



# Heather Marie McKelvie Bostian

October 31, 1977 - October 6, 2020

Heather Bostian, age 42, passed away on October 6, 2020 in her home in Annapolis, MD. She was born on October 31, 1977 to Richard and Carol (Hooper) McKelvie of Annapolis. She graduated from Annapolis High School in 1995, and attended AACC with a 4.0 GPA.

Heather married David Bostian in 1995. They were to celebrate their 25th anniversary in December. Heather and Dave had two children: Casey in 1996 and Kaelan in 2001.

Heather was a career photographer who worked for 15 years at a photography studio. She was active in the band, yearbook, art scene, and played ice hockey during high school. She loved music (especially the Grateful Dead), knitting, scrapbooking, and reading. Despite being chronically ill with Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome (CVS) and seizures, she spent her free time moderating on Reddit and talking to friends on Facebook. Heather loved animals and was never without a dog.

Heather leaves behind: her grieving husband Dave Bostian; children, Casey and Kaeli Bostian; mother, Carol Hooper McKelvie; older brothers, Shawn McKelvie (Patti); and Scott McKelvie (Kate), older sister, Sue Lionetti (Eddie); an uncle, Dr Stephen Hooper (Gail); her best friend Anne Mortensen (Matt), and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Predeceasing Heather were her dad, Richard Thomas McKelvie; both sets of grandparents, Zenus & Madeline Hooper and Thomas & Jean McKelvie; an aunt, Linda Cooper; and an uncle, Bill McKelvie. Also surviving Heather are her bereaved dogs: Ceci, Rebel, and Luke.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Heather in late spring 2021 (post Covid). Details to follow. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association by calling (414) 342-7880 or by visiting [cvsaonline.org/get-involved/donate-to-cvsa/](https://cvsaonline.org/get-involved/donate-to-cvsa/).

# Comments

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“ Heather was one of my best friends in early elementary school. I still have so many vivid memories of adventuring in the woods around her house with the dogs (Shep?) and often getting into a little bit of trouble with our creative antics. Much love to her family— I always felt welcome at your home.

**Megan S.** - November 05, 2020 at 08:47 PM

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“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Bostian family. Heather attended high school with my children. Heather was so much fun and kind. It's difficult for me to read that one of their classmates has passed. Rest in peace Heather.

Rita Ormond

**Rita Ormond** - October 30, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ There is a Celebration of life being held at quiet water park on October 16th, rsvp (443-852-9442)

**Kaeli** - October 07 at 09:44 AM

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“ I first met Heather in first grade at St. Martin's, and she and I were part of a class limited to 21 kids so a lot of us grew up together. She used to tease me often but that was her sense of humor; I know it was not malicious. As we've all gotten older I've heard and experienced so many moments where she would always be there for people when they needed her. I could see how much she cared about her family and dogs and know she will be missed so much.

As far as I know, she is the first to pass from our little elementary school class, and it just seems surreal. As a child you don't think of or predict that. I pictured Heather as an 80 year old lady, tormenting people with reciting "The Lady of Challott" poem. I hope she knows she was appreciated by those who entered her orbit.

**Craig Byrne** - October 30, 2020 at 02:01 AM



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**Kaeli** - October 07 at 09:44 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. We had several wonderful conversations and laughs through fb in the past.

iris Moore - October 30, 2020 at 01:55 AM

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“ I didn't know Heather as much as I would have liked but she was still here for me when I needed, she was here whenever anyone needed even if it was from a hospital bed.

She knew about so many things and was always willing to explain them to others and I'm so so glad I could meet her, even from an ocean away. I didn't keep in touch like I should have but I'll miss her. She was a good person and I loved how much she loved and was proud of her family.

David, Casey and Kaeli, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm not that good with words but both you and her deserved more time with each others and as empty as those words probably sound, I'm sorry you couldn't have it.

Newt - October 15, 2020 at 02:00 PM

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“ Heather was a truly beautiful soul. Her compassion, and caring were utterly astounding in their depths. I was lucky to have known her for the brief time I did. My deepest sympathies to her family, you are all in my thoughts and in my heart.

Miss you Heather <3

Kelcie Drouillard - October 13, 2020 at 10:55 PM

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“ I have been thinking about you so much and I love how much of a keystone of my youth you were. We all grew up and tread various paths, but I'll always remember the wild child days. Holding a family together from such a young age is a thing most can't or won't (and of course in many cases shouldn't) do, and I was always impressed by that accomplishment and your love for your family and your love for animals too. So whip-smart and fun, so tall and beautiful and open, I'll always miss you, think about you and your family, and hold you right here in my heart.

Sending love to everybody. I'm so sorry such a precious soul left us so soon.

Melissa Gallagher - October 13, 2020 at 01:20 AM



“ I want to give my most profound condolences to David, Casey, Kaeli, and also to the puppers. My thoughts have been with you all, I wish that you had been blessed with more time with a most wonderful human.

Heather, or as we knew her best, Phree, was a force of nature on the Reddit subs and Discord servers that we knew her on. I met her just over 2 and a half years ago now, and she was immediately warm and welcoming, and full of humour and pride for her family. The regular updates about her dogs, about her children and her husband, it was clear about the love she had for each and every one of you all. The very fact that she shared that love with all of us (the mods she worked with) was a gift that I will always treasure.

She is special to me for a certain event where she hunted for me when I made myself very hard to find (she has my eternal love and appreciation for this), just to make me feel welcome again. The impact on me, and on many of the people online who came to know her is profound, and I am grateful for the chance to share in her care and knowledge. The legacy she has left behind to many of the places she moderated is such that I hope that we can grow it in the way she wished.

Rest in peace and love Heather. You will be missed. Thank you for making us a part of your online family.



**Avery Booker (Booky)** - October 11, 2020 at 12:06 AM

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“ David, Casey and Kaeli, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. My deepest condolences. Heather loved you all so very much. She was so proud of her kids and all they have accomplished. She loved photography, nature, music, art and her family and best friend Anne. I sure did enjoy our chats over the years. If there is anything I can do don't hesitate to reach out. I am here for you all. I am so very sorry. Rest In Peace Heather.



**Kendra Liverman** - October 09, 2020 at 09:50 PM