



Eileen Gormaly

November 12, 1953 - May 11, 2023

It is with great sadness that the Gormaly family announces the passing of their beloved sister, Eileen on May 11th 2023. Art was at the foundation of Eileen's life. In her early years, she studied piano and guitar, took up drawing, and performed in high school plays. Later Eileen attended NIU where she completed a master's degree in Urban Planning. After moving back to Chicago she attended Columbia College. It was Columbia College that was the gateway to the love of her life; music. Eileen spent the rest of her life doing what she loved: composing/producing music, writing lyrics, working in the studio, and performing at local venues throughout the Chicagoland area. Eileen loved the social arena of nightlife. She was a lively bartender for 50 years. Eileen was a devoted yoga student and a loving pet mom to her dog Sasha.

Eileen is survived by her brother Greg (Marita) sister Barbara, and nieces Alyssa and Jordan. She was preceded in death by her parents Greg and Lois and her sister Colleen.

A mass service will be held on Thursday, May 18th at 10:30 am at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Name Cathedral
730 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
<http://Holynamecathedral.org>

Tribute Wall

RM

“ I’m just an average YouTuber and music lover who stumbled across Alain Quinn recently. For weeks I have been playing Gate 5 almost daily as I got so much energy from Alain’s performance with her fellow musicians. I was deeply upset to discover she (Eileen) is no longer with us. I wanted to send love to everyone reading this that knew her. Loss is so difficult to deal with, my heart goes out to her family and friends.

Rick Martin - June 15, 2025 at 07:23 AM



“ Eileen Gormaly

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM

GD

“ So saddened by the passing of the without a doubt the most spiritual and kind person I have ever known
When I met Eileen over 30 years ago, I knew I was in the presence of a very special person.
I gave her the name of “ Twinkle” because she just had this celestial way about her
I promise to keep your spirit and energy alive
I know you are leading a Choir of Angels
Your star will never fade
Xoxo Glennie

Glenn Dee - September 29, 2023 at 05:46 PM

VK

“ I was so very sorry to learn that Eileen passed away last month. We were college roommates. Eileen had a beautiful, soft heart and was one of the kindest persons I have ever met. Rest in peace, Eileen.

Vicki Kraft - June 12, 2023 at 03:36 PM

MB

Eileen was a beautiful lady. I have known her since college at NIU. Always a free spirit and a good friend. She endured a long tough battle, always positive about life. My sincere condolences to her family and other friends.

Marc Blackmore - May 30, 2025 at 10:57 PM



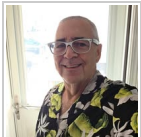
“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eileen Gormaly.

June 12, 2023 at 03:27 PM

KG

“ One of the kindest and talented souls I've ever met. Through music we hit it off. An unique wonderful person. May her soul rest in peace.

Kenneth Givens - June 04, 2023 at 12:26 PM



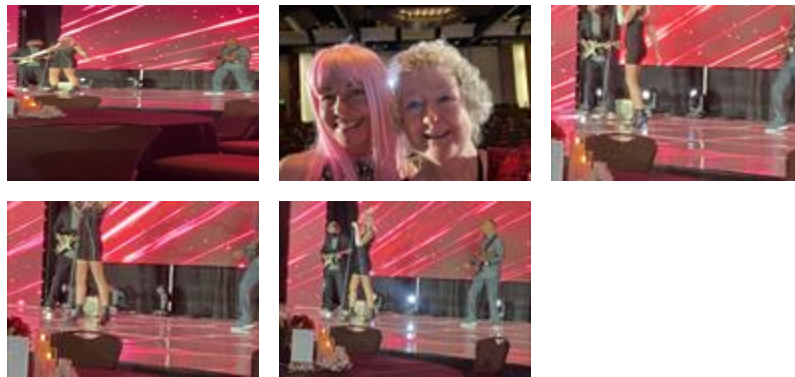
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Gene Steinman - May 18, 2023 at 10:40 PM

KB

“ Eileen performed at the Miss California USA pageant last June opening the show with a song she wrote. We had become friends through our mutual pal Michael Tafoya and when my daughter need a good act to open her first pageant as the director I introduced her to Eileen. She was fantastic and I got to spend two days with her. Also when I had cancer and was going to lose my hair she shared lots of knowledge with me and saved my hair. She was also a terrific producer of Tafoya’s album freedom and sang and played keys on it. She was a blessing to the world. No one I ever met was more uplifting and positive.



Katie Bradford - May 18, 2023 at 02:25 AM

GI

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Ginny - May 17, 2023 at 10:08 PM

EM

“ *Sharing how to conquer stage fright. We did it, by golly. Someone hug Sasha, she has been in the pound before ... hope you have a home now, Girl.*

Emily - May 17, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Eillen's family . She was a star like no other and I loved her very much .*



Voja Ciric - May 17, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eileen Gormaly.*



May 17, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Eileen Gormaly.*

May 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Gormaly.*



May 17, 2023 at 02:10 PM



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May 17, 2023 at 01:20 PM



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eileen Gormaly.



May 17, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ Herm purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eileen Gormaly.



Herm - May 17, 2023 at 07:46 AM



“ Herm purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Eileen Gormaly.

Herm - May 17, 2023 at 07:46 AM

DN

“ I met her at a conference in Chicago many years ago. I happened to order a drink at the bar she was working. Our conversation turned to music. She said that she had just finished a CD but was unsure and nervous about playing live. I said you just have to DO IT. Find a group of musicians that love the same music you do, and just do it, just go out there and play. We kept in touch over the years and tried to hang out when I was working in Chicago. On one occasion, I remember her thanking me for "making" her play live. She was a gifted musician and an amazing lady. She will be missed. RIP my friend, my Chicago trips won't be the same without our musical chats.

Don Newton - May 17, 2023 at 04:40 AM

GP

I remember talking to her only to find out, that she had a love for music and performing on stage. Plus she met Eric Clapton and ran into Roger Daughtry from the WHO. She has been a light in most people that knew her. She had been missed by all that knew her.

George Polakoff - December 27, 2024 at 11:17 PM

RA

I am just discovering her music and artistry. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. May her spirit live on amongst those who knew and loved her so dearly.

Randy - January 23, 2025 at 01:12 PM

LJ

“ Love, Carol , Lynne and Jeff purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Eileen Gormaly.



Love, Carol , Lynne and Jeff - May 16, 2023 at 04:55 PM

LJ

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Love, Carol , Lynne and Jeff - May 16, 2023 at 04:55 PM

ST

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Stacey - May 16, 2023 at 03:41 PM

SR

“ Stacey & Jim Rasfeld lit a candle in memory of Eileen Gormaly



Stacey & Jim Rasfeld - May 16, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Gormaly.



May 16, 2023 at 03:33 PM

KB

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Kay Burnett - May 16, 2023 at 01:32 PM

KB

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall Album



Kay Burnett - May 16, 2023 at 01:28 PM

KB

Alain performing in Oak Park, 2015

Kay Burnett - May 16, 2023 at 01:28 PM

KB

Sorry for the poor quality photo

Kay Burnett - May 16, 2023 at 05:33 PM

AJ

“ *Amedee Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eileen Gormaly.*



Amedee Jones - May 16, 2023 at 12:39 PM

AJ

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Amedee Jones - May 16, 2023 at 12:39 PM

MT

“ Eileen, Alain as she insisted. Was an angel on this planet. Everything she did, exuded positively and love.

Michael Tafoya - May 16, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ Eileen and I were Dancing Girls in the St Scholastica rendition of Brigadoon around 1970. She was always a lovely presence!! My heartfelt condolences to her family and friends! Mona Thoms

Monica Thoms - May 15, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ If I had a nickel for every, like, love, and laugh Eileen put on my FB page, I be the rich teach in my profession...in any profession.



Mike Gormaly - May 15, 2023 at 09:08 PM

ES

“ Sweet and Precious and always a cheerful heart ❤️ I Will miss you sweet lady ! 🎵

Erin Stone - May 15, 2023 at 09:06 PM

SL

“ We grew up on the same Norwood St. Chicago! Both went to St. Gertrude's & St. Scholastica High School. We have been in touch these last 20 years.

I am so happy for her, she was able to do what she loved all these years.

I did get to see her perform 😍 so talented. My condolences to the entire Gormaly Family .Greg & Barbara I Remember you from so many years ago.

She was a brave beautiful woman ! In the arms of the angels God Bless 🙏

Sue Branick Latala



susan Latala - May 15, 2023 at 07:08 PM

SL

Eileen, Margie & Sue

susan Latala - May 15, 2023 at 07:10 PM

RB

Wish you were here.

Robert Bittinger - May 15, 2023 at 09:56 PM

RB

“ *Robert Bittinger lit a candle in memory of Eileen Gormaly*



Robert Bittinger - May 15, 2023 at 03:59 PM

RB

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Robert Bittinger - May 15, 2023 at 03:58 PM

LO

What a great picture.

Lynne Oneal - May 15, 2023 at 08:50 PM

RB

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Robert Bittinger - May 15, 2023 at 03:57 PM

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Robert Bittinger - May 15, 2023 at 03:55 PM

RB

“ *Alain and I were really good friends. We talked about music mostly and the last few years we shared our health concerns and exchanged stories with her music. She was writing some songs and planned on making another music video. She would ask me opinion on the work she was doing. She would give me her advice on staying positive. I always needed to be reminded of that . She was one of a kind and I will surely miss her smile and laughter*

Robert Bittinger - May 15, 2023 at 03:50 PM

JP

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall Album*



James Proctor - May 15, 2023 at 01:23 PM

JP

Video made By: mjpmediagroup.com

james proctor - May 15, 2023 at 05:32 PM

EM

A fine moment.

Emily - May 18, 2023 at 12:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eileen Gormaly.*



May 15, 2023 at 01:19 PM

JC

“ Although we never met, we did communicate often, she was an inspiration and loved by many. Her daily Bible verses helped in so many ways. Fly with the angels Alain💕, continue to make beautiful music in the heavens🙏 I am only sorry that we were never able to meet in person.

Janet Caputo - May 15, 2023 at 12:25 PM

CA

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Chris Allen - May 15, 2023 at 09:58 AM



Backstory with this photo but first, I am honored that this photo I did with Eileen was chosen to portray her in her natural outward and inward beauty. She would take the train and come to the northern burbs and do casual photo shoots with me a lot of times, and we would spend lots of time together and chatting about about friendship, photoshoots, the music biz, and she genuinely appreciated my opinion and perspective on music as a listener and photographer. And of course we talked about Sasha...a lot. Anyway with this shoot, I had her laughing about another shoot I did with Kris Kringel and Del Bennet on their I Said CD. They weren't smiling so I told them to talk about toothpaste. They started laughing, and the photo ended up as the back cover of their CD. Anyway, she laughed, and we wound up with this photo. This was taken at Hook Lake in Round Lake Beach, IL. I miss her already. Much love to you Eileen (Alain) Gene Steinman - Photographer

Gene Steinman - May 19, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Eileen Gormaly.*



May 14, 2023 at 04:45 PM