



## Molly Marie (Della Vedova) Dodd

February 5, 1973 - September 6, 2014

Molly Marie (Della Vedova) Dodd, was born February 5, 1973 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Stephen Della Vedova and Glenda Stanley.

Molly was raised in Melrose and Albia. She lived briefly in Melrose with her family until they moved to Albia. She attended grade school in Melrose and graduated from Albia High School in 1991. While in school, Molly participated in cheerleading, volleyball, softball, track and basketball.

After high school, Molly attended Kirkwood Community College and then Cosmetology school. She eventually found the career that she loved. She became a flight attendant for Comair/Delta. This new job gave Molly the opportunity to travel the country and work with the public. Molly had an uncanny ability to make complete strangers feel comfortable and welcome, so she was perfect for the position.

The job took her to Cincinnati, OH where she lived for several years. While in Cincinnati she met and married her husband Jason Dodd in August of 2003. Soon after they moved to Las Vegas, NV where Molly began working for Southwest Airlines. Her personality fit the company and the position perfectly and she thrived in this position. Molly loved her job as a flight attendant. For nearly 2 decades she traveled the country and lived the lifestyle she enjoyed.

Throughout Molly's life she loved nothing more than animals. It was her lifelong passion. Over the years Molly has provided shelter and refuge for hundreds, maybe thousands of animals. While in Cincinnati she developed a series of elaborate cages for the animals in her basement, complete with ventilation systems, basically turning her entire basement into a rescue league for cats. She worked tirelessly taking in cats and kittens that needed a home. She worked with local animal shelters and adoption agencies to find loving homes for all of her sheltered animals. She also began working with organizations that provided pet therapy for nursing homes. Her work with animals continued when she moved to Las Vegas in a similar fashion.

Molly had a big heart and was always the first to step up and help out family members and friends. If anyone needed anything, Molly would volunteer to help out. She displayed this when she stayed by her stepfather's bedside and comforted him and her mother as he passed away a few years ago.

Molly left us on September 6, 2014. She will be missed more than she could ever know.

Molly is survived by her husband, Jason Dodd; her father, Stephen Della Vedova; her mother Glenda Stafford; sisters, Carey (Jay) Liston, Katie (John) Kammerer, and Emily (Robbie) Robinson; brothers, Tyson (Heather) Della Vedova and Sam (Dannile) Della Vedova; her grandmother Dee Stanley; and 12 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Aldo and Helen Della Vedova and her maternal grandfather, Alton Stanley.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 27, 2014, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Father Michael E. Volkmer C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery will follow services.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, September 27, 2014, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia; with Molly's family present.

The family requests no flowers. Molly will smile down from heaven if you donate to your local animal shelter or rescue league.

# Tribute Wall



“ I just now found out that Molly is no longer with us, I am gutted, I had not spoken with Molly in a good number of years, I was lucky enough to work with her at the Citi Centre Athletic club in Akron OH, she was vibrant, kind and warm, we bonded over dogs and cats, she was always helping kids or animals, was funny as all get out, she was as she said, always dependable but never on time, she was a shiny ray of light that, most of us were her friend, Winnie, Jenifer U, and Mary all were awesome, may she rest in peace and light

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**Mary** - November 29, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ Molly Marie (Della Vedova) Dodd

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January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Molly Marie (Della Vedova) Dodd

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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Rest Now Friend...

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**Sean Alford - Coworker** - December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Sorry, so late! I just found out about Molly's passing yesterday (12-7-2014) . From the very 1st time that I met Molly in the Baltimore Flight Attendant lounge I knew she had a heart of gold. She wasn't afraid to talk to anyone. And, every time I saw her! We would always pick up from where we left off. I'm gonna miss you girl! And, all your cat rescue stories. Hugs always! :)

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**Adina** - December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Just heard news of Molly's passing from Adina of Southwest. Flew with Molly when I was Baltimore Based. May she rest now in peace. May our dear Lord help her loved ones.

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**Sean S. Alford - Co worker SWA** - December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Just heard the news about Molly and am very sad to say the least. Molly was a bright light in the darkness for sure. She was an advocate for the animals and was a vital part in fundraising for Happy Home Animal Sanctuary. I know she's surrounded by loved ones and animals alike. She's probably moved into the position of Keeper of the Animals. Sounds heavenly to me. Condolences to the family and memories of all things good that was Molly.

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**Amber Snethen - Las Vegas, NV - Sisters in animal rescue.** - November 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Molly was good to me as a new Flight Attendant in Baltimore she made everything ok for me while I was commuting to BWI from Spokane. I was thrilled to run into her when the Las Vegas base opened. I had found an old friend. I am so sorry for your loss. I was stunned when I just found out she had passed. I cannot name or number all the nice things she did for me. I loved working with her. She will be greatly missed. I am sad that I was not able to give her a hug and be there for her like she was for me. My prayers are with her and her family Love ya Molly !

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**S Ann Murphy - Spokane , WA - LAS Southwest Flight Attendant** - October 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Molly was one of the first people to befriend me when I was a new flight attendant at Southwest. She took me under her wing and we bonded over our love of animals and animal rescue. Before she moved to Vegas she approached me about adopting one of her kitties and I ended up adopting Desi-Lu. She's sitting on my lap as I write this, a constant reminder of Molly's compassion towards those in need (human or animal).

*I'm incredibly sad to hear of Molly's passing. The world will be a little less bright without her smile, charisma, kindness and amazing red hair. Love you Molly.*

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**Ashlie Beal - Baltimore, MD - Friend/co-worker** - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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**Ashlie Beal - Baltimore, MD - Friend/co-worker** - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Glenda - We are so sorry. You and the kids have been in our prayers every day. I am sure that Molly and Uncle Larry are definitely having 'the talks' quite frequently and are watching over all of us. And of course, you know Gram will be taking care of them too!

*Big big hugs to you and the kids.*

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**Kim and Kevin Wentland - Des Moines, IA - Family** - October 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ My family and I cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate the kind words and wonderful stories you have shared with us about Molly. We only wish she had known the positive impact she had on people. We agree she was a kind hearted person and will be missed for the rest of our lives.

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**Glenda Stafford - hamilton, IL -** October 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Molly was always a welcoming, caring young lady. On one trip to AZ we stopped in Las Vegas, Molly offered her car for us to use.. We were using the GPS to find their house and when we set it for "home" we kept ending up at the Pet Food Store! Of course, who would spend more time buying food for her much loved animals! Jay answered our call, rescued us and we stayed overnight with them. They made us very comfortable and were so helpful to get us on the way to Larry & Glenda the next day.  
Rest in peace, dear Molly. We love you. Pat & Lenny

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**Pat Van Lent - Ankeny, IA - Aunt -** October 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I will miss love you and miss you the rest of my life.

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**Glenda Stafford - hamilton, IL - mother -** October 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ How I will miss Molly.  
She was always fun and made work life easy. I remember that Molly was quite knowledgable about our industry. I enjoyed being in Southwest Airlines initial inflight training with Molly.  
She is already missed.

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**Holly Imamovic - Boise, ID - Friend/ coworker -** October 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Molly was a passionate soul. She was a great Flight Attendant and i will miss her deady. I am so sorry for your loss. Her Southwest Flight Attendant family will miss her.

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**Addie Crisp - Las Vegas, NV - co-worker** - September 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Glenda I am sorry for your loss. God bless you and your family.

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**John Caster - Albia, IA - classmate of Mollys mother** - September 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the family in this time of sadness. Her love, passion and big heart does not suprise us. When she would watch my girls, well lets just say she would let them get by with much more than Carey would! Always said Suzi is more easy going like her and Laura was more strict like Carey. That does show with my 8 mo. old grandbaby that Laura has. Elizabeth is more easy going too. We at least have our special memories of her. Deb, Tim, Suzi, Laura and Elizabeth Anderson.

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**Debbie Anderson - Albia, IA - friend of family,** - September 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ When I hears the news about a week and a half ago my heart sank. I still can't believe it. Molly and Jay were dear to both my daughter Isabelle and I. They took is in and helped us like we were family. Molly was one of the kindest most giving people I have ever met and we miss her dearly. Even though my heart hurts I know that Molly's mind and soul is at ease. I will always remember all the fun and happy memories I have of Molly! Love you girl! Rest in paradise my friend.

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**Taryn Froelick - Henderson, NV - Friend/Co-worker** - September 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ID

“ I truly don't know where to even begin. I've been trying to wrap my mind around the sad reality of losing her since I first heard the news. I wish I knew that the last time I saw her was the last time because then maybe I would've hugged her harder & told her how much I loved her & thanked her again for everything she's taught me & the huge impact she had on my life. I met Molly at the ripe age of 14 & I can say wholeheartedly that Molly has a lot to do with why I am the person I am today. Molly was one of the most amazing women I've had in my life & she did so much for my mom & I entirely selflessly. Molly was the most giving, caring, unselfish, loving, nurturing, phenomenal human beings I have ever come across in my entire life. She was always thinking of ways to help everyone else even if you were a complete stranger or if you had just met Molly would do anything for literally anyone because she just wanted to make sure people & all animals were okay. I've never met someone that has touched people the way Molly has. She was my friend, my mentor, another mother figure, she was an angel. She kept me out of trouble in my first couple years of high school, by having me help out with the animal shelters & raising money with her for all the furbabies. My mom is a flight attendant too so whenever my mom would work I pretty much halfway lived with Molly & Jay. They were like my play parents. I'm so grateful to have had Molly in my life for the time that she was as well as Jay because I love them more than I can even put into words. This is all so surreal to me but at least I have the memories, I can still hear Molly's sweet voice in my head & I can hear her teasing or her laugh & the sound of her voice when she would joke around. Molly taught me things that will stick with me forever & I'm so glad she was in my life at a time where it was so easy for her to imprint on me because she definitely did. Rest Beautifully Molly. You will always & forever be in my heart.

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**Isabelle Froelick - Henderson, NV - Friend/ Play daughter** - September 28, 2014  
at 12:00 AM

SI

“ So sorry to hear about Molly's passing. The world could use more changemakers like Molly. She was obviously a blessing to her family, friends, animals, and those whose lives she touched in many ways. God bless you Molly.

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**Sarah Bartlett Spencer - Moulton, IA** - September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Molly was one of the kindest and good hearted people I know. I am so sorry for your loss and that I can't be there tomorrow. I loved Molly like a sister. My kids miss their Aunt Molly but we all know we have an Angel watching down on us.

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**Jennifer Moore - Las Vegas, NV - Friend** - September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I have met Molly only once, recently, and just for a few hours at work. In that short time we had a chance to talk about her work with rescue animals as she made phone calls to place animals in foster homes in between our flights. I'm so saddened and sorry to hear of this- I wish for peace for her family. She truly made a difference and she, as well as her dedicated service to animals, will be missed.

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**Erin C. - co-worker** - September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ I was saddened to learn of Molly's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

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**Teresa Scieszinski - Ankeny, IA** - September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ We have another angel to watch over us.  
I'm so sorry for your loss, may the memories of Molly live forever in your heart, as they will in ours.  
I know from our visits with Jason and Molly that Jason lost his best friend.  
May God put his hands upon all of you and time bring you peace.  
Love to all!  
Uncle Norman & Aunt Gayla

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**Cliff & Gayla Jacobs - Cincinnati, OH - Uncle & Aunt** - September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We dearly loved Molly. She gave so much of herself to others. We are sorry we cannot be there on Saturday so we could give you a hug of support. You are all such special people and we cherish the memories we got to share with you. Prayers, Chuck and Margaret Mordan

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**Margaret Mordan - Albia, IA - friend** - September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

C'

“ Steve and Glenda, she is beautiful and just another angel that God needed to help Him. I am so very sorry for your loss and know that Ms. Molly is making friends with my son and shall forever be your special angel. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and give you strength and peace through you pain and loss. Know you are in my prayers.

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**CORINNE (SAYRES) ALLGOOD BENDER - nevada, MO - classmate of '68** - September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *May Peace Be with You during this time of sadness. May your loving memories sustain you. Know that fond thoughts of Molly are with many who had the wonderful opportunity to know her.*

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**Vicki Woodard Luptowski - Ames, IA - Friend** - September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories as they are a gift from Molly to you.*

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**Cindy See - Albia, IA - friend** - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *So sorry for your loss. It sounds like Molly was a wonderful person and enjoyed life. Let her be an inspiration for others. God Bless you all.*

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**Maggie Popson** - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *I met Molly approximately four years ago while visiting my daughter Taryn and granddaughter Isabelle. She was a blessing to my family as she took a special interest in my girls - watching over my granddaughter, very generous with her time, knowledge & gifts. So happy to have met her & I will always cherish our girls' night out - going to a buffet & dancing. Molly will be deeply missed. May God ease your sorrow & may you feel her presence.*

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**Lynn Froelick - Carmichael, CA - Friend** - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Molly's passing. She was a ray of sunshine, I will always remember her smile. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones.*

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**Emily McMillen - Lovilia, IA - Friend** - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Steve and Glenda, I am so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter. We are not meant to bury our children. My thoughts and prayers are with you both.

*Kathy & Paul Slofkosky*

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**Kathy Lucas Slofkosky - Knoxville, IA - friend** - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ We can only imagine the terrible hurt you must be feeling with the loss of Molly. May you draw strength and comfort as you gather together and remember the good times. Keeping you in our thoughts and praying God guides you through this difficult time.

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**Tom and Patty (Scieszinski) Hannam - Albia, IA** - September 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ We are going to be out of State over the weekend, but wanted to extend our sincere sympathy to you in your loss. May you find comfort and support from each other as well as your extended family and friends during this sad time.

*Jerry and Diane Durian*

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**Jerry & Diane Durian - Albia, IA** - September 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM