



## Derek Mark Ashley

April 25, 1990 - August 24, 2019

Derek Mark Ashley, age 29, passed away Saturday, August 24th, 2019 in Woodstock, VA. He was born April 25, 1990, to the late Mark W. Ashley and Beth Ashley, of Latrobe, PA. Derek was a graduate of Derry Area High School and attended Lord Fairfax Community College as a Computer Science Major. His passion was music and all the joys surrounding it. Derek was a gifted percussionist and played in numerous bands, most recently Blue Hour of Winchester VA. Derek also enjoyed following Pittsburgh Penguins hockey, spending time outdoors, and was an incredibly lucky fisherman. He had a natural ability to make people laugh, and his spirit will be forever missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Aja Stratford, his mother Beth Ashley and step-father Robert Palmer, two sisters, Brooke Ashley and Faye Ashley, his four nieces Natalie Burk, Claire Burk, Taylor Payne, and Audrey Stillwagon, his grandmothers Eleanor Burns and Bette Ashley, and grandfather Frederick Sandacz as well as many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Mark W. Ashley and his grandfather Wallace H. Ashley. A memorial service will be held September 1st, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Unity Chapel, 130 Chapel Lane, Latrobe, PA. The reception following is graciously hosted by dear family friends, Roxann Mullen Donahue and her husband, Regis Donahue. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Derek Ashley Memorial Fund, more information contact Faye or Brooke Ashley. Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com) Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service

Branch, Edinburg.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Derek Mark Ashley*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Derek Mark Ashley*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Please accept our deepest condolences. Derek was a thoughtful, kind, caring person, and we will treasure our memories of him. The Balega Family*

**Mary Balega** - August 31, 2019 at 02:43 PM



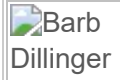
“ *Beth-Brooke-and Faye. My heart was saddened when I heard about Derek. He requested me as a FB friend so I would keep up with him that way and listen to his band (drumming like his Dad). I know there isn't anything that can help you at this time and I'm sorry I can't be there to give you all a Hug --going to be out of town. You'll all be in my thoughts and prayers for the strength you need for the coming days. My heartfelt sympathy,❤️ Sharry Setmire*

**Sharry Setmire** - August 29, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ *Beth and Family- I am so very sorry for your loss of Derek . There are no comforting words...Just prayers for all of you .*

**Linda Hines** - August 28, 2019 at 10:20 AM



Barb  
Dillinger

“ *Beth you and your family have my deepest sympathy on your loss.*

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**Barb Dillinger** - August 28, 2019 at 09:08 AM