



## Vivian M. Heller

June 6, 1928 - September 21, 2021

Vivian Heller, 93, joins her husband Lt. Robert Heller (Navy) on September 21, 2021.

She is survived by her son, Navy Veteran Michael Spane, adopted daughter Amber-Leigh Decker, grandchildren Nicholas (Allyson) Decker, Rebecca-Lynn Decker, Mary-Elizabeth Decker, Jason Decker Jr, Charles Decker and Jonathan Decker and great grandchildren Alexander Decker and Kai Decker, her brother Star, sisters Mary and Carol and their children.

Vivian was an icon of the Atwood Lake region, being the owner/operator of Walnut Spring Kennel since 1967, boarding and grooming generations of dogs for families. Vivian and Robert raised and showed both chows and Norwegian Elk Hounds throughout the Northeast and Canada. She was renowned for her love of animals and continued caring for them until her death.

There will be a memorial service to be announced in November. Anyone with photos and/or stories they would like to share at the memorial may email them to [aleigha@protonmail.com](mailto:aleigha@protonmail.com) to be shared at the memorial.

# Tribute Wall

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“ As a teenager, Mrs. Heller took me under her wing when I worked for her at the kennel and Atwood. I did work around the house and with the dogs. I raised a Norwegian elkhound I purchased from her. She and her husband invested personal time in my life at a time where I was struggling as a teenager living in a broken home. Words cannot express the gratitude I have for she and her husband. I know it is a bit sentimental, I would love to connect with any of family members and to acquire an Elk hound from the lineage if they are still available. Today, I am a professor at one of the nations largest Christian chair Versallies and an ordained minister. I attribute much of any success I've experienced to Mr. and Mrs. Heller  
Dr David Adams  
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david e adams - June 16, 2022 at 06:54 PM

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“ Vivian was a great person. She helped me how to groom my dog. She loved the dogs and cats that were in her care. She will be greatly missed in the Atwood area. She was truly a lovely person willing to help everyone.



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Robert O'Donnell - January 30, 2022 at 01:53 PM

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“ Vivian was a cherished friend that will never be forgotten. We spent years and endless hours showing and grooming together. Her greatest accomplishment was the day Nugget became a champion. Bob and Vivian were wonderful people always willing to help when needed. Their love for one another was timeless as they worked together and enjoyed life May they both rest in peace together. Love you both and miss you Linda Daugherty

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**linda daugherty** - December 24, 2021 at 06:58 AM