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Amy Elise Ver Beek Brown, 35, of Jacksonville, Florida was welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven on Saturday, May 2, 2015 after a short, courageous battle with Melanoma. Amy was born in Holland, Michigan. She pursued higher education at The Savannah College of Art and Design where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BFA in Historic Preservation. Amy married Travis Brown on September 13, 2011. Amy's passion for preservation started in her work as Project Manager at the Coastal Heritage Society in Savannah, Ga. Her professional accomplishments in Savannah include the restoration of the Paint and Coach Shop barn doors at the Tricentennial Park, the interior restoration of the dome of the Mercer House, the window restoration and painting at the Isaiah Davenport House, construction of Phase I of the Savannah Children's Museum, and engineer of the Georgia Central #30 Steam Locomotive. Her most recent work was with the City of Jacksonville as the Recreation Planning and Grants Coordinator where she managed multiple projects including the relocation and restoration of the last remaining one room school house in Duval County, and renovation of The Mitchell Community Center Playground, which became a catalyst to a tremendous amount of change in the community. No project was too large or too small for Amy, and she approached them all with the same level of pride and professionalism. Surviving family include husband, Travis Brown of

Jacksonville, Florida; parents, Dan and Michele Ver Beek of Statesboro, Georgia; siblings, Emily and Brent Kehrwecker and their children Lauren, Audrey and Aiden of Holland, Michigan, Adam and Sarah Ver Beek and their son Elijah of Holland, Michigan, Nathan and Ann Ver Beek of Wyoming, Michigan; Mother-in-law, Kathryn and Jerry Spearman-Kimball of Fernandina Beach, Florida; Father-in-law, Howard Norman Brown Jr. of Gainesville, Florida; Grandparents, Kenneth and Antoinette Ver Beek of Holland, Michigan and Harold and Dorothy Greene of Miami, Florida; Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. A memorial service celebrating Amy's life will be May 9, 2015 at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 36 Sevilla St, St. Augustine, Florida, at 2 pm in the afternoon. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of St. Johns Family Funeral Home, 385 State Road 207, St. Augustine, Florida 32084. Flowers are gratefully accepted or memorial contributions may be made in Amy's name to GRACE Ministries, P.O. Box 756 Grand Bay, Alabama, 36541, for the care of children and their families in Guatemala.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I met Amy through work, but we quickly became friends. Amy is one of the most sweet and caring, and intelligent people I have ever met. I trusted her advice over anyone else, because she knew me so well. She encouraged me in everything I've done since meeting her- specifically in taking a leap and starting law school. For Travis and her family, I'm sorry for your loss. Please know that Amy was loved by so many, certainly by me. I have so many treasured memories of my times with her.

Michelle Weinbaum - May 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Michelle, Danny and family I have been thinking about everyone and want to send my sincerest condolences.

Cathy Marshall - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ (No Guestbook Text Available)

Ron Stine - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. It is always hard to lose someone but when they are so young, it is doubly hard. We lost a nephew 2 years ago at 29 years old. I will continue to pray for your peace and happiness

Diane VanderMolen - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *May the Lord God Blessing this Family... Earth has no sorrow the Heaven can't heal. My the Peace of God our Father be loose upon this Brown family!!! OneLove*

Shawn Taylor - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *We had the pleasure of meeting Amy, and Travis, a few years back, through our dear friends Jerry & Kathy. From the moment they walked into our house in celebration of a New Year, we were impressed with what a delightful, intelligent and charming young couple had entered our home. Amy, sweet, simple and so kind. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family during these difficult times. Travis, may you find the strength needed, and please remember we are here for you. No words can express our sorrow for your loss. From the bottom of our hearts, Lee & Viv*

Lee and Vivian Waronker - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *What a bright, beautiful young soul to illuminate the Heavens. Amy was sincere in her love of historical preservation. That dedication showed in the way she approached each project and dealt with the people involved. Work aside, her gracious heart was a light for many to follow. The world will be a darker, colder place without her infectious energy. I was fortunate to work with her, although briefly, through the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society. Amy will be greatly missed. Don Carter*

don carter - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ It was a pleasure working with Amy at COJ. She always had a kind word and a bright smile for everyone. I will miss her. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of her friends and family. God Bless you.

Don Allen - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Tonight, May 7, Amy was supposed to accept the "Great Save" Award from the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission on behalf of the City of Jacksonville for managing the 1889 One-room Schoolhouse in Mandarin. Her absence will be painful. The 1889 schoolhouse project depended on Amy's expertise and guidance to navigate all the complexities involved with this private/public partnership. She did her job with the utmost competence and professionalism and she made it happen - and happen smoothly. Amy's passion and dedication to saving and preserving historic structures and making them available to the public was clearly her driving force. We at Mandarin Museum were devastated to learn of her untimely death. We loved working with her and will miss her and her calm presence, her wise counsel and her bright smile greatly as we continue our work on this wonderful building without her. Amy was a bright and shining star for the City of Jacksonville and for all who knew her. We will make sure that this, her last great save, will honor her in some way when it is complete. Sandy Arpen, President, for Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

Sandy Arpen - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ God bless Amy, we remember you fondly our love and prayers are with Travis at this time.

Gerard and Fiona Lynch - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I worked for Amy at Hanna Park and she was a great boss so nice and kind. I will miss Amy. My prayers go out to the family.

Lori Washington - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Travis and Amy's family, I am so deeply sorry. My girls and I adored Amy. I am rarely at a loss of words but I don't know what to say. She was amazing. A beautiful, kind and incredibly smart soul. I am a better person for having known her. My sincerest, heartfelt condolences. Kiki Knight

Kiki Knight & Family - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ I worked with Amy on a couple of projects for the City of Jacksonville. She is so detailed, smart, and creative. Her pretty smile always lit up a room. I am so sorry for your family's loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Allison Adams - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Family.

Harrell Thomas - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ James Abraham has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

James Abraham - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Amy & I were roommates in Holland so many years ago. She was a beautiful, caring person with a contagious smile. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Becki (Koster) Dykstra - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I only had the pleasure of working with Amy for less than a year. She was a very special young lady full of kindness, sweetness, intelligence and passion for her work. May she rest peacefully in heaven. Sincerely, Cheryl Robinson

Cheryl Robinson - May 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Amy made me want to do everything better. Whether I liked it or not, she was always there to set the bar one notch higher. she was kind, sweet, sarcastic, and tough...a combination hard to come by. The world could use so many more Amys...I will miss her so much. Safe travels friend, I hope to see you on the other side of things, holding a tool and wearing your CHS Preservation Team T-shirt.

Sarah Hammontree - May 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ It has been a joy to know and work with Amy in Parks! Her smile will be missed. Love, prayer and blessings to her loved ones.

Wendy Jones - May 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM