



## Elyse Marie DeTurk

March 28, 1989 - October 20, 2025

Elyse Marie DeTurk, age 36, of Bennington, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2025, after a courageous and inspiring battle with cancer. A true warrior and advocate to the end, Elyse lived a life full of passion, purpose, and profound love.

Born and raised in Omaha, Elyse was the beloved daughter of Jeff and Cheryl Clark and a proud graduate of Benson High School (Class of 2007). She went on to earn two bachelor's degrees from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Education and Human Sciences and Native American Studies—fields that reflected her deep commitment to learning, cultural understanding, and service to others.

Elyse married the love of her life, Dustin DeTurk, on November 8, 2014, at the TipTop Ballroom in Omaha. Together they built a beautiful life, raising two sons, Darwin (2019) and Levi (2022), who were her greatest joys and constant source of strength.

Professionally, Elyse brought her talents and passion to the Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative, where she worked tirelessly to improve the lives of children and families. Personally, she was a gifted artist and crafter, known for her meticulous and heartfelt handmade gifts that touched the lives of so many. Whether through cross stitch, painting, sewing, or personalized projects,

Elyse's creativity was a love language all its own.

Elyse was also a dedicated cancer advocate, using her voice and experience to empower and support other survivors. Her favorite pastimes included watching Dexter, The Office, and Below Deck, playing both video and board games with loved ones. Those who knew her would describe her as caring, selfless, creative, driven, and above all, deeply loving. She was a devoted mother, an irreplaceable sister and daughter, a best friend, and a soulmate.

Elyse is survived by her husband, Dustin DeTurk; sons, Darwin and Levi; parents, Jeff and Cheryl Clark; and sister and brother-in-law, Stephanie and Mike Borman, and their children Hank and Cici.

Please join us after the service for refreshments and Elyse's favorite meal, French Dip. Memorials may be directed to Memories for Kids, a cause close to Elyse's heart. More details and opportunity to share memories can be found at:

<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com>

<https://memoriesforkids.org>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
17007 Q Street  
Omaha, NE 68135

## Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elyse Marie DeTurk*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - October 23, 2025 at 02:24 PM

SG

*Elyse was a kind and giving woman. She helped me thru my breast cancer journey. She was always there to answer questions and lend her support. I am certain she will be missed by so many friends and family. Life is sometimes so unfair.*

Susan Diane Gentzler - October 23, 2025 at 03:41 PM

DT

*Elyse was a precious child of God and a sweet friend. She walked through these last difficult years with such beauty and grace, sharing with others, words and acts of encouragement. She was selfless, always thinking of others before herself. She will be missed. Her legacy will live on. A life, well lived.*

Doris McWilliams (Dogwood Church, Tyrone - October 25, 2025 at 11:16 AM

JR

*Elyse,  
A best of friends, a journey woman like Ruth, loyal, courageous, resourceful, hard working, compassionate, faithful and humble. She loved and cared for so many and they loved her as I love her. Always caring for her loving family and friends while she battled. My precious friend you will always be in my heart and we will always be together abiding in Christ.*

Jana Romano - October 25, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DF

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



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**Devyn France** - October 27, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ Elyse and Dustin always got nervous when it came to me and public speeches. So I had chatgpt help me find the appropriate tone but I couldn't muster the strength to speak up. That said I still want to get this off my chest.

*I know it probably goes without saying that Elyse was one of a kind, but please allow me to share what she meant to me, and what she taught me about love, forgiveness, and friendship.*

*Elyse was my best friend, and so is Dustin. They were the perfect couple and I was lucky enough to have three amazing relationships: one with Elyse, one with Dustin, and one with both of them together. I always spoke of these relationships to others and how happy and blessed I am for having them in my life.*

*Within the last year, I really lost myself. But on July 1st, I started my journey of sobriety. Elyse and Dustin both helped me believe I could find my way back. She never gave up on me, even when I had given up on myself. When she needed Dustin most of all, he was also there to help me get to the door of help I desperately needed.*

*Earlier this year, when I was struggling, Elyse was hurt. She needed her best friend, but I was too depressed and caught in my sickness to be there for her. She had every right to be upset. Elyse wasn't angry out of cruelty; she was real, honest, and raw because that's what love looks like when someone truly cares. She carried so much... her health, her family, her children, Dustin....and she still cared about me.*

*When I finally saw her towards the end of September, we had our heart-to-heart. She spoke her truth, I Deeply apologized, and she forgave me. I asked myself how could she? How did she? I have struggled so much with forgiveness myself and yet she looked at me and through our tears in that moment everything was in the past. Only our current moments and futures mattered. That moment was a gift — one of the most sacred and healing things I've ever*

*experienced. Her capacity to forgive, even through pain and exhaustion, showed me what real love and grace look like.*

*Elyse was always full of hope, even through cancer. She never stopped believing in life, in laughter, and in the people she loved. That kind of strength doesn't fade; it lives on in everyone she touched.*

*I'll miss her more than words can say, but I'll carry her hope and her forgiveness with me for the rest of my life. And I'm so grateful I still have my best friend, Dustin and her children, to keep her memory alive and to walk this next part of the journey with.*

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**Seth Schultz** - October 27, 2025 at 10:14 AM

LS

“ *Words hardly do justice on how strong and kind Elyse was. She was rarely seen without her signature smile that was just as contagious as it was beautiful. No matter her situation she was always so positive, a lesson we all could learn. The world feels darker with out you Elyse and family gatherings and holidays will never be the same. You were loved and will be missed. I can take solace in the fact that you don't have to fight anymore, you can rest at last. My condolences to the friends and family of Elyse.*

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**Logan Schieffer** - October 25, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.*



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October 24, 2025 at 02:53 PM

TW

“ *The Weddle's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.*

**The Weddle's** - October 24, 2025 at 02:53 PM

FF

“ *From Don and Deb Feil and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.*



**From Don and Deb Feil and Family** - October 24, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.*



October 24, 2025 at 09:46 AM

SB

“ *Sophia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.*

**Sophia B.** - October 24, 2025 at 07:18 AM

TH

“ *Our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**The Hagendorffs** - October 23, 2025 at 04:28 PM

EH

“ Eric H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.

Eric H. - October 23, 2025 at 04:23 PM

YA

“ Your friends on 161st Ave purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



Your friends on 161st Ave - October 23, 2025 at 02:30 PM

SC

“ Sincerely, Tom and Lorena Casora purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



Sincerely, Tom and Lorena Casora - October 23, 2025 at 02:01 PM

YS

“ You're in my prayers. Valerie Schuman purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



You're in my prayers. Valerie Schuman - October 23, 2025 at 12:23 PM

YS

“ You're in my prayers. Valerie Schuman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.

You're in my prayers. Valerie Schuman - October 23, 2025 at 12:23 PM

BJ

“ Bobi J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.

Bobi J. - October 23, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JT

“ Jordah Thadahhtoo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.

Jordah Thadahhtoo - October 23, 2025 at 11:35 AM

JT

“ Jordah Thadahhtoo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



Jordah Thadahhtoo - October 23, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ - Yari purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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- Yari - October 23, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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October 23, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ Will, Tracy and Ethan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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Will, Tracy and Ethan - October 23, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ Kiyoko Henderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.

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Kiyoko Henderson - October 22, 2025 at 11:14 PM



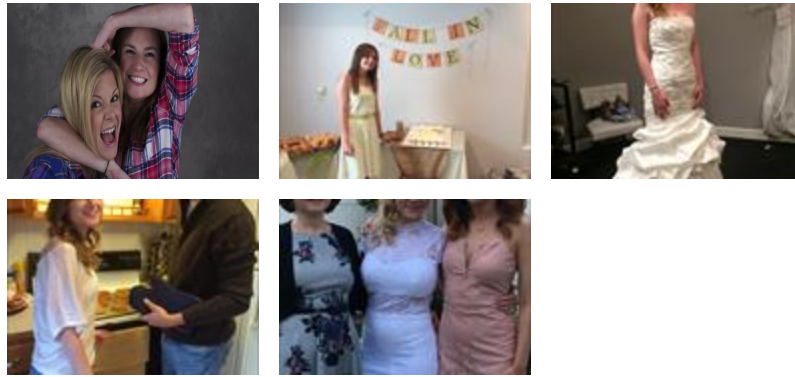
“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.*



October 22, 2025 at 11:14 PM



“ *123 files added to the album Sis*



**Stephanie Borman** - October 22, 2025 at 10:22 PM



*Beautiful video! So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you all.*  
*Sandy Lee*

**Sandra Lee** - October 23, 2025 at 12:41 PM



*The pics are all amazing showing so much love for Elyse. She was a true warrior.*

**Sandra Lee** - October 23, 2025 at 12:43 PM



*You're Always In My Heart Sweetie & I Love You More* 💕💕

**Cheryl Clark** - October 24, 2025 at 06:10 AM

RW

“ I will always remember Elyse as a spunky fireball, even from the time she was a little girl. She showed such positivity even in her cancer fight and encouraged me so much with her spirit and fight. I will miss her so much. My love and prayers -Ronni

Ronni Ward - October 22, 2025 at 09:55 PM

CM

“ Claudia M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.

Claudia M. - October 22, 2025 at 09:53 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



October 22, 2025 at 08:12 PM

HW

“ I pray the a Lord will comfort and strengthen Else's family and friends and with the help of the Heavenly Father bring peace to each of you. Sincerely, Helen Wood, Dan Pages mother-in-law

Helen Wood - October 22, 2025 at 08:01 PM

GT

“ Greg T. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.

Greg T. - October 22, 2025 at 07:39 PM

UC

“ Uncle Bob & Aunt Carol purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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**Uncle Bob & Aunt Carol** - October 22, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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October 22, 2025 at 06:45 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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October 22, 2025 at 06:14 PM

MC

“ *Mielke Family (Ro Mielke, Darwin classma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.*

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**Mielke Family (Ro Mielke, Darwin classma** - October 22, 2025 at 05:33 PM

MC

“ Mielke Family (Ro Mielke, Darwin classma purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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**Mielke Family (Ro Mielke, Darwin classma** - October 22, 2025 at 05:33 PM

UF

“ Uncle Joe, Aunt Sue Crystal & Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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**Uncle Joe, Aunt Sue Crystal & Family** - October 22, 2025 at 05:29 PM

AS

“ Amy S. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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**Amy S.** - October 22, 2025 at 04:06 PM

EI

“ ELC Gateway- Educare of Omaha, Inc purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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**ELC Gateway- Educare of Omaha, Inc** - October 22, 2025 at 03:30 PM

EI

“ ELC Gateway- Educare of Omaha, Inc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie DeTurk.

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**ELC Gateway- Educare of Omaha, Inc** - October 22, 2025 at 03:30 PM

AM

“ Aunt Barb, Uncle Dan, Brittany and Macke purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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**Aunt Barb, Uncle Dan, Brittany and Macke** - October 22, 2025  
at 02:51 PM

TD

“ Given Elyse’s health the past few years, I’ve had a lot of time to think about what I wanted to say. But now that it has happened and we are living it instead of preparing for it – the heartache is brutal. I was going to say that Elyse was about the sweetest girl I’d ever met – unless you were playing board games or cards – then she was competitively ruthless. I wanted to say that Elyse was a woman my son adored; and I will always respect Dustin for honoring his vow of “in sickness and in health.” I wanted to say, Elyse was a super committed mom. For those that don’t know, when pregnant with Levi, Elyse started complaining about her hip hurting. So, I ‘mansplained’ that it was her sciatic nerve, and she just needed to stretch. Come to find out she walked and stretched her last trimester with a broken femur!  
I wanted to say all that, but right now . . . I’m just mad. Mad that someone in heaven thought they needed a little more brightness, a little more positivity. Well, they got that with Elyse. Without a doubt, the girl, woman, and mother will be missed. But her legacy will live on through Darwin and Levi and everyone else she touched. Dustin, you need to always remember - the families are here for you and the boys. We can’t make it as bright, but we can try together.

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Ted DeTurk - October 22, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



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October 22, 2025 at 01:58 PM

TH

“ The Timberwood Homeowners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elyse Marie Deturk.

The Timberwood Homeowners - October 22, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



October 22, 2025 at 10:05 AM

GS

“ Galloways, Hoiles, Jansens, & Schieffer purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elyse Marie DeTurk.



Galloways, Hoiles, Jansens, & Schieffer - October 21, 2025 at 11:51 PM