



# Heather Cleevely

OCT 30, 1970 - JUN 12, 2024



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# Heather Cleevly

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**H**eather Joy Cleevly was born on October 30, 1970, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Woodland Hills High School in 1988. She received a full scholarship to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she was an accomplished diver. She was an All-American college athlete in 1990, 1991, and 1992. In 1990, she became the first diver at the University of North Carolina to ever qualify for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship. Heather went on to win the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship in 1992. That same year, she was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Diver of the Year. Her athletic accomplishments landed her a spot in the University of North Carolina Swimming and Diving Circle of Champions in 2011. Heather later attended the Art Institute of Atlanta and became a successful graphic designer and product marketing specialist, eventually owning her own marketing company.

Heather is survived by the love of her life, Bill Meek; Bill's son, Matthew; her adoring parents, Bruce and Connie; her sister, Gretchen; her goddaughter, Anna; her rambunctious cats, Morgan Freeman and BB; and her many, many, dear friends.

She loved Jesus, Bill's cooking, the rain, the lake, bubbles, the Steelers and the Penguins, giving advice, horror movies, the Grateful Dead, art, organizing (and re-organizing), and documenting all of the humorous things her family did. She had a huge heart, amazing creativity, a great, dark sense of humor, and the capacity to love like no other.

"In one of those stars I shall be living. In one of them I shall be laughing. And so it will be if all the stars were laughing, when you look at the stars at night. And when your sorrow is comforted (time soothes all sorrows) you will be content that you have known me. You will always be my friend . . . I shall not leave you." - Antoine de Saint-Exupery, *The Little Prince*



## Obituary

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The memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2:00 PM at James Funeral Home in Huntersville. The family will have a reception following the service to receive friends for a time of visitation and refreshments.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Suzanne Hill Alfano Endowment, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Development Office, 5150 Centere Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. You may call 412-623-4700 or email [givetohillman@upmc.edu](mailto:givetohillman@upmc.edu) for online memorials.


James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family and obituary lovingly written by the family.





# Events

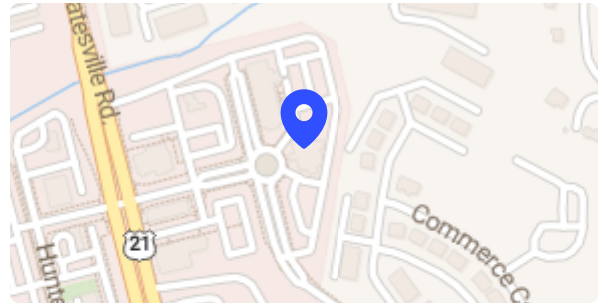
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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, July 13, 2024

 2:00 PM ET

 **James Funeral Home**  
10520 Arahova Dr., Huntersville NC 28078





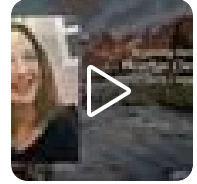
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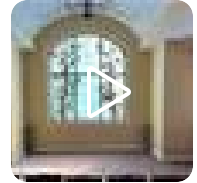
**James Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.

July 13 at 1:56 PM



**James Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.

June 27 at 3:40 PM



**Trudy Hart** posted:

To the Cleevely family & Bill, We go back many memorable years with Heather touching our lives. Her years of love, compassion, drive talent and friendship were very special gifts to the Hart family. May you find strength and peace in the coming months with God by your side. Trudy & Gary Hart

August 8 at 11:19 AM



**Clare K.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.

July 28 at 12:29 PM



**Nailah Deeb Bateh** sent an A Full Life to the Cleevely family.

July 16 at 3:25 AM



**Nailah Deeb Bateh** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.

July 16 at 3:25 AM





# Tribute Wall

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**Jenice Milburn** lit a candle in honor of Heather.

To the Meek and Cleevely family... my deepest condolences. I met Heather when she hired me to build her marketing department. Her management style of coaching and encouraging- helped me grow. She was more than a manager, she became a friend and mentor. Her encouragement to pursue my business and so much more. I am thankful God placed her in my life and her legacy will live on in me. Sending many prayers to you all, may God give you peace & strength to endure this time.- Jenice M. Milburn



July 13 at 7:03 AM



**Mounica C.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.



July 13 at 6:58 AM



**Betsy Mcmillan** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To the Cleevely family and Bill- I am truly heartbroken to hear of Heather's passing. While the miles and life's challenges have made it difficult to connect as often as I would have liked the last few years, my dear friend will always hold a special place in my heart. Heather was the most generous, creative, witty and caring soul. I was one of the many who was blessed to call her friend. I have such fond memories of our time diving together, and especially our times together in Miami. I believe this is not goodbye, but until we meet again. I love you, my friend, and send much love to your family. With love and much admiration - Betsy



July 12 at 8:17 PM



**Love, Betsy & Chris Mcmillan** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.



July 12 at 3:48 PM



**Love, Betsy & Chris Mcmillan** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Cleevely family.



July 12 at 3:48 PM



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MI

**Mindy D'ippolito** posted:

Gretchen, Connie, and Bruce I am so very sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of tagging along to diving competitions and always admired Heather growing up. You are all in my heart. Mindy D'Ippolito

July 12 at 8:47 AM

KL

**Karen Laface** posted:

Dear Cleevelys, Bill, and Heather's friends and family, Heather was my buoy when Linda died, the silver lining of a tragedy- she reached out and shared beautiful memories of Linda and made me feel happy despite the sadness. I didn't know Heather very well until then. Over the last four years she was a shot of sunshine every time we spoke, which was often. I am so sorry for your loss and amazed at Heather in life and in dying. She is forever and always in my thoughts and in my heart. Thank you for sending the necklace that Vernon made for her. It is precious and I will cherish it. I am sorry I won't be able to make it to NC on Saturday. Vernon and I will be watching the service together from Pittsburgh. With love, Karen LaFace

July 11 at 6:51 AM

KL

**Karen L.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Heather.



July 11 at 6:34 AM

Anonymous

**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cleevely family.



July 11 at 6:25 AM

BU

**Barb And Edgar Ulmer** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.



July 11 at 3:10 AM



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**Barb And Edgar Ulmer** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cleevely family.

July 11 at 3:10 AM



**Love, Rosalyn And John Domenick** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Cleevely family.

July 10 at 12:23 PM



**Tom & Matthew Graham** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Cleevely family.

July 10 at 10:04 AM



**Tom, Mary Jo & Family** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Cleevely family.

July 10 at 7:08 AM



**Colleen And Keith** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.

July 9 at 8:44 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Cleevely family.

July 9 at 8:44 PM





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**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Cleevely family.

July 9 at 4:52 PM



**Tom, Nancy, Randi, Dave, & Phiz** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.

July 9 at 8:38 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cleevely family.

July 9 at 8:38 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Cleevely family.

July 9 at 5:38 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Cleevely family.

July 8 at 1:01 AM



**Luca, Alessandra, Federico & Francesca** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.

July 8 at 1:01 AM





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**Linda Gayle Kotkiewicz** posted:

Bruce, Connie, Gretchen and family Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. We were devastated to hear about the loss of your precious Heather. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Linda and Ed Kotkiewicz

July 7 at 7:06 AM



**Edward K.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.



July 7 at 6:57 AM



**Jason Weiss** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.



July 7 at 3:29 AM



**Jason Weiss** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Cleevely family.



July 7 at 3:29 AM



**Rebecca T.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.



July 5 at 5:37 AM



**Christopher And Lisa Rakow** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Cleevely family.



June 30 at 8:55 AM



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CR

**Christopher And Lisa Rakow** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.



June 30 at 8:55 AM

CK

**Clare Kimblin** posted:

I have the fondest childhood memories of play dates, sleepovers, and grade school antics with Heather. The Halloween I dressed in rags and dragged her in a garbage can to the front door of each house - where she popped out, announcing 'trick or treat'! Being driven around Pittsburgh claiming we came from the Dipstick factory, tape recording our own radio show, and harnessing 'deep thought and emotion' as we composed music and lyrics for "Never tell a lion" at her piano. Creating and starring in our own ridiculous version of a "Blister in the Sun" music video, and performing in numerous Saturday Night - live skits. Heather - my bestest friend of all time. So admirable, joyful, creative, fun, funny, thoughtful and brave. Often asking how I was before I could ask her how she was doing; showering those around her with love and abundant reason to laugh.

June 26 at 2:01 PM

DD

**Deborah D.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Heather.



June 24 at 6:38 PM

TP

**Tara (School) Pike** posted:

Our deepest sympathies at Heather's passing. I haven't seen her for way too many years to count but I have the fondest memories of her from growing up. Sending hugs and prayers to all of you.

June 24 at 5:03 PM

BR

**Brian Ramos** posted:

Heather was the sweetest, kindest, most creative friend I've ever know. We shared many years of our youth together diving, listening to the Dead, laughing and leaning on each other for support. I am blessed to have had her in my corner. All my love to her family.

June 24 at 7:26 AM



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EC

**Esther Chapman** posted:

It was such a privilege and blessing to be in Heather's life. She enriched my life with hers. Your family has a deep and lasting place in my heart and history as well as that of my family. We are saddened beyond measure. All of you remain in our thoughts and prayers. She remains her incredible joyful self in Heaven and in my heart.

June 23 at 5:36 PM

FN

**Frank Nelson** posted:

Connie, Bruce, Gretchen, Bill, our sincere condolences on the loss of Heather. I can recall the fun and smiles and sheer lunacy that we experienced with her during her high school diving career and college. Her debut on TV with the Extra Effort Award on KDKA TV and numerous newspaper articles on her diving prowess. Oz will definitely be missed. Prayers to you and you family. May you rest in peace

June 23 at 3:40 PM

MH

**Marchele Hogue** posted:

We had the privilege to meet Heather two years ago and spend time with her and Bill on two different occasions and of course it involved some great food. She love her mother in laws [Phyllis] deviled eggs, I've never met anyone that loved deviled eggs as much as her. She was such a pleasure to be around, our plan was to visit with them this year for another gathering! Sometimes life is cut way too short as it was for this beautiful lady living her best life. Sincere condolences. Marchele and Ritchie Hogue.

June 20 at 1:30 PM



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**Robyn Mcilwain** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My friend Heather was always one of the first people to send me a Christmas card. Usually she had made it out of some other pictures & paper. She made me my first mix tape. She was a nationally competitive diver and practiced jack knife crunches at cheerleading practice. She was the top of the pyramid. She was one of the funniest people i've ever known. She was my chemistry partner & i have a notebook filled with notes and pictures & stupid things we did when we should have been ... taking notes. She was tiny & always smiling. She was in the musicals & was a gymnast. She was our Fiddler on the Roof. She loved Tom Petty long before most of us discovered him, so we have that in common & I'll wear my Tom Petty shirt today. "You belong among the wildflowers." She was one of the first people to hold my first son. She rewrote every line of "American Pie" to chronicle the unique aspects of our senior year as the first graduating class of WHHS. Tonight at 7:10 I'll remember Pie Time, "Brother James Air" & "Blister in the Sun." I'll miss you, Heather. God bless & comfort you, family & friends.



June 18 at 7:35 AM



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**Trudy Hart** July 13 at 11:26 AM

So Beautiful. May we all find peace with the memories we shared with Heather. The Harts



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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Heather by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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