



## Amy Kristina McFarland

July 28, 1979 - July 20, 2023

Amy Kristina McFarland, 43, of Winchester, VA got her wings and ascended into Heaven into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, July 20, 2023 after a long hospitalization at the UVA Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA.

She was born July 28, 1979 in Winchester the daughter of Thomas and Mary Miller McFarland.

Amy was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Stephenson, VA, The Winchester Eagles, and the SEIU.

She graduated from James Wood High School in 1998 and attended Lord Fairfax Community College.

Amy was employed as a Greeter by Wal-Mart (501 Wal-Mart Drive, Winchester, VA) for 18 years.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her stepmother, Gwen McFarland; her stepsister, Lorenda Washington (Tony); loving boyfriend, Daniel Noble Klinck II; Aunts: Cindy Sykes, Rose Depew, Maybell Bowen (Billy), Bonnie Breeden (Roger), Sandra Stockard, Brenda Cain (Larry), Donna Lockhart (Lyle), Kelly Twigg (Ronnie), Uncles: Roger Miller (Diane) and Ray B. Miller, Jr; her honorary father, Mike Crabill, (his daughter, Lindsey Smith (Nick); and her beloved dog, Bailey Rain; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Amy loved her friend, Teena Brown, and called her, Aunt Teena.

Her father and grandparents; Ray and Betty Miller, George and Audrey McFarland preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her

aunt, April Adams, and uncles, Ricky McFarland (Anna) and Mike McFarland. Despite Amy's many challenges with her health and disabilities, she always focused on her abilities and not her disabilities. Amy was involved in numerous fundraisers including Coat Drives, Food Drives; Blanket Drives, community events, etc. During COVID, Amy purchased all the supplies she needed to make necklaces, bracelets, and keychains and donated them to the frontline employees at Winchester Medical Center. She also donated to the Winchester SPCA to raise money for the homeless animals.

Amy loved pageants and won numerous awards at the local, state, and national levels including "National High Point Supreme Woman," "National Overall Talent," "National Overall Achievement," "Ms. Photogenic," "Director's Choice," "Most Successful Woman," "Lifetime Achievement," and numerous other "Inspiration Awards." Amy was also honored to ride in many Apple Blossom Festivals because of her numerous pageant wins and accomplishments.

In 2010, She and her mother also had the honor of being invited to the White House by former President Barack Obama and First Lady, Michelle Obama for their fierce advocacy efforts during the General Assembly each year to keep the elderly and disabled in their communities and out of nursing homes and institutions. Amy also had the privilege of signing (American Sign Language) "The National Anthem" while Sergeant Vicky Golding sang the anthem during Military Appreciation Week at a Redskins/Eagles game in 2012. The Winchester Star wrote numerous articles about Amy's achievements and inspiration to others. She was also invited on Cable Talk with Barry Lee Bowser several times to share her amazing life story.

Amy lived life to the fullest and loved concerts, cruises, amusement parks, going to the beach, and being with her family and friends. She never met a stranger and spread love and kindness to everyone she met. Everyone who had the privilege of knowing Amy was blessed by her because of her cheerful, positive attitude; amazing sense of humor; and her generous spirit. She loved

children and animals, and always wanted to have an “Amy’s Home” for homeless animals. Her family and friends are determined to make this happen in Amy’s memory. Amy was so proud when her precious dog, Bailey Rain, won the Winchester SPCA Calendar Contest, and her picture is featured next month in August. Amy was a bright light here on earth and is now shining her light in Heaven.

A funeral will be 1:00 pm Thursday in Phelps Funeral Chapel, 311 Hope Drive Winchester officiated by Reverend Mike Crabill. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery. Friends will be received 7-9:00 pm Wednesday in the funeral home. A “Celebration of Amy’s Life” will be announced at a later time. Amy’s family would like to express their sincere gratitude to her medical team at UVA Medical Center, and a special “Thank You” to Dr. Andrew Mihalek; Mallory Morris, NP; and Libby Boxelman, RN; and Chaplain Bruce Martin.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service  
311 Hope Dr  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 722-2424  
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## Service

JUL **27.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Years ago when my daughter and Amy were still in high school, they both participated in several fashion shows at Apple Blossom Mall. My daughter had the privilege of walking down the runway with Amy many times. It was always a highlight for my daughter. I let my daughter know of Amy’s passing (my daughter lives in England now) and she was so very sad to hear the news but memories of Amy brought a smile to her face. Rest well sweet Amy.

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**Laura Simmons** - August 04, 2023 at 08:10 AM

BB

“ My mom loved her so she was an inspiration and a joy and will certainly be lighting up the heaven and singing with the angels.. Mrs. Gano certainly greeted her at the gates with a hug!

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**Betsy Brumback** - August 03, 2023 at 06:03 PM

EM

“ I had the honor to work with Amy as her 2nd grade teacher at Apple Pie Ridge. I always admired her determination and her spirit. I always knew she was a go getter and she reached amazing heights. Prayers to her family.

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**Ellen Martin** - August 03, 2023 at 11:21 AM

PW

“ I met Amy and her Mom back when Amy was a teenager, working out at the rehab pool at Cork Street, and even after I moved on from my lifeguard days, I saw her and her Mom out and about, mostly at her post at Walmart greeting everyone. I am so sorry to read of her passing, Amy was the epitome of 'never met a stranger'!!!! So outgoing, so friendly, her light shines so bright!!! (As does her Mom's) My heart goes out to Amy's family, I know this is a big, big loss ❤️❤️

Pam White - August 03, 2023 at 10:44 AM

Jessica Bouldin

“ I went all through school with Amy. She was bound to a wheelchair but was always positive and smiling. What an inspiration. What a sweet soul.



Jessica Bouldin - August 03, 2023 at 10:33 AM

GD

“ Amy was an inspiration to both my son Bradley and me. I always enjoyed hearing about Amy's achievements. She is in a beautiful place now and her spirit will shine down on all of us. Hugs to you Mary.

Gretta and Mark Doering - August 01, 2023 at 04:51 PM

MM

Thank you so much!

Mary McFarland - August 03, 2023 at 05:38 PM

AV

“ Amy truly was an inspiration to all, she had such a kind heart!  
Prayers to all. Rest in Peace sweet girl.

Amy Flores Velasquez - July 28, 2023 at 04:28 PM

MM

Thank you so much!

Mary McFarland - August 03, 2023 at 05:38 PM

BK

“ Thoughts and Prayers to MARY and the Rest of the Family..  
She'll be missed, We all will get there, AMY HAS JUST BEAT US  
THERE!  
Now go dance with your DADDY little one, He's been waiting on you

BRIAN KERNS - July 26, 2023 at 05:53 PM

MM

Thank you so much!

Mary McFarland - August 03, 2023 at 05:38 PM

JM

“ Amy was and will always be a special and amazing sister! She has  
inspired not only myself but many countless thousands and  
thousands of others. She will continue to do that through all the  
wonderful memories we had together and with her family and  
friends! I miss you so much and my love for you will never end! You  
are with your Heavenly Father now and have no pain anymore. You  
have a truly amazing family as well. Steve and I are sending our  
condolences and love to all of the family in this difficult time.

Jennifer and Steven Merritt

Jennifer Merritt - July 26, 2023 at 11:22 AM

MM

*Thank you so much!*

Mary McFarland - August 03, 2023 at 05:37 PM

DA

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Denise Andrick - July 26, 2023 at 07:27 AM

AT

“ *Amy was the sweetest and most kind lady I've ever met! We grew up together and she taught me so much without even knowing. I know she's pain free running around in Heaven! You will always be missed.*

Alicia Taylor - July 25, 2023 at 09:52 PM

CG

“ *Amy was such a beautiful lady inside and out. She was truly an Angel right here on earth. My deepest condolences and many prayers to the family.*



Crystal Glass - July 25, 2023 at 08:14 PM

MP

“ *Very sorry to hear about Amy. She was an amazing woman and will be greatly missed. Marsha Polk*

Marsha Polk - July 25, 2023 at 04:52 AM

VW

“ *Amy was an absolute sweetheart and we should all learn from her. Spread your joy and love pretty lady!*

Vicki Smith Whitmore - July 24, 2023 at 02:48 PM

DP

“*Mary, my sincerest condolences on your loss and for the loss of Amy's extended family and friends. I was fortunate enough to meet and work with Amy at Walmart. Amy's friendliness, caring, and loving ways reached hundreds of people walking through the doors of Walmart. I know she has impacted my life in many ways. The precious memories I have of Amy, I will always cherish. From Amy's beautiful smile, her funny antics, and her talkative ways, she had a presence about her that always warmed your heart and soul. Amy was truly a gift from God, and those who knew her were better because of having known her. Our world has become less bright without Amy here. However, I believe that one day, we will all be reunited in God's beautiful kingdom. Rest easy, beautiful, and rejoice in the arms of our Savior. Until we meet again~  
Mary, my thoughts and prayers are with you.*



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**Deanne Potter** - July 24, 2023 at 01:50 PM