



Elaine K. Clapp

May 17, 1964 - October 6, 2024

Elaine K. Clapp, 60, of Herscher, IL passed away at home on October 6, 2024. She was born on May 17, 1964 to Jim and Joanne Perkins of Cullom, IL. Elaine brought so much light and joy to everyone she encountered. She grew up in close-knit communities and attended Tri Point High School where she shined as a talented musician playing in the band, singing in the choir, and performing in swing choir. These experiences shaped her love of music, which remained a treasured part of her life.

After graduating, Elaine attended Parkland College and later served as a dedicated secretary for the Tri Point High School District. She worked in an array of different fields throughout her career but most recently being at Soil Biotics in Kankakee, IL. She truly loved working there and even more so loved the people she worked with who supported her.

Elaine was a dedicated mother to two daughters, Amanda Jo McWhorter and Emily Jo Clapp. She was very active in their childhood and attended all of their school and extra-curricular events. Elaine adored and dedicated her spare time creating memories as a Nana with her two granddaughters Kayden Elaine McWhorter and Isla Scarlett Freeman. They often loved to cook and bake together, play games, go shopping, eat at Panera and go mini golfing. These girls were the light of her world and they will miss her dearly.

Elaine was an avid sports fan but her true love of sports was being a fan of the Chicago Cubs. Elaine was a devoted daughter, mother, sister, Nana, aunt and friend to many. She was always the first to lend a hand and bring a meal

or dessert when someone was in need. Finding new recipes and trying them for others to sample was loved by all. Elaine's warmth, generosity and spirit will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She leaves behind a legacy of love, family, and community.

Elaine is survived by her parents Jim and Joanne Perkins of Cullom, IL; her daughters Amanda McWhorter of Herscher, IL and Emily Clapp of Manteno, IL; two granddaughters Kayden and Isla; her brother Steve (Stacy) Perkins of Herscher, IL and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and friends. She was preceded in death by her many grandparents and sister Ellen Christine Hoffman.

Her family invites friends and loved ones to gather in celebration of her remarkable life, honoring the legacy of love, kindness, and community she leaves behind. A memorial service to celebrate Elaine's life will be held from 4 p.m. until the time of the 7 p.m. memorial service on Friday, October 11, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes, to support the future education of her beloved grandchildren, Kayden & Isla.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
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Memorial Service

OCT 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have fond memories of Elaine as my ‘bus buddy’ throughout grade school most of high school and as a fellow clarinet player (she was always first chair). She always had a smile and a kind word. My heart goes out to Elaine’s family for the loss of a dear soul.

Amy Malone - October 10, 2024 at 10:21 PM

MT

“ What a sweet, pleasant and kind person we have lost! May God's peace and comfort fill you and may many fond memories bring smiles.



Mary Thomson - October 10, 2024 at 11:28 AM

JL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Elaine and Family

Jeffrey Landis - October 10, 2024 at 09:15 AM

PF

“ Pamela Hass Fields lit a candle in memory of Elaine K. Clapp



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“ *Elaine was my dearest friend in high school. I loved being at her house. One of my favorite memories was sitting on her roof at night and listening to music. She was a very sweet person. We had so much fun together. All of the memories I will treasure forever. My heart goes out to all of her family.*

Alison Burchardt - October 09, 2024 at 06:20 PM