

# Memories of Faith



**February 17, 2004 to January 21, 2013**

*Faith, my gentle, golden girl.*

*Everywhere and all the time I miss her.*

*I miss her lovely face and the light in her eyes, her warmth beside me, her silky coat, her grin and her “growly talk”. So many empty spaces in my life.*

*Impossible to fully express how rich and dear a gift Faith was to me; truly the fruit of a myriad of blessings and grace. Each precious Chesapeake’s story is interwoven.*



*Her name reminds me, as her presence proved that faith is the wellspring of joy deeper than sorrow, of peace more enduring than turmoil, of light dawning in darkness, of hope, strength, and encouragement in despair or pain, and so much more.*

*In faith, hope for fourteen years and more, like her mother Meg had.*



*In faith comfort for our broken hearts.  
In faith His presence with us always.*



*of when her beautiful blue eyes opened*



*In Faith, strength to endure when cancer steals her away, too soon!  
In faith, peace because when I can't understand, He does.*



*In faith the knowledge that death is a beginning.  
I Cor 15:35 to 44*

*In faith trust to pray open heartedly.*

*Memories of my girl, my Faith, stay with me: of when she fit in the palm of my hand;*



*and of watching them turn amber a few weeks later;*



*the way she swam away from shore the first time  
as if there was no difference and she'd never not  
known how to swim;*



*retrieving without needing to be taught but  
always deferring to her mother, Meg, who  
retrieved the first throw; scrunching down to  
play with little dogs; playing with her puppies  
and what a wonderful mother she was;*



*another precious gift; walking in the woods  
together, always together.*



*her head on my lap, or sleeping beside me;  
travelling to horse shows and Faith jumping the  
Xcountry jump's on our course walks;*



*how loving she was with her daughter River,*



*A thousand, thousand memories to cherish.*

*I am so incredibly thankful that Faith has been  
and will always be a part of my life, and for  
every moment we had together!*