



## Kathryn Jessica Ray

June 29, 1988 - June 6, 2023

In Loving Memory of Kathryn J. Ray, June 29, 1988 – June 6, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Katie Ray, who touched the lives of so many. She passed away on June 6, 2023, leaving behind cherished memories and a legacy that will forever be remembered. Katie was surrounded by a loving support system. She is survived by her loving partner, John Hughes, who provided unwavering love and encouragement throughout her journey and passionate fight for her life. Katie also treasured the close relationship she had with her parents, Bill and Jan Ray and her brother, Andrew. She often spoke fondly of the impact her grandparents and Uncle Jim had on her life.

Katie lived a life filled with passion and purpose. She graduated from Westfield High School in 2006, where she received the prestigious Rachel Carson Award for her dedication to environmental causes. Katie was deeply committed to preserving nature and found solace in creating art, particularly through the medium of pottery. Her artistic talent extended beyond the normal, as she also possessed a gift for makeup artistry. She had a remarkable ability to transform faces and enhance natural beauty. Her dream was to share her talent and love for makeup with other women who were battling cancer. One of Katie's greatest joys in life were her faithful Jack Russell Terriers, Pokey and Ollie. Their bond was unbreakable, and their adventures together brought immeasurable happiness.

Katie's spirit and determination were an inspiration to all who knew her. Her

kind heart, artistic talents, willingness to serve God and her fellows, and unwavering love for nature and animals will be deeply missed. We will forever carry Katie's spirit in our hearts, remembering her selflessness, passion, and unwavering commitment to helping others. Her legacy will endure, inspiring us to make a positive impact on the lives of others, and to never give up.

We invite friends and family to join us for a Celebration of Life for Katie on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 11 am at Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA. Feel free to wear Katie's favorite color, green, that day in her honor, or wear your favorite color to celebrate her. A reception will follow the service in Bethel's Social Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Katie's memory be made to: Inova Health Foundation, Attention: Foundation Department, 8095 Innovation Park Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031. Indicate "Life with Cancer" on your check or money order, and also include Katie's name, or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Lutheran Church  
8712 Plantation Lane  
Manassas, VA 20110

# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Love Always



Jill - March 19, 2025 at 04:04 PM

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“ Gosh I miss you so much Katie! You were a big ray (no pun intended) of sunshine in my life, and I'll never forget you. <3

Jill - March 19, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ Dear Bill and Jan, I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter Katie. She had such an incredible spirit and was there for me when I lost my Meghan. She will always be in my heart. I will keep all of you in my prayers. I will miss Katie very much. Sending much love, Debbie Wines

Debra Wines - July 08, 2023 at 05:51 PM

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“ Kimberly, Austin and Rebecca purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kathryn Jessica Ray.



Kimberly, Austin and Rebecca - June 27, 2023 at 11:42 AM