.... - August 23, 2024 at 04:36 PM

CL

“ Don, Diane, and family. I am heartbroken hearing about Ann's passing. I first met Ann in the 1980's while working for ARS in Beltsville, Building 003. We worked across the hall from each other. Later we both moved to Building 005 and would meet for lunch. When she transferred to APHIS in Riverdale, I transferred to Washington DC for ARS. For several years we would get together for dinner with a couple other ARS employees and catch up with each other. Ann was beautiful inside and out. Her smile was warm and welcoming. I have many fond memories of knowing and working with Ann. Forever in my heart.\r\n\r\nMy deepest condolences.\r\n\r\nCathy Lonaberger\r\n\r\n

Cathy Lonaberger - August 23, 2024 at 03:41 PM

JB

“ Don and family, my condolences. Ann was a super gal. I was one of the street kids that grew up with her and went to Einstein 67. Johnny, sorry about your sister. Give my regards to your brothers and sisters for your loss. We have lost a special soul and she will be missed. God Bless. Jim Berkeley

James Berkeley - August 23, 2024 at 03:21 PM

MF

“ In memory of my lovely friend, Annie, who brought joy to our hearts with her unforgettable smile, her empathy, and her love of life.

Marianne Filice - August 23, 2024 at 10:34 AM

TR

“ Ms. Ann, I knew you a bit & never doubted you were an amazing mom and grandmom. I want you to know that I'll always be here for Diane and your family.

Trish - August 21, 2024 at 09:02 PM

AN

“ Ann Marie Kellam

Anonymous - August 21, 2024 at 06:00 PM

QU

“ Ann I didn't know you but I know we will meet on the other side. God makes no mistakes. You with the Father now so rest easy.

Que - August 21, 2024 at 02:27 PM

SW

“ Ann and I worked together at ARS. She always had a great story or a joke to share when we saw each other in the hallway. One day she came flying out of the ladies room and she threw her hand up to wave and said “late for a meeting”. When she turned to walk down the hallway, I noticed something wasn't quite right..... I could see her hiney. I said “Ann” she kept walking... I got a little louder.... “ANN” she said “ I'm late” and kept walking. I put my hands around my mouth hoping my voice would carry. I said “ANN, STOP YOUR ASS IS HANGING OUT! She came to a sudden stop. She Said “Oh My God”... pulled her skirt out of her pantihose and walked into the meeting. \n\nLater that day, I got a big hug, and she thanked me 100 times for saving her from what could have been one of life's most embarrassing moments.

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**Sharon Wagner** - August 21, 2024 at 01:25 PM

AK

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Ann Marie Kellam** - August 21, 2024 at 11:28 AM