



Ellen Catherine Quinn

October 4, 1944 - January 29, 2022

Ellen Catherine Burke was born October 4, 1944, in Omaha, Nebraska, to her parents, Charles Patrick Burke and Genevieve Irene (O'Hern) Burke. She joined her older sister, Rosemary, in the same South Omaha home that her paternal grandparents lived in. She attended St. Mary's Catholic grade school and then attended and graduated from Archbishop Ryan High School in 1962. She wanted to go to Omaha South High School like her father, her sister, and many of her friends, but her parents insisted on sending her to the recently-opened Catholic high school in South Omaha.

After graduating from high school and taking a short business course, Ellen joined the workforce, working in a few different offices, including Central National Insurance Company and Physicians Mutual in Omaha. It was there she met several women who would become her lifelong friends.

She married Gary Echtenkamp on October 22, 1966, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in South Omaha. They made their home in Elkhorn, Nebraska. Gary passed away on September 28, 1970, from Hodgkin's Disease. Ellen continued to live in the house on Mary St. in Elkhorn after his death.

A young Elkhorn-area farmer, Roger Quinn, inquired about purchasing Gary's car, a 1966 Ford Galaxy 500, with a manual transmission, which Ellen could not drive. Roger bought the car and then later asked for a date. They married

on January 6, 1973, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn. And she got the Ford back again, which she could not drive.

The couple was blessed with their first child, a son, Russell William, on January 15, 1974. A daughter, Kolleen Kaye, joined the family on January 28, 1977, and the family was completed with another daughter, Maureen Megan, born on September 15, 1979.

Ellen owned an in-home daycare, beginning in 1981. She operated Ellen's Daycare for 35 years and cared for literally hundreds of children all over the area. Ellen was extremely proud of Irish ancestry. She was 100% Irish and decorated her home with various Irish items. Roger and Ellen even took a trip to Ireland in 2005.

She bowled on Monday evenings in a women's league in Elkhorn for several decades with another group of women who would also become her lifelong friends. Ellen was also a wonderful baker - people often requested her famous chocolate chip cookies. She also loved taking care of a back deck full of plants and flowers.

She was active in her church of St. Patrick's. She baked goodies for the popular Bingo nights many years ago and more recently sang in the church choir. Ellen insisted the family always attend Mass - it didn't matter where they were. Even on vacations, a Catholic Church had to be found.

In later years, she enjoyed attending her grandchildren's various events. While vision and cognitive issues slowed her down, she did still enjoy spending time with family and friends.

Ellen passed away on January 29, 2022, in Omaha, Nebraska, after battling Alzheimer's Disease and Vascular Dementia.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, parents, and sister. She is survived by husband, Roger, of Elkhorn; son Russ (Tracie) of rural Herman; daughter Kolleen (Nick) Benjamin of Omaha, and daughter Maureen of Omaha. She is also survived by five grandchildren (Kyle, Burke and Ella Quinn; Quinn and Brock Benjamin), brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. She will be profoundly missed by her family and friends.

St. Patrick's church will be providing a webcast of the service, which will be available at: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCa6gpiO591rT4ykXhyhwbtw>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Rosary

FEB 3. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
20500 W. Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Graveside

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen Catherine Quinn*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *The Plambecks, Plolodnas And Hubbards purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ellen Catherine Quinn.*



The Plambecks, Plolodnas And Hubbards - February 02, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellen Catherine Quinn.*



February 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ellen Catherine Quinn.*



February 01, 2022 at 05:55 PM

JA

“ Ellen and Roger and family were long time Mary Street neighbors. Our kids played outside all summer and moms would take turns with cookies and kool aid in the afternoon. We kept in touch through school, Mrs Jaycees, and the Elkhorn Valley Antique Power Ass’n (Tractor Club). Prayers for the family.
Warren and Joan Anthony

Joan Anthony - February 01, 2022 at 02:56 PM

CB

“ I enjoyed seeing Ellen in the choir. She was very modest about it when I gave her a compliment. 🎵 😊

Cathy Brodersen - January 31, 2022 at 10:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellen Catherine Quinn.



January 31, 2022 at 10:06 PM

MW

“ Mary Wells lit a candle in memory of Ellen Catherine Quinn



Mary Wells - January 31, 2022 at 09:55 PM

MW

We love you Aunt Ellen and will miss you terribly. May you Rest In Peace.

Mary Wells - January 31, 2022 at 09:56 PM

PS

I met Ellen over fifty years ago, and shared a lasting friendship in Elkhorn. Ellen and I were both married in 1966 and accompanied our future husbands for RICA with Father Pat each week. One session a snowstorm caused my parents to have three extra guests overnight. On one of Roger and Ellens' trips I sent money for her to gamble in Las Vegas and she returned my winnings one time at Mass causing me to scream. I was blessed to watch her lovely family grow up at St. Patrick's.

Patsy Schmidt - February 01, 2022 at 07:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellen Catherine Quinn.*



January 31, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Catherine Quinn.*



January 31, 2022 at 06:45 PM

VS

“ *Victoria & Frank Stamm purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ellen Catherine Quinn.*



Victoria & Frank Stamm - January 31, 2022 at 05:37 PM

DW

“ *Dylan, Susan, Spencer, Landon, Brady Ward purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ellen Catherine Quinn.*



Dylan, Susan, Spencer, Landon, Brady Ward - January 31, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Catherine Quinn.*



January 31, 2022 at 05:02 PM