



## Kelli Jean Young

November 9, 1969 - November 22, 2020

Kelli Reed Young left this world far too soon and succumbed to colo-rectal cancer on Sunday, November 22, 2020, in Matthews, North Carolina. She is predeceased by her beloved son Jacob Young, mother Jean Parent Reed, and sister Stacy Reed. She leaves behind her father George Reed, brother Craig Reed, sister-in-law Robin Mercier, niece Kelsey MacArt, and nephews Ryan and Brody Reed, and chosen family Tracey, Noel, Blaine and Emily Hill. She also leaves an absolute army of friends and her fur babies Ellie, Bailey & Crash.

Kelli was born on November 19, 1969 to George Reed and Jean Parent Reed and grew up in St. Albans, Vermont. Kelli graduated from Bellows Free Academy High School and then moved to North Carolina, where she lived the rest of her life. Kelli also attended University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she studied Business. She spent her professional life in banking and worked for Bank of America, BB&T, First Union, and Wells Fargo. Kelli married Les Young with whom she had her son Jacob in 1993.

Kelli's greatest joy in life was her son Jacob. Kelli's world revolved around Jacob and she was incredibly enthusiastic and supportive of everything in Jacob's life. She was most proud of Jacob's service to his country in both the United States Marines and Army. Kelli was a devoted Baseball, Lego, Truck and Military Mom and was devastated with the sudden loss of her son Jacob in 2019.

Kelli will be remembered as a devoted mother, wonderful sister, animal lover, and steadfast friend. Those who knew her were blessed by her support, kindness, and care. Family and friends alike remember her as outwardly gentle and quiet, but knew that hid her fiercely independent and protective nature. Kelli was also intensely private but would go to the ends of the Earth to help her family and friends. In fact, "no" rarely left her lips unless you were asking if she wanted seafood or ketchup on her cheeseburger.

Kelli crossed her rainbow bridge, unfettered by cancer, and into Jacob's loving arms. And although she was not a Marine, like her boy, she lived its motto every day. You've earned

an honorary "Semper Fidelis," dear Kelli. You will be forever remembered, forever missed.

A celebration of Kelli's life and burial will be held 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Heritage Funeral Home and Forest Lawn East, Matthews, NC.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kelli's memory can be made to Wind River Cancer Retreat and Programs, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), United Service Organizations Inc (USO).

# Cemetery

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## Forest Lawn East

3700 Forest Lawn Drive  
Matthews, NC, 28104

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington/Matthews  
3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC, US, 28104

**NOV** **Graveside Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Forest Lawn East Cemetery  
3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC, US, 28104

# Comments

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“ Kelli was a great friend and team mate.. someone you can always depend on to be consistently kind and approachable. I will sincerely miss our chats, jokes, and laughs. A real Gem and classy lady.

**Deirdre Turner** - November 25, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ Diane Vaglio lit a candle in memory of Kelli Jean Young



**Diane Vaglio** - November 24, 2020 at 08:04 AM

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“ Let me introduce myself to all of Kelli's family and friends and let you all know my thoughts and prayers are with you. I met Kelli by way of our beloved Jacob. He and my granddaughter, Marisa, used to date. He was fun to be around and we think of him often, still. I didn't get to see her but one or two times but I could see the deep, abiding love she had for her son and he for her. Her kindness shined through. She obviously was a fighter but now God has called her home to be with her Jacob. This takes away a bit of pain every is feeling but her beautiful memory will live on.

Much prayers,  
Doris Shellingburg



**Doris Shellingburg** - November 24, 2020 at 02:38 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Kelli`s entire Family Blood Family and Friend Family. Miss Kelli was A Beautiful Lady inside and out. I had the pleasure Of sharing Holiday Dinners with Miss Kelli thanks to my God Family as well as with Jacob and watching him grow Up.she was a great mom the best mom a child could ever want. She had the grace of a angel.setting the the bar high On how to carry yourself, always showing kindness, love , respect and compassion to the ones that graced her presence. What a Great Lady ,she will be deeply missed.

**Tina Hargett** - November 23, 2020 at 11:02 PM

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“ Chris Thomas lit a candle in memory of Kelli Jean Young



**Chris Thomas** - November 23, 2020 at 10:58 PM

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“ Tina Hargett lit a candle in memory of Kelli Jean Young



**Tina Hargett** - November 23, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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“ You were a woman filled with deep compassion and perseverance! May you be at peace, always, as I imagine you sitting in quiet conversation by the waterfall.

Much love from your entire Wind River family of friends!  
Shannon Carney, Cheryl, Dave, Robin and so many more!  
Wind River Cancer Wellness Retreats



**Shannon** - November 23, 2020 at 09:25 PM

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“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Kelli Jean Young.



November 23, 2020 at 02:54 PM

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“ Ms. Kelli was one of the greatest people I ever knew in my young life. She has taught me that even in hard times you need to still be strong, She also taught me that do what you need to do get it done no matter how hard it gets. She was a beautiful soul. She is not in pain anymore I am very happy about that. If you knew her she loved and cared very hard for her family and friends. she was the greatest aunt to me.

Now I have My brother Jacob and Ms. Kelli watching over me. Give him a big hug for me. I love yall until my last breath. Rest Easy Ms. Kelli I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.

**Bri Young** - November 22, 2020 at 11:45 PM

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**Amy Fiorella** - November 22, 2020 at 07:20 PM