



## Pearl Butler

July 16, 2024 - July 16, 2024

Pearl Butler, a beautiful ginger Lab-Shepherd-Shar Pei mix, unexpectedly crossed the Rainbow Bridge at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Pearl was born in Atlanta, GA in 2009. Her first few years were likely challenging, as she was found roaming the streets of Atlanta after giving birth to a litter of puppies. She and her puppies were rescued by the Ginny Millner Rescue Group and enrolled in a training and certification program at Comprehensive Pet Therapy, Inc. by Butler Funeral Homes & Cremation Tribute Center in Springfield, IL. Because of her gentle disposition and success in the program, it was determined that she would be a good match for the grief therapy program, where she was trained to serve as a Certified Grief Therapy Dog.

In 2012, Pearl was adopted by Chris and Val Butler, and joined the staff at Butler Funeral Homes & Cremation Tribute Center in Springfield, IL. In 2013, she began her duties as an official Grief Comfort Dog; a position she held for more than 10 years. During her time at the funeral home, Pearl provided grief support with a calm and soothing presence to countless families and friends during very difficult times. She was even trained to give hugs.

At work, Pearl was a professional, but at home, she let loose to the delight of her family. She loved to lay in the sun, play in the snow, and chase butterflies and bees. She could sleep anywhere, and her snoring was legendary. Pearl was NOT a fan of the Fourth of July, nor strong thunderstorms. Luckily, she had her "safe" room in the basement where she found comfort during these events.

Pearl was preceded in death by her canine sisters, Phippen and Turney.

She is survived by her human family: dad, Chris Butler; mom, Val Butler; and sisters, Camilla and Audra Butler, who had the privilege of growing up alongside her. Pearl also leaves behind her canine sister, Millie.

The amount of joy Pearl brought to her family (and everyone who knew her) can never be measured and will forever be remembered.

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Pearl Butler*

Chris - July 20, 2024 at 11:56 AM

KL

“ *We are very sorry for your loss of Pearl* 🥹

Kim Lawrence - July 20, 2024 at 10:28 AM

DO

“ *Never met Pearl but saw so many pictures showing the joy she brought to people. Ruth is such a sweet lady and will have fond memories of her. Blessings to you all*

Diana Ovington - July 20, 2024 at 09:31 AM

MJ

“ *Pearl was a great comfort to our family when my husband passed suddenly. My kids and I love animals. Pearl was a blessing. Hope she is at peace.* \n*Marcia Jungmeyer*

Marcia Jungmeyer - July 20, 2024 at 09:21 AM

BH

“ *Pearl was a gentle dog with the softest fur and disciplined, pleasant demeanor. Her passing is a loss to the Butler organization as well to her human family. Sincere sympathy to all of the Butler family.*

Bev Hoffman - July 19, 2024 at 06:44 PM

JB

“ Pearl was equally loved by her Grands, Jack & Janice, and canine aunts, Maggie and Katie. We know Pearl had a first class ticket over the Rainbow Bridge.

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**Jack and Janice Butler** - July 19, 2024 at 04:40 PM

SR

“ I'm so sorry, Pearl was such a wonderful girl. I know she will be missed by your family.

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**Sharon Rudin** - July 19, 2024 at 04:33 PM

KW

“ I always loved to witness Pearl working with the families that we served. Rest easy sweet girl. Sending love to the Butler family.

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**Katie Wilson** - July 19, 2024 at 04:08 PM