



## Petunia May

August 10, 2023

Petunia May, 3, passed away unexpectedly on August 10, 2023. She was born and raised in New Jersey and went to The College of New Jersey where she earned her honorary degree with her mommy. She traveled to many music practices, went on stroller rides, and brightened people's days. She was a big fan of meal worms, sleeping, playing, and spending time with her mommy.

She will be remembered for her big personality, big boned body, and big heart.

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Petunia's Memory*



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**Mackenzie Miller** - August 11, 2023 at 10:01 PM

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“ I loved you your whole life and you loved me for only 3 years of mine. During my sophomore year of college I was ready to have a pet again. I did not want a hamster because it was too small, but I didn't want a guinea pig because it was too big. That's when I learned of the hedgehog and fell in love. When the pandemic arrived and I knew I would be home for the rest of the school year I decided it would be the perfect time. I found a place 13 minutes from my home that sells hedgehogs and I anxiously awaited until they would get their last batch of hedgehogs bred in NJ for a while. March 28th 2020 became that day. Honestly Petunia wasn't my first choice. I found a baby brown hedgehog that I liked, but it had a cut on its ear so I could not take it home, that's when I laid eyes on Petunia. A hedgehog that was brown and white and had a pink nose! I knew in that moment, I loved her because she was different. I chose the name Petunia because I remember riding Splash Mountain as a kid and they had 3 opossums hanging from the ceiling and one of the names was Petunia. She looked like a Petunia. A Petunia May. For 3 years I took Petunia to undergrad in college, walks in a stroller, practices for musicals, band and orchestra rehearsals, and even at my first job. I loved walking around campus with her in our yellow bubble backpack and brightening people's days. She adjusted to change better than I did. She let people pet her, hold her, and take many many photos of her. What a special hedgehog she was. Was....I knew this day would come eventually, but not so soon and the way it did. She decided she didn't want me to see her suffer or pass away because she knew it would break my heart. It still did, but she was in a place where she was being taken care of while I was away. Losing a pet while you're away is a great fear and unfortunately mine came true. I felt like life was starting to line up and a new chapter was starting. She knew she didn't need to be there for this one. She had done her job and got me through some tough times. She was letting me go, but I wasn't ready to let her go. Nothing will ever replace my Petunia. She was and always will be the only hedgehog I will ever own. She was different, she was big boned, she was sweet, and too darn cute. I wasn't ready to say goodbye so soon. My Petunia May.

*I love you forever and always.*

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**Mackenzie Miller** - August 11, 2023 at 09:42 PM

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*So sorry for your loss. ❤️*

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**Joann Castro** - August 13, 2023 at 10:07 AM

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“*Petunia was an honorary March sister, and a beautiful, whimsical friend that brought joy to so many people around campus :’)*



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**Zoe** - August 11, 2023 at 09:14 PM