



## Sheila E. Baird

May 5, 1952 - July 28, 2012

Sheila Elizabeth Baird, 60, of Kankakee passed away Saturday (July 28, 2012) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. She was born May 5, 1952, the daughter of the late Robert Baird and Dolores Baird, of Manteno and Kankakee.

Sheila lived her life as a warrior with wings. She suffered greatly with neurofibromatosis and had countless surgeries and intractable pain throughout her life. Throughout her many struggles, she never gave up, never stopped fighting for her independence and was an inspiration to everyone who loved her. She was a double amputee who lived independently until her death. Sheila is survived by a large and extended family and her beloved bird, Sammy. She was a collector of angels for her entire life, and now she has her own wings and can fly free of pain.

She was preceded in death by her father; sister, Mary Lee Baird Rapp; and brother, Robert A. Baird, whom she now joins in heaven. She has regained her legs to walk with them in paradise.

Sheila will be loved, remembered and treasured by everyone who loved her, forever.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kankakee, with visitation prior to the Mass at 10 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, Sheila asked that donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital be made in her memory. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, is in charge of arrangements.

Fly away, our sweetest daughter and sister. We will see you again in heaven.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

## Funeral Mass

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ I just saw that Sheila had past away in 2012 and wanted to send my condolences to her family. I knew Sheila in the later 60's while we were both students at Illinois Children's Hospital School in Chicago. We were buddies while there, and never forgot each other, but somehow lost touch. I always wanted to find her and meet up again. When I first got on Facebook there she was. I'm sorry we weren't able to get together before her passing, but we will see each other again when I get to heaven where we will both be healed, walking, dancing and smiling together. What a joyful time that will be! God bless her family and close friends during this time of grieving.

---

**Laura Cantrell-Reid** - May 03, 2015 at 04:44 PM

AN

“ On behalf of Fr. Mario Quejadas and the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Kankakee, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



*May God's blessings of love and peace be upon you.*

---

**Aimee Flor Nellas** - August 03, 2012 at 09:34 AM

TK

“ I will never forget the first time I met Sheila, how she made me laugh and became my friend! She had true love for people, and a spirit I hope to carry on!  
When I heard that you had left us  
I was simply blown away  
How could that be possible?  
We were laughing yesterday.

So, my dear departed friend  
I'll think of you each day  
Peace and rest and comfort  
I hope you've found today

So Hot Wheels run free until I see you again. Your Friend Tonie  
Kuchar  
from Grumish Chiropractic

---

Tonie Kuchar - August 01, 2012 at 11:28 AM

PR

“ I first met Sheila and her mom when she started to come to Grumish Chiropractic. They educated us on that our parking lot space was painted wrong for disabled people and we corrected that right away. She was always a joy coming into the office and we loved to make her laugh!! She won a Garfield stuffed animal and I always teased her that she had better be taking good care of it as that was the one I wanted. She said it was on her bed. We will miss her greatly as she was known as HOTWHEELS to us!! Sometimes she would spin her wheels at the door trying to get in, but she always made it. Hope her mother and Julia are doing well. My condolences to the family.



*Patti Roach  
Grumish Chiropractic*

---

**Patti Roach** - August 01, 2012 at 11:18 AM

TK

“ Tonie Kuchar sent a virtual gift in memory of Sheila E. Baird



---

**Tonie Kuchar** - August 01, 2012 at 11:11 AM

SS

“ Sarah Soleau lit a candle in memory of Sheila E. Baird



---

**Sarah Soleau** - August 01, 2012 at 06:41 AM

MH

“ I remember Sheila when she was a Brownie and I was the leader. She always tried everything. She wanted to do whatever the other girls did and most of the time she did. She was a sweet little gal with a lot of spunk. My thoughts and prayers to her family. Pat Hartman

---

**Mrs. Pat Hartman** - July 30, 2012 at 09:24 PM

RH

I have fond memories of Sheila as being a "loyal and dedicated volunteer" in the Medical Records Department at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. She was there every week doing what she could do to help us and enjoyed the interaction with the employees considering them her friends. My condolences to her family. Raedelle Hall - former Medical Records Manager

---

**Raedelle Hall** - July 31, 2012 at 04:59 PM