



## Ellen Joyce Maurer

May 31, 1936 - December 26, 2021

Ellen Joyce Maurer, 85, of Charleston, IL passed away peacefully on December 26, 2021 after a brief illness.

A gathering of remembrance will take place at a later date. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is assisting the family with arrangements.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Dave; children, Beth and Willie; sister, Kathy; six grandchildren, Adam, Katie, Sarah, Martin, Leah and Emma; as well as ten great-grandchildren.

Joyce was born in 1936 to Ted and June Swan in northern Illinois. Joyce attended Beloit College in Wisconsin. There she met her future husband, David Maurer. Married in 1957, Joyce and Dave had two children, Beth and Willie. In their early years, she combined taking care of the family with typing papers for graduate students to help support Dave through graduate school and in his early years as a history professor at

Eastern Illinois University.

Once the children were older, Joyce worked for several years at EIU, retiring as an assistant personnel officer. While retired, Joyce and Dave enjoyed many years of travel to Europe, going salmon fishing in Alaska and spending time with family.

Memorials in her honor may be made to the EIU Foundation at <https://www.eiu.edu/giving.php>

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen Joyce Maurer*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Beth, Willie and of course Dave,*

*Upon hearing of Joyce's passing, I was and am flooded with warm memories of her and of Dave. They were such good friends and Joyce was among the best people I have ever known: kind, generous and loving and with a wonderful sense of humor. She needed humor when she typed my dissertation in the rigidly correct form. For years after she joked about all the technical terms in it, smiling warmly. Who could disagree, especially whan at one of her excellent meals? You had the best mother possible! Jan and I will always miss her.*

*Bruce and Jan*

**Bruce Kraig** - January 22, 2022 at 12:50 PM



*"especially when, not "whan". Joyce would have caught that misspelling right away!!*

**Bruce Kraig** - January 22, 2022 at 01:03 PM

GS

“ *Dave, Willie, Beth and Families*  
*We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Joyce. Your family was truly great neighbors on Circle Drive. Joyce always had a smile. She was a lovely lady for sure. It was always nice to catch up about our families when we would meet her and Dave around town. She will be missed.*  
*Our sympathy and prayers for the family.*  
*Gay and Gerald Scott*

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**Gay and Gerald Scott** - January 06, 2022 at 12:30 PM

MS

“ *Beth, Willie and family - I was very sad to hear of Joyce's passing. I have such fond memories of Joyce from growing up on Circle Drive. She was a kind and welcoming neighbor and I remember her always having a smile at the ready. We also enjoyed many a delicious treat from her kitchen. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Martina Schlauch*

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**Martina Schlauch** - January 05, 2022 at 01:40 PM

SE

“ *Jon and I remember well how welcoming Joyce and David were when we first arrived in Charleston. We enjoyed visiting with Joyce when she came to Coleman Hall or joined us at department events. Such a lovely person. We will miss her.--Sace Elder and Jon Coit*

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**Sace Elder** - January 03, 2022 at 10:28 AM

ES

“ *Beth and Willie and family, We fondly remember your family living on Circle Drive when we were all growing up in Charleston! May you find peace and love in her passing.*

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**Elizabeth Slifer** - January 02, 2022 at 06:26 PM

BS

“ Dear Family, we are so saddened by Joyce's passing and can feel your loss.

Over the many years of friendship we remember the good times we had together: The many dinners Joyce hosted, including Wolfgang's retirement party in their beautiful house in the country. We were together at Beth's wedding in St. Louis and Martina's wedding in Germany. The many trips to Europe still speak to us from the photo albums which Joyce would lovingly put together after returning home, and which she passed on to us.

We are deeply sorry and are sending our sincerest condolences.  
Barbara and Wolfgang Schlauch.

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**Barbara Schlauch** - January 02, 2022 at 01:36 PM

RB

“ Ann and I send send our sincere condolences to Dave and family following Joyce's passing. She was a wonderful woman, and an always gracious hostess with an infectious smile. My special memory of Joyce is of her delicious sugared pecans, about which Joyce and I would joke over her secret recipe. May she rest In Peace.

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**Roger and Ann Beck** - January 01, 2022 at 11:05 AM

KM

“ So sorry to hear this. My deepest sympathy to Dave, Beth and Willie. Best neighbors growing up. Always a friendly smile and nice catch up visit when seeing her and Dave about town. She will be missed. Hugs and prayers to the family.

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**kim wagner mathenia** - December 31, 2021 at 04:30 PM

NK

“ *Condolences to Joyce Maurer's family. The holidays had long been marked by a visit from the Maurer's and a box of Joyce's Christmas treats. As a, then long ago, newbie to Charleston, EIU, and History Dept., Joyce was very warm and welcoming to me.*

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**Newton Key** - December 30, 2021 at 01:30 PM

PH

“ *I was absolutely shocked to see that Joyce passed away. We worked together for many years in Human Resources at EIU but we were also good friends. We had lunch just a few weeks ago after being apart for over a year. We had a lot of fun catching up. She was so proud of her family. I will miss her greatly!*

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**Pat Hill** - December 30, 2021 at 11:05 AM

BS

“ *It was my good fortune to know Joyce for nearly 50 years through her husband, Dave Maurer, one of my EIU mentors. She was a wonderful woman, quick-witted and independent-minded, blessed with curiosity and humor. She will be missed. My condolences to Dave and the family.*

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**Bob Sampson** - December 29, 2021 at 12:33 PM