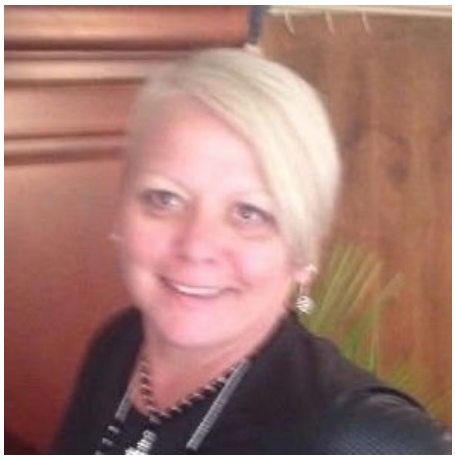
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Kay Bellamy Sandel

Dec. 25, 1964 - June 16, 2026

Kay Bellamy Sandel, 61, of Connelly Springs, NC, passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Born in Corbels Essonne, France on December 25, 1964, she was the daughter of Ginette Bonnomet Denue and her husband, Gary.

Kay volunteered as a coach for indoor soccer at George Hildebran with her grandson's team. She loved traveling and riding motorcycles with Jerry. She was an avid cruiser and enjoyed sunshine and good times. Kay also loved taking care of senior animals (she ran a rescue in her home) and spending time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her mother and step-father, those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 24 years, Jerry Tomberlin; sons, James Ray Sandel (Lauren) and Gary Michael Sandel; daughter-in-law, Ashley Sirkel; grandchildren, Gabriel Sandel, Declan Stinson, Adelyn Hollaway, Seraphina Sandel, and Theodore Sandel; and a sister, Paula Hill.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, June 19, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 20, 2026 in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home and entombment will follow at Burke Memorial

Colonial Chapel of the funeral home and entombment will follow at Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

—Becky Barnes



Kayla was a great friend , Someone I loved talking to , She was an Honest Person Someone I trusted . She was a comfort to me when I lost My Sister . She told me it's ok to cry , So I did , and she was right I felt better . Now I cry for this loss , She can never be replaced , She was One of a kind , and I will never forget her . Always there for others, even when she didn't feel well , She still showed up. For those that loved her . My Heart breaks , But I know in my Heart that this is not the end . We will all see her again , and she will know us . I LOVE YOU KAYLA Rest in the lord and save me a seat .

—Becky Barnes

I have never met a person so friendly as Kayla. She made me feel happy and loved the first time I met her on a cruise. Her commitment to abandonded and older animals made me feel more love for her. We met several times on cruises and shared so many interests and talked for long times. My fondest memory of Kayla, is a cruise where she brought her youngest grandchild and the pride and joy when she introduced him. The joy, glow on her face spoke of true love of a child. Kayla was a wonderful person and she will be missed by everyone who knew her. Jerry, I am so sorry for your loss. You have been such a supportive

husband. Sending love and prayers to you. Kayla, hope to see you again and I know I will get one of your wonderful hugs.

–Sharon Gelvin

We love you Kayla and love you Jerry. The memories speak for themselves, we had a lot of good ones.

–Crystal Hoke

Jerry and Kayla's furbabies and her family… I'm so sorry for your loss.. I never got to meet her only on Facebook but her friendship thru her saving senior animals and not just dogs but all senior animals … I knew she had a heart of gold and I wanted to be her friend.. we became very close like sisters…. I will never forget you Sis.. Love you.. Prayers for the whole family and her momma.. …

–Julie Watkins

I'm so sorry for your loss. Have peace in knowing she is in her forever home now in the hands of our Lord Jesus!! My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

–Sandi McMains (Britni Potthoff's mom)



im so so sorry jerry if you need anything call man

–james montgomery



Kayla, You were a beautiful angel on earth, your compassion and love for people and animals was so amazing and unmatched. I was blessed to have met you and Jerry. You never met a stranger and were always happy. You are loved so greatly and will be missed by so many. Like you told me,

‘see you in heaven.’ Love you!

–Shannon Yoder

My heart breaks to hear of Kayla's passing.. sending an abundance of prayers and condolences..

–Cami

Jerry I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you big brother April

–April Mincey

RIP my friend Had some fun times You will be missed

–Debbie Crocker

You will forever be my in my heart. I will always remember us trying to be the first one to wish each other happy birthday first. You helped me in some of my hardest days. I will love you and miss you my sweet dear birthday buddy

–mosteller tina

I’m so sorry for your loss Jerry. I met Kay at the Asheville VA when you and my husband were up there for surgery. We struck up a conversation and exchanged phone numbers and emails. She was such a sweet person. I pray that God will wrap you in his arms and give you the comfort you need at this time. I will add you to our prayer list at church God bless you.

–Paula Grumbles



Some people come into our lives and leave footprints so deep that time can never erase them. You were one of those people. Though our friendship may not have been measured



by years, it was measured by the kindness, warmth, and genuine care that you shared so freely with others. You had a way of making people feel welcome, valued, and appreciated simply by being yourself. What I will remember most is your beautiful heart. In a world that can sometimes

feel harsh, you chose compassion. You chose love. You chose to give a voice to those who could not speak for themselves and opened your heart to animals that many others overlooked. The love you gave so selflessly made a difference and will continue to ripple through the lives you touched. Your journey was not always easy, yet your strength and determination were remarkable. You faced life's challenges with courage and grace, inspiring more people than you likely ever realized. Thank you for the smiles, the conversations, the friendships you helped create, and the reminder that one person's kindness can truly make the world a better place. You may be gone from our sight, but you will never be gone from our hearts. Rest peacefully, Kay. You were deeply loved, and you will be dearly missed.

–Julie Bourgeois (Jujube)

You were in my life for so long that I thought you would always be here Kayla. I love you my dear friend, There are not enough words to express my sorrow for your passing. I love you too Jerry and I'm praying for you all. Kathie Gray

–Katherine Gray



You were always such a precious friend, I love you my sweet,heart of good friend. I pray we meet again in heaven. Praying for your family and friends for peace and comfort in their hearts. I will miss you deeply.

—Gina Trivette



—Walter & Kelly Urtz

I am so sorry for your loss. Kay was one of those special people whose kindness seemed to have no limits. She had such a big heart and was always willing to help others, even when she didn't have to. The impact she made on the lives of so many people is a testament to the wonderful person she was. I know she will be deeply missed by all, especially by Jerry, Ashley, and Gabriel. While no words can take away the pain of losing someone so loved, I hope you can find comfort in the memories you shared and in knowing how much she meant to everyone around her. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Kay's kindness and love clearly left a lasting mark on those around her. My condolences to you her family.

—Susan Sirkel



Sorry for your loss Jerry. Prayers for you and your family.

—Eddie Santelia



—Cim



Mama Kayla, Even though I was blessed enough to call you, not just my friend, but my family for almost 20 years, I feel so robbed. I didn't get nearly enough time with you! I will carry every phone call, every visit, every road trip, every laugh, and every year we shared deep in my heart for the rest of my life. You taught me so much about being a friend, being a wife, being a mother, and being a grandmother. You taught me so much about fighting my own illnesses and showing up every single day to love life to fullest. I love you so much, Kayla. I know that when my own time on this Earth is done you will be one of the first to welcome me home. We will all be there for Jerry as he navigates this painful journey and do our best to ensure he is okay.

–Heather Allen



To my precious friend. God brought her and Jerryinto my life when my husband was so sick . No more Nights for her no more sickness no more hurting. She taught me how to love her fur babies! I had two wonderful People who we went to concerts together . God hold Jerry Ashley Gabrieland her sons . See you in Heaven one day my friend. Love Lori Orders

–Lori Orders