



## Shelly Lynn Gebert

August 8, 1971 - May 19, 2022

Michelle “Shelly” Lynn Gebert, age 50, formerly of Cedar Falls, died unexpectedly at MercyOne Hospital in Oelwein on Thursday, May 19, 2022.

She was born August 8, 1971, in Cedar Falls, the daughter of Tom and Julie (Cuvelier) DeGroot. Shelly graduated from Aplington High School in 1989 and received a degree in nursing. She worked as a licensed practical nurse for New Aldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls. On May 12, 2012, she was united in marriage to Kenny Gebert in Waterloo.

Shelly dedicated her life not just to taking care of her residents at New Aldaya, but also caring for animals. She is highly regarded in the community of animal rescue for her commitment to finding perfect homes for dogs and cats alike, spreading awareness of the importance of fostering and adoption of animals, and her strength for taking on even the most challenging or difficult animal cases. Her compassion has inspired others not only from her rescue, Cedar Valley Pitbull Rescue, but those from other rescues as well.

Shelly is survived by her husband; one son, Zachary (Maureen) DeGroot of Cedar Falls; two daughters, Kayla DeGroot of St. Cloud, MN, and Samantha Tuecke of Oelwein; her father, Tom DeGroot of Cedar Falls; and her sister, Lori (David) Schilling of Cedar Falls.

She was preceded in death by her mom, Julie DeGroote; and her brother, Darren DeGroote.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Inurnment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

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## Inurnment

MAY **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery  
the end of College St, north of First Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Rest in Peace Shelly. Great working with her at Kay Bee Toy Store. And Nala kitty who I picked up from you 3 Years ago.

Mimi Meyer - May 24, 2022 at 09:39 PM

CA

“ Shelly my dear friend where do I even start? You have been a great friend to me, my partner in crime in animal rescue. This is still not real to me that you are gone. I know you have family and all the animals that passed before you. You will have an amazing reunion. For your family and friends here on earth we will miss you beyond words. We will strive to be the best in animal welfare. Fly high my friend till we meet again. Charlene Allaire- CVPBR cats and the Eastern Iowa Pet Expo.

Charlene Allaire - May 24, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shelly Lynn Gebert.



May 24, 2022 at 11:54 AM

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“ Dan & Patti Dirgo, Arlene Edwards & Doug purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shelly Lynn Gebert.



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**Dan & Patti Dirgo, Arlene Edwards & Doug** - May 24, 2022 at 08:43 AM

MH

“ I am truly at a loss for words. I worked with Shelly at The Wolfe Clinic for several years. She was a joy to be around and a very genuine person. If she liked you she was a wonderful friend. We had lost touch in the past few years but still swapped FB comments and I so admired her for all her animal rescue work. We lost a bright light May 19 and she will be missed. Sending prayers and love to Kenny and family.

*Monica Hauserman.....or as Shelly called me, "Moonshine"*

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**Monica Hauserman** - May 23, 2022 at 10:25 PM

AC

“ My husband and I got to know Shelly when she was a next door neighbor. We were a part of her wedding to Kenny and so, got to know him as well. She had such a kind heart and fun sense of humor. Her devotion to rescues was incredible, especially towards pit bulls. She will be so missed! Sending hugs and prayers to Kenny and the rest of the family!

*Love,  
Dennis and Allison Curtis*

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**Allison Curtis** - May 23, 2022 at 05:59 PM

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“ *NewAldaya Lifescapes Friends and Coworke purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Shelly Lynn Gebert.*



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**NewAldaya Lifescapes Friends and Coworke** - May 23, 2022  
at 03:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shelly Lynn Gebert.*



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May 23, 2022 at 01:16 PM

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“ *The Aplington Highschool Class of '89 purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Shelly Lynn Gebert.*



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**The Aplington Highschool Class of '89** - May 23, 2022 at  
10:50 AM

DE

“ *May you find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always, and strength in the companionship of those who share your loss. Shelly was a kind, compassionate wonderful person. She really loved the dogs and cats, she was a Fantastic foster mom! I will miss my friend dearly*

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**Debbie Ernst** - May 22, 2022 at 07:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Shelly Lynn Gebert.



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May 22, 2022 at 02:43 PM