



Ellen Kay Schwab

July 31, 1956 - December 31, 2024

Ellen K. Schwab

Age 68, of Reddick, IL passed away on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at her home. Born on July 31, 1956 in Kankakee, IL to William and Margaret (nee Komnick) Joyce. She married Charles C. Schwab, III in March of 1984. She was a media aid for Reddick Elementary, Herscher Elementary and Bonfield Elementary Schools. Ellen was responsible for running Literary programs through the schools. She loved to read, hike, and spend time with her grandchildren. A proud moment for her was hiking a section of the Colorado Trail. Ellen was a foodie who shared her love of cooking with her sons who became chefs. She was an animal lover. One of her favorite things was being an avid Chicago Cubs fan and attending several (24 to be exact) Cub conventions. She was known to attend games and enjoyed taking the boys to opening day games when they were younger. Surviving are her husband, Charles C. Schwab III; one son, Cliff (Malinda) Schwab of Fond du Lac, WI; four grandchildren, Aubrie, Alanna, Kellen, and Autumn; and sisters, Sue Joyce of Palatine and Gail Joyce of Chicago. Preceding her in death were her parents; and son, Joseph W. "Chef Joey" Schwab. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Saturday, January 4, from 4-7 p.m. with a memorial service at 4:00 p.m. Inurnment will be private.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen (Ms. Schwab) was my librarian growing up. She was a safe space to go to during the day. I loved talking to her because she was so kind and funny. She helped me fall in love with reading.*

Catherine Walsh - November 24, 2025 at 11:34 PM

AM

“ *Ellen had wit, warmth, and wisdom. Many people, including myself, were blessed by her embracing ways..
God bless her family with peace during this very difficult time..*

Amy - January 04, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Don't know where to begin, but Ellen was such a great friend and person! Too many memories to count or begin to share. Our oldest sons became best friends in Kindergarten I believe. Countless ballgames (baseball, basketball, football). Travels to and from all of those, with many "Perk burgers" and playing the jukebox at Foley's on the way home whenever we got the chance. Cookouts at each of our homes (usually at the Schwab's...OMG Chuck's deep fried catfish nuggets! 😊)
. Awesome trip to Omaha to watch Cliff and Braden play in the Pony Zone World Series at age 13 (and take 2nd place!!).
Chicago Cub's Convention so many years were an absolute highlight! Always so much fun and laughter and hilarious moments and memories. I can't begin to express how much she will be missed, by myself and so many others. A life well lived as an extremely giving and caring person. Rest in eternal peace, my amazing friend. You definitely deserve it!*

Daphne Wepprecht - January 04, 2025 at 12:04 AM

KW

“ Kendra Wright lit a candle in memory of Ellen Schwab



Kendra Wright - January 03, 2025 at 09:39 PM

CW

“ My deepest sympathy to Ellen's family. I remember her as a beautiful cousin with pretty curly hair. Gone too soon. Rest in peace.

Cathy (Joyce) Walton - January 03, 2025 at 08:35 PM

VM

“ Rest in peace, neighbor/ friend Ellen. I will always cherish the memory of you reading *Fly, Fly Witchy, Fly Fly* to our kids and their classmates of RGS at the Halloween bonfire each year 💔

Vicki Mahoney - January 03, 2025 at 06:05 PM

KW

“ Shared many great memorable years with Ellen at Reddick Grade School which will not be forgotten! My thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this difficult time.

Kendra Wright - January 03, 2025 at 05:22 PM

SP

“ Ellen and I shared many hours and laughs in the media centers at BGS and RGS and HGS. She was a warm and caring person. My sympathy to those that love her.

Sherry Parks - January 03, 2025 at 02:26 PM

RH

“ *My deepest sympathy to all who loved Ellen and will miss her!
Prayers for her family and loved ones. May she rest in peace in the
arms of the angels.*

Roxanne Hooper - January 03, 2025 at 12:40 PM