



Eloise Lee "Ellie" Peak

November 10, 1953 - November 5, 2017

Eloise Lee "Ellie" Peak (Guis) of Winchester passed away Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, at the age of 63. She was born on Nov. 10, 1953, in Jacksonville, the daughter of Deak and Virginia Lee Guis, who preceeded her in death. Ellie was married for 40 wonderful years to Phil Peak, and he survives. She was the cherished mother of Rebecca (Bill) Erickson and James Peak, all of Winchester. She was the devoted grandmother of two grandsons, Paxton Deak Erickson and Brant Phillip Erickson.

Ellie grew up in White Hall and graduated from North Greene High School in 1971. She attended Illinois College and graduated in 1975 with a degree in Elementary Education. She married Phil on June 25, 1977 and would frequently still joke about the day her belongings were moved to Winchester in the back of a hog trailer. She began her teaching career in Arenzville but spent the majority of her career teaching 3rd grade at Winchester Elementary School. She completed 34 years of teaching before retiring in 2009. Ellie spent many evenings of those years at the kitchen table grading papers and baking herself 3 chocolate chip cookies.

Ellie served on the Winchester Public Library Board, was a member of PEO, volunteered at school for field days and book fairs, and maintained active roles at the Winchester United Methodist Church. Ellie's favorite job was taking care of her grandsons.

Ellie loved lunching with her friends and eating Sunday night suppers with her family, not caring as much about the main meal as she did the desserts to follow. She enjoyed spending hours talking on the phone with her friends, and because of this she was often referred to by her family as “Ann Landers,” solving all of the world’s problems. She was a Christmas and birthday enthusiast, and she was infamous for decorating and re-arranging her own house as well as helping her son and daughter decorate theirs. Ellie was always in search of the perfect gifts to make her friends and family feel special. She frequently picked up special items for her grandsons ranging from light-up toothbrushes to matching pajamas to books to a hamster. Ellie spent her free time going to sales and shops to look at antiques, reading books, and riding around in the country with Phil checking farm ground.

Lives were shaped by her devotion to education, her faith, and her sincere thoughtfulness to her family, friends, and others.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017, at the Winchester United Methodist Church with interment in the Winchester City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until time of the services at the church. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church Mission Fund or the Winchester Public Library. The Daws Family Funeral Home in Winchester is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Winchester City Cemetery

Cherry Street
Winchester, IL 62694

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Winchester United Methodist Church
103 E. Cherry St.
Winchester, IL 62694

Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Winchester United Methodist Church
103 East Cherry
Winchester, IL 62694

Tribute Wall



“ *Eloise Lee "Ellie" Peak*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Ellie was one of the kindness people I have ever met. She was an angel on earth. I will never forget her support and friendship.*

Jean Chrostoski - November 18, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ *Love, Laurie, Jill, Danielle, and Anna purchased the Chicken Marsala for the family of Eloise Lee "Ellie" Peak.*



Love, Laurie, Jill, Danielle, and Anna - November 09, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Ellie's passing. Even though I haven't gotten to see her in a long time, I will always remember how she brightened everyone's day. She was just a very special person. Sympathy to all of you!*

Judy Eddy - November 08, 2017 at 10:27 PM

MH

“ Mrs Peak was my third-grade teacher, and I have never forgotten how much I loved her class. I think my favourite memories are when I got sooo mad when she told me that I had to stop reading Harry Potter, and when Sheri Mason brought in eggs to hatch in class.

I will miss Ellie very much! Praying for your family. <3

Mary Hall - November 07, 2017 at 04:05 PM

LP

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for you and your family.

Lonnie Parker - November 07, 2017 at 11:16 AM

BB

“ Ms. Guis then Mrs Peak was our second grade teacher in Arenzville. She had a way of making every student feel special. And an M&M bowl when we read a book. :-). She was an encourager to all and truly cared for the students. My sympathy to you all.

Beth Beard - November 07, 2017 at 03:50 AM

GG

“ I will miss our lunches and the trip to St. Louis with you, Mary Frances and Jake. The four of us getting together was always a highlight of my visit to our Swallow family reunion in June. On the visit to St. Louis you brought an 1831 pin drawing of our distant ancestor Maria (Post) Griswold who was buried at Fee Fee Cemetery. That was so cool. Then we had a personal tour of the Payne/Gentry House in Bridgeton. Then going over to Friendly's to eat. So much fun. I will be thinking of your family, and remembering the great times. Your Cousin Gary Griswold

Gary Griswold - November 06, 2017 at 05:46 PM

AF

“ So sorry to hear of Eloise’s passing. 🙏
Ann Mucci Ferguson

Ann Ferguson - November 06, 2017 at 05:24 PM

GG

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Gary Griswold - November 06, 2017 at 04:23 PM

LH

“ My condolences to the the Family.
Lee Hayden

Lee Hayden - November 06, 2017 at 12:17 PM

JC

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers,

JoAnn Chumley & The All Occasions Staff



JoAnn Chumley - November 06, 2017 at 10:31 AM

LH

“ Love, The Hayes' purchased the Cheryl's Classic Treats Box for the family of Eloise Lee "Ellie" Peak.



Love, The Hayes' - November 06, 2017 at 09:39 AM

CR

“ Phil, Rebecca and James, I am so heartbroken to hear about Ellie. I will always cherish the times we shared and the memories we made together. She was such a special person and she has touched so many lives. Praying that you will be blessed with strength, peace and comfort in the days ahead. Sending you all my love!
Cherie Repp

Cherie Repp - November 06, 2017 at 08:34 AM

JL

Phil and family... so sorry about Ellie. Our prayers are with you
JEFF Lair.

Jeff Lair - November 06, 2017 at 05:56 PM

LD

“ Phil,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Larry Deal - November 05, 2017 at 11:18 PM

BH

“ I remember the day of her wedding to Phil and when she and some friends from college to the lake to are camp site she was so happy and alot of fun. we will miss you Bev and Delbert Lackscheide

Beverly Henkins - November 05, 2017 at 10:54 PM

AB

“ Bill and I were so looking forward to moving to town and having Phil and Ellie (my PEO sister) as our neighbors. I know she was looking forward to checking out our improvements. Ellie would have loved it!!! What a lovely gentle soul!!! She and I were together for several PEO cookouts in the summers. She cracked me up on how dainty she was turning the pork chops in the pan. I said Ellie get in there and turn those! Her remark was Alice I can't be rough I will break a nail!!! Haha!! Prayers for the family and to those sweet grand babies who loved their gma with all their hearts!!! Bless you all!!!

Alice and Bill Ballard

Alice Ballard - November 05, 2017 at 10:24 PM

DS

“ Dear Phil and family, we are so saddened to read of your loss. Please know we are praying for you all during this difficult time. Love, Dan and Dixie Sparrow

Dixie Sparrow - November 05, 2017 at 10:12 PM

EF

“ Ellie was a sweet. dear friend and would always have time to talk. She was so caring about so many and her great laugh will be remembered.....We loved her so much..She was truly one-of-a-kind genuine person!. prayers and love, Ed and Pat Frost

Ed and Pat Frost - November 05, 2017 at 10:04 PM

CM

“ My heart goes out to you, Rebecca, and all of your family. Ellie was special. I liked her so much from the first time I met her. We were all at Mike and Brenda's. Later on, she was Jeff's third grade teacher, and she was great. She even came to our house in the country to see his new sister, Jarah. She will always be with you in spirit. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May you have some comfort knowing your mom made the world a better place.

Caryl McIntire - November 05, 2017 at 09:47 PM

CC

“ I first saw Ellie in a bassinet a few days after she was born. I remember lots of dark hair. She has been a wonderful friend, coworker, and one of our group since retiring. Everyone loved dear, sweet Ellie. It is hard to believe she is gone, but she will not be forgotten. We will love and miss her! Condolences to the family in this "gone too soon time". REST IN PEACE, ELLIE! Until we meet again..... Cara Sue Crain

Cara Sue Crain - November 05, 2017 at 09:24 PM



“ In Memory - 6" L x 2.5" H Memorial Stone was purchased for the family of Eloise Lee "Ellie" Peak.



November 05, 2017 at 09:10 PM

AN

“ *Phil, Rebecca, and James.. My deepest sympathies to you all. Ellie was beloved by all who knew her. My four children were all blessed to have her as their 3rd grade teacher. I will miss her smiling face and kind spirit. Sending love your way.. 💔*

AnitaNewman - November 05, 2017 at 08:08 PM