



Cassandra Ann Signet

November 17, 2002 - July 28, 2025

Cassandra Ann Signet, 22, passed away on July 28, 2025, in Nokesville, Virginia. Born on November 17, 2002, in Bethesda, Maryland, Cassie brought light and joy to those around her from the very beginning.

A graduate of John R Lewis High School's Class of 2021, Cassie earned a place on the Honor Roll through her dedication and hard work. Her academic achievements led her to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she attended for three years on a scholarship, majoring in Animal Sciences with a minor in Art. Her time there reflected her adventurous spirit and eagerness to embrace new experiences. Cassie was currently volunteering at the Hope and Serenity Farm Sanctuary as an intern.

Cassie had a deep love for animals and found joy in any activity that involved them. Whether it was caring for pets or simply being near wildlife, animals brought her peace and happiness. She also had a unique passion for pacing—an expression of her energy and thoughtfulness—and was known for her love of rollercoasters. A quiet adrenaline junkie at heart, she never shied away from trying something new. From learning to dance and play softball to skiing down snowy slopes, Cassie embraced life with fearless enthusiasm.

She cherished family above all else. Each Christmas, she would plan and pay for an activity that brought everyone together—a gesture that reflected her

generous heart and desire to see those she loved happy and united. Her warmth and kindness were felt deeply by all who knew her.

Cassie is lovingly remembered by her mother Tara Signet; father Leon Signet; brother Paul Signet; half-sister Tara Barnes and family; grandmother Fran Pettigrew; Grandpa Pete and Sharon Pettigrew; uncle TJ Pettigrew and family; and uncle Josh Pettigrew; and her cat Midnight. She was predeceased by Cathleen Hunzeker and her dog Elmo.

Cassie's memory will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her. May her spirit continue to inspire courage, kindness, and connection among all who remember her. A Memorial Service will be at 11:00am on August 5, 2025, at St John's Lutheran Church 5952 Franconia Road, Alexandria Va 22310. To stream live go to www.sjlc.com/live

In-lieu of flowers please make a donation to The Hope and Serenity Farm Sanctuary. 10445 Manley Rd. Nokesville, VA 20181. (703)943-6601. hopeserenity.org.

Tribute Wall

FT

“ RIP



Frank Titus - August 19, 2025 at 11:24 AM

EV

“ *Cassie and I have been friends since grade school, through elementary, middle, and high school. She was a sweet girl and a good friend. We made many wonderful memories and experiences, and I wish I could make more! She was a friend when I needed one, and I'll miss her so much.*

Eloy Antonio Vidal - August 05, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KR

“ *Cassie was a creative force in my class at my class at Eckerd. She approached challenges with a unique mind and was clearly so passionate about animals and art. I rarely saw her without her sketch book and was a fountain of wonderful ideas.*

Kyle Ransbottom - August 04, 2025 at 05:41 PM

EK

“ Cassie was indeed a bright light at Eckerd College. She took a few of my classes and I could always count on her to lend her unique insights about the human-animal relationship and to fill the room with her laughter (thank you for always laughing at my corny jokes, Cassie!). I enjoyed our chats about animals, her family, and just her life in general. I will always cherish those times. I am sad and my heart is broken for those closest to Cassie--family and friends--but I will use the memory of Cassie as a reminder to really just enjoy life and to love those around you with all your heart!

Erin Kidder - August 04, 2025 at 03:26 PM

RA

“ Oh, my heart hurts so much. She was such a joy to teach in orchestra in high school.

My favorite memory: she earned a solo in a very unconventional piece that celebrated the cheesy B Sci Fi movies (the piece was called Rosin Eating Zombies from Outer Space). The solo was a scream. When she got the solo, we said “okay, tell your mom you have a solo, but don’t tell her it’s a scream!!”

At the concert, her mom was recording and zoomed in on Cassie so she could get this solo on video and I think Cassie made everyone in the audience jump scare with that scream! It was such a fun moment and now I have tears remembering what a fun joyful person this world has lost.

Cassie - I will think about you often and especially whenever we play Rosin Eating Zombies again. Sending lots of love and hugs to all her family and friends during this time. 💕

Rachael Altekruise - August 04, 2025 at 11:49 AM

YP

“ I will post more later. But Cassie is nothing less than sunshine & love & unicorns & bunnies & puppies & joy & light & peace & good & pokemon & part of our universe’s overall solution & has never once — not even for a millisecond — even skirted w the notion of being a part of the problem.

I am deeply deeply honored to have been this dear child of God’s Yaya. I know you are not mine to claim sweetheart but you are always in my heart and on my mind and my heart is in 1 million pieces ... shattered ... broken ... for your mom and dad and grandma and grandpa and Pauly— and, selfishly — myself.

i’m certain you have found Nikki by now and already have a job taking care of the animals. I am so proud of you and always have been and I’m terrified I never communicated this to you.

And I would be remiss if I did not remind you that you are the woman you are because of the woman you came from. Your mom Tara Ann is a Warrior Mama Bear and taught you — without guilt or shame — to advocate for yourself and not let the turkeys get you down. I adore you. please check in with me now and again honey.

Yaya Sharon Pettigrew - August 03, 2025 at 02:54 AM

AD

“ Cassie was such a kind human to be around; she constantly thought of others, and she cared about animals so much. I was one of her roommates for the spring semester, and she was so welcoming. I remember she would bring presents back to the dorm just for me and my other roommate, and it was so incredibly thoughtful. She has done so many kind acts. I remember one time she drove me to the bank because my car was in an accident, and she waited the whole time, which had surprised me, but it just went to show how much she cared for others. She was such a hard worker, I would see her in tutoring and trying her best, staying so positive to feedback. She was also a great artist and would show me drawings she had worked on and how they represented her passions, such as Pokémon or animals. I cherish all the memories I have with her, especially when we would go for ice cream at Larry's Ice Cream, a place she showed me that we all love. I hope she rests peacefully and knows that she will be missed dearly.

Alison Duffield - August 01, 2025 at 08:58 PM

AM

What a beautiful comment that gave so much insight into Cassie

amy - August 02, 2025 at 12:31 PM

AL

“ It was a supreme joy and incredible gift to have the opportunity to be Cassie's teacher for three years. The truth is that she was MY teacher. She taught me what it means to be a person of humor (so funny!), kindness, absolute respect and gratitude for others, diligence in her work, resilience, joyfulness, strength, and loyalty to all people she knew. She had a unique and quirky view of the world and she creatively expressed it in her art and writing. Her empathy and compassion for animals was powerful and moving. She loved her family deeply. In her short life, she contributed so much to her world, gracing us with her humor and lightness of being. We love you, Cassie.

Amy Lechter-Siegel - August 01, 2025 at 05:56 PM

LB

“ I had the absolute pleasure of working with Cassie in one of my music classes at Eckerd. Her shining light and creative spirit truly made an impact. She will be truly missed.



Leslie La Barre - August 01, 2025 at 05:15 PM

MC

“ Cassie was a weekly attendee of Tabletop Club here at Eckerd. I know I have fond memories of playing Wingspan, Finspan, and Betrayal: Legacy with her, and my peers in the club do as well. We could always count on Cassie to jump in to a new game with both feet and to understand the rules better than anyone else by the end of the night. Our community will always treasure her presence and will miss her dearly.

Mellen Carroll - August 01, 2025 at 04:45 PM

AH

“ I so enjoyed getting to know Cassie in the class she took with me at Eckerd. She had a wonderfully fun-loving and adventurous spirit, and a laugh that got all of us in the room going. She will be missed by so many folks whose lives she touched here.

Amanda Hagood - August 01, 2025 at 01:25 PM

AS

“ Getting to know Cassie during her time at hope and serenity was truly an honor. We spent so many days together caring for the animals, especially the kittens, and sitting under a shady tree enjoying popsicles and chatting. To know I will never hear her laugh and join in my goofy antics is truly heartbreaking. You're forever loved and missed Cass. Not a day will go by where you wont be thought of

Allison Smith - July 31, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ Where do I begin? Our two girls (Nikki and Annie) met Cassie and Paul on the first day of preschool (Paul and Annie) and Kindergarten (Cassie and Nikki). I picked them both up from preschool/SAS and neither one could stop talking about the friend they made. It turned out they were siblings. I met Tara shortly after, and we all became inseparable. We did everything together until I retired in 2012 and we moved to Newport, WA. All of the kids loved dance, art, and all animals. We went to shows, festivals, softball tournaments, and so much more. Nikki and Cassie shared a special bond that was evident every time they were together, I'll never forget how Nikki's face would light up when she saw Cassie. And how much fun they had together. As hard and devastating it is to lose Cassie, I take comfort in knowing that her and Nikki are together again (we lost Nikki in 2019) and are watching over us until we can all be together again. With all my love and prayers. Cindy Winterton



Cindy Winterton - July 31, 2025 at 09:53 PM

CK

Pete, I'm so sorry for the loss of your granddaughter. You have my deepest sympathy. Cerie Kimball

Cerie Kimball - August 02, 2025 at 04:15 AM