



Kelly Patricia McSweeney

July 8, 1981 - May 26, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Kelly Patricia McSweeney of Monroe, Georgia into the loving arms of Jesus. Beloved daughter of Sherri McSweeney of Buford and devoted life partner of Tyler Ratchford of Monroe, Kelly passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the age of 44. Born in Kettering, Ohio, on July 8, 1981, Kelly was the adored first grandchild and the first of five living generations. She was known from an early age for her kind spirit, gentle nature, and easygoing personality. Described as the “perfect child” and a “girly girl”, she was smart, funny, and always willing to join family adventures wherever they led. Some of her happiest childhood memories were made by traveling with her mom or spending time with her grandparents in Colorado.

The teenage years were challenging for Kelly, but she showed perseverance by earning her GED and graduating massage therapy school.

Kelly had a creative and nurturing heart. While her family’s love of sports never quite became her passion, she found joy in homemaking, crafting, growing things, cooking and baking. Birthday cakes were one of her specialties, and she was proud to share her talent with friends and family members, and later with many others through her work in the Publix Bakery. Kelly loved all living things, especially animals and babies, and was well known for taking in and caring for stray dogs and cats. She also found peace and happiness at the beaches of Naples, Florida, where she enjoyed walking along the shoreline with her feet in the sand and surf.

Kelly will be remembered for her loving heart, her gentle presence, and the care she showed to both people and animals. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Kelly was preceded in death by her grandparents, Pat and Terry McSweeney, her father, Greg Gwin and her uncle, Mike McSweeney. She is survived by her loving mother, Sherri McSweeney, her life partner, Tyler Ratchford, her aunts Sue (Mike) Cox, Laurie (Paul) Maloney, her uncle Terry (Deb) McSweeney, her cousins Erin (Jarrod) Black, Keri (Patrick) Rhinehart, Kevin (Mallory) Cox, Brian Cox, Ryan (Alexis) Maloney, Marcus Maloney, Alyssa Fitt, and Mitchel Brown as well as several second cousins, great nieces and nephews and numerous friends. She is also survived by her beloved dog, Zesty and four rescue cats.

Service details to be provided later.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Kelly's honor to a charity supporting animal rescue or mental health awareness.