



Kathy Jean Tabor

January 18, 1965 - February 13, 2024

PRINCETON – Kathy Jean Tabor, 59, of Princeton, died Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Born January 18, 1965 in Princeton, she was the daughter of Douglas Midkiff and Eunice Jean Caldwell Midkiff of Princeton.

Kathy was the co-founder of the A.L.I.V.E. Animal Services Group in Princeton. She was a dedicated animal advocate who served the community and the animals who were at risk, neglected, abused or injured. She was a proponent of spay and neuter ordinances aimed to help curb the overpopulation of animals, resulting in unwanted litters and euthanasia.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Steve Tabor; and special friend, Leisa Moten of Pipestem.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Larry Dyer and Rev. Blake Bivens officiating. Interment will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to A.L.I.V.E. Animal Services Group, P.O. Box 5464, Princeton, WV 24740.

The family will receive friends Friday, February 16, 2024 from 6-8 p.m. at the

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
info@bailey-kirk.com
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens
450 Courthouse Road
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Tribute Wall

CC

“ *What a joy as a student and later as an adult. Such a good heart.*

Charles Chandler - April 11, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CH

“ *Kathy was a guiding light for animals In need. She was such a caring and passionate person. She will be greatly missed.*

Cheryl - February 17, 2024 at 02:38 PM

CA

“ *So sorry for your loss. Kathy was a sweet lady.*

carol asbury - February 15, 2024 at 10:44 PM

JS

“ *I worked with Kathy at Corning in the mid 90's. We became friends and remained friends through the years. When I was deployed to Iraq in 2010-11 Kathy sent me care packages. We spoke as often as we could. I have been meaning to call her for some time. Now its too late.....*

She has earned her wings and many of the animals she took care of will be waiting to greet her. Fly high old friend.....

Joe Sizemore - February 15, 2024 at 04:34 PM

DM

“ *Kathy was a amazing woman so adorable and loving she was always there to help with all the animals we all are going to miss her she love her husband steve and mother she always had a beautiful smile when you seen her prayers to her family &friend's*

Donna Marlowe - February 14, 2024 at 08:03 PM

BB

“ *She was a very sweet and genuine lady. We shared a lot when her uncle Roger died and she was a great comfort to me during that difficult loss. My sincere condolences to Doug and all the family.*
Bob Besenyei

Bob Besenyei - February 14, 2024 at 04:32 PM

AN

“ *All Creatures Big and Small- NY purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Kathy Jean Tabor.*



All Creatures Big and Small- NY - February 14, 2024 at 03:52 PM

FD

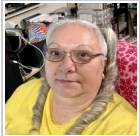
“ *Kathy was relentless when it came to helping animals...she took in all the misfits...she and Steve worked round the clock helping these poor and needy animals...didn't matter how worn out they would get...the animals were always going to be helped and taken care of...this is Kathys legacy...she was a super woman for helping animals....I adored her...lets all show our love for Kathy by continuing to keep A.L.I.V.E. Now and in the future...prayers for Steve, the love of Kathys life, and her mom, Jean....I am sure she is hugging Buck right now in her new heavenly life. Love you my friend, Faye Darby*

Faye Darby - February 14, 2024 at 01:52 PM

FD

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Faye Darby - February 14, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ Steve,
My heart is aching for you right now. I wish I could do something to stop the pain and hurt. But that is a spot only God can fill. I will do anything I can to help in anyway. Kathy was an awesome person and wonderful friend.

Love and Prayers
Tammy Joyce

Tammy Joyce - February 13, 2024 at 09:30 PM

RF

A huge part if our animal community went to Heaven. She will truly be missed but will live forever in our hearts and with every wag and purr!
Fly high!

Ree Fowler - February 14, 2024 at 12:33 PM

KM

“ I worked with Kathy for many years when she helped get animals out of MCAS. She has always been a light in the storm for animals in need. The world lost a special person today. Im sure the rainbow bridge was full of all the animals that she helped over the years. She always helped with transports to Pa and saved many souls by the ride to freedom. My condolences to Steve and her other family both furry and human. Heaven got another angel today.

*Kathy Midgley
Purrfect Kitty Rescue*

kathy midgley - February 13, 2024 at 09:13 PM

CA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Caitlin - February 13, 2024 at 09:04 PM

CA

“ Family is more than blood. She was and always will be my Aunt and like my second mother. She brought joy to those around her for both human and animal and has left her mark in the lives of both. She will be missed and loved by many. I only hope my daughter to be is half as wonderful as both her and my mom Kathleen, her namesakes. Love you Uncle Steve and Aunt Kathy very much,
Caitlin



Caitlin - February 13, 2024 at 09:03 PM

AB

She loved you so very much and was so proud of you, and excited for you about your sweet baby girl on the way. 💖 Angie

Angela Broome - February 17, 2024 at 12:28 AM

EM

“ *Kathy is who helped make our One Love Animal Rescue long haul transports possible! She worked with us on the first one, back in 2016, helping us save four precious souls... Shortly after that trip she loaned us her rescue van, all of the crates needed, and literally walked us through every step of the way, saving over 100 animals on our first big, long haul transport. Kathy, Steve, and her volunteers met us in Princeton, WV and from there they continued the trip North with vehicles full of animals from Effingham, CCAS, and JARM, to deliver them to rescue groups that she linked us with. This woman was one of the most generous and courageous people that I ever had the pleasure of calling my friend. 💙 I hope that those of you who also knew her will find comfort in knowing that her memory (and legacy) will live on with every long haul transport OLAR does.*

💙

Erin Miller - February 13, 2024 at 07:22 PM

CH

“ *Steve,*

I don't hardly have the words to express the depth of the loss. She made the world a better place for the animals and the community with her smile and big heart. We didn't get to work with her often , but were blessed whenever we did.

Cheryl & Frank Hunter



Cheryl A Hunter - February 13, 2024 at 06:50 PM

PC

“ I will never forget her. She was one amazing Lady. I hope she knew how much I adored her and loved her. She will be missed by so many.

Patti Clifton

House of Hope Animal Rescue



Patti Clifton - February 13, 2024 at 06:28 PM

SS

Just seen this. My heart is broken in so many pieces 🥀🥀🥀🥀. Kathy Midkiff Tabor is the angel who helped me foster Nova and her 3 babies in May 2013 from MCAS.. Brought Nova and her babies home. That same night I brought Nova and those babies home Nova became very ill. Kathy and Theresa Brown Baria came to the rescue. Kathy immediately got Nova to cough up secretions as Nova was having a hard time breathing.

Kathy was so knowledgeable and too many times to count she would give me home remedies to help so many furry felines. The many times she came to my rescue and helped me so many ways. Kathy and her wonderful husband Steve made many trips to my home to help me with one of my babies.

When I lost Nova Oct 28 2022 Kathy met me at ACC to stand by me having to give up my baby. She even took Nova that day and made arrangements for me to have Nova buried in Mercer County Humane society cemetery.

Jan 8 2023 I called Kathy (this day Kathy was in the hosp she said I've just been dx with cancer) for some advice. But yet as sick as she was she took the time to advice me about my cat Muffin.

Sept 29 2023 I messaged Kathy about Mama Kitty wasn't eating a few days afer she had her babies. Another time her wise advice got Mama kitty going.

When I had knee surgery in 2014 Nova was sick she came by my house and took Nova to ACC and brought her back.

My mind is running over with things Kathy Tabor and A.L.I.V.E did to help me. We have lost a valuable animal advocate. Rainbow Bridge babies were waiting on her.

Shelia Nova Smith

Shelia Smith - February 13, 2024 at 08:41 PM

AM

“ *RIP Kathy*



Arlene/Buddy Midkiff - February 13, 2024 at 04:52 PM