



# Jane E. Kelso

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**J**ane Kelso passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on January 6, 2026, at her home.

Jane was a former professional retriever trainer who owned and trained two Dual Champion-AFC retrievers and devoted much of her time, raising Labrador puppies.

Jane grew up on a farm in Middleburg, Virginia and after living and working in Europe, Mexico, and New England and competing in retriever field trials throughout the US in 1980, she established Mountain Run Kennel in Culpeper, Virginia.

She retired living on her farm in Rappahannock County, Virginia, living with her dogs, cats, and horses.

We would like Jane to be remembered based on how she spoke with animals and shared the joy with all of us. Jane was happy in her work and helped everyone around her to see the importance of who they were. She was clear and kept her promises to herself and others. She inspired others to work to their highest as she did. Jane loved life and saw each day as a new adventure.

She is survived by her brother Richard "Dick" Kelso of Austin, Texas, David Kelso of New Orleans, Louisiana and her sister Sara "Sally" Kelso Chambers of Issaquan, Washington; a host of nieces and nephews; dear friends and loyal companions, Chris and Mischelle.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Anne Kelso, and her dear brother Robert "Robbie" Kelso.

"Some people drive to the ends of the island to see the sunrise  
I stay and it comes to me in beautiful fragments through the rattan.  
My bed has a coverlet of sunshine and shadow,  
Ever changes patterns of palms in the wind"  
By Jane Kelso



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JF

**Jan Floyd** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

November 6, 2018, the day that Jane said goodbye to Fly's puppies ,and I came home with my very first purebred puppy! Until this date, I had always had an assortment of mixed breed dogs, most of which simply took up at my childhood home. After fostering a number of dogs from my local animal shelter, I became a dog trainer and began researching breeds. When I settled on the Labrador Retriever for my first purebred dog, I asked two trusted friends to recommend a breeder. They both recommended Jane Kelso. After my initial contact with Jane, she invited me to come for a visit and see the puppies! So at about 3 weeks of age I sat in the puppy pen and seven plump Labrador puppies crawled all over me and I was hooked. I couldn't tell one black pup from the other six. There was one yellow female pup also. Then on day 49, the "go home" day for the puppies, I again traveled to Jane's home to visit Jane and watch the Puppy Aptitude Test, given by Wendy Volhard. While Wendy was conducting the Puppy Aptitude Test, one black male pup kept coming toward me and lying down under my stool. After the third time leaving the assessment ring, Wendy looked at me and told me this pup would be my dog, as he had chosen me. I remember picking him up at that point and calling his new name, Jedi. Before leaving Jane's house with Jedi, I talked with her about her experiences and about what I could expect with Jedi. We spent some time walking around her yard with the pups and sharing dog stories. As I prepared to leave for home, I asked Jane if I could take a picture of her with Jedi. The love in her eyes and the genuine connection with Jedi was so apparent in the photos. I will forever remember Jane Kelso and my time with her on the farm.

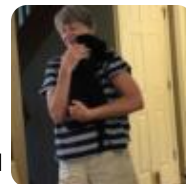


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**Marcia Lucas** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jane was a warm and welcoming human being. Everyone was always welcome in her home. She raised outstanding Labrador Retrievers, as kind, gentle, and loving as she was. I am honored to have shared my life with some of them. I will miss you Jane. God speed.



January 13 at 3:08 PM

DC

**Daphne Cheatham** posted:

Jack & I are so very sorry to hear about Jane. Even though we hadn't seen her in recent years we communicated by phone. She always had a bright answer, and twinkle in her eye. She will be very missed by all who knew her. Daphne & Jack Cheatham

January 7 at 5:33 PM



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**Kelly Ann Richardson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jane taught life lessons in everything she did...from her fight for justice for all to her raising of the most amazing pups. Her spirit will be missed

January 7 at 9:38 AM





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