



Ellen Eileen Knauss

February 17, 1943 - May 13, 2017

Mattoon, IL – Ellen “Eileen” Knauss, age 74, of Mattoon, IL, passed away on May 13, 2017 at 8:35 a.m. at Odd Fellow Rebekah Home.

The funeral mass in her honor will begin at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2017, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL. Father John Titus will officiate. Visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Born February 17, 1943, in Mattoon, Illinois, Eileen was the daughter of Roy and Margeret (Hickman) Jackson. She married Dave Knauss, on February 12th, 1966, in Mattoon, Illinois. Survivors include her loving husband of 51 years, Dave, who resides in Mattoon, IL; Brother-in-law Leon Waggoner and his wife Beverly of Gays, Illinois; Nephew Tony Waggoner of Gays, Illinois. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Theresa Waggoner; and one niece, Marcia Waggoner.

Eileen was employed by Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, as an Administrative Assistant for forty years. In her spare time, she enjoyed needlepoint and crocheting , particularly baby blankets. She found entertainment by cross-word puzzles, reading, and adult coloring books. Eileen was quite an avid Cardinal and Packers fan and always found time to watch the sporting events on television. However, her favorite pastime were the wonderful fishing trips she took with her beloved husband, Dave, and the memories that will be forever cherished.

Memorials in her honor may be made to the Coles County Animal Shelter,

Catholic Charities of Mattoon, or Mattoon Community Food Center

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with her family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Mattoon, IL 61938

Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen Eileen Knauss*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Dave -*

Eileen was such a breath of fresh air during my early days at Consolidated. She always made me feel welcome and was very good at 'telling me the real scoop'. We missed her greatly when she retired and will miss her now that she has passed on. You can be assured we will still tell the same funny stories and remember her fondly. I am sincerely sorry for your loss.

Kelly Cole

Kelly Cole - May 22, 2017 at 04:42 PM



“ *Dave, so sorry to hear about Eileen's passing. I pray for peace for you and that you find comfort in your wonderful memories. Brenda Sharp Wickline*

Brenda Sharp Wickline - May 19, 2017 at 11:23 PM



“ *Dave, so sorry for your loss. May you find strength and comfort. Joyce (Paullin) Moore.*

Joyce Moore - May 17, 2017 at 08:48 PM

MM

“ Dave, so sorry to hear about Ellen. Keep your head up and remember all the great times. Your friend Mike Mory.

Mike Mory - May 16, 2017 at 06:39 PM

CP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Eileen's family and especially her husband Dave. I remember her smile and how we enjoyed going to dinner together and having them visit with us many years ago. I know Eileen is at peace now and in a better place. I can also relate to the loneliness felt after the death of a spouse. May fond memories sustain you and may the Comforter be with you at this time.

Carol Carruthers Patterson

Carol Carruthers Patterson - May 16, 2017 at 02:58 PM

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“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family of Eileen, especially Dave. As we all know they are better off than we are, but the pain is still there as no one likes being left behind. I read that statement awhile back, and it really touched me on why we grieve the loss of our loved ones, and that's because we don't like being here without them. Praying for strength and healing as you celebrate Eileen's life.
Terri Grim-Oakley

Terri Grim-Oakley - May 16, 2017 at 07:43 AM