



Ellyn M. Rubczak

February 26, 1956 - February 4, 2020

Ellyn Maguire Rubczak of Rolla, Missouri, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at the age of 63. She was born on February 26, 1956 to the late Owen and Alice (Hayes) Maguire in Newport News, Virginia, where she lived through her childhood and teen years.

Ellyn was a proud member of the United States Army. She was a Vietnam-era Veteran and served three years as an active combat medic and dental assistant. While working as a dental assistant she met the love of her life, Dr. Steven Rubczak; they were united in marriage on June 10, 1978; this union was blessed with two children.

Once honorably discharged from the Army, Ellyn and Steve moved to St. Louis where she started her college education. Ellyn was accepted and trained as a Registered Nurse, graduating in the top of her class earning membership in the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Fraternity. Earning her nursing license in 1981, Ellyn worked in the nursing field as an Intensive Care Nurse working at several hospitals, teaching medical centers, and as a volunteer school nurse for 12+ years. Ellyn was a very knowledgeable, caring, and compassionate nurse and was liked and respected by all. Ellyn bore 2 sons, Raymond born on August 8, 1985 and Joseph, born on September 23, 1992. Ellyn was a great mother and loved her sons with all of her heart. She gave up her own career ambitions to faithfully support her husband and to devote her time in raising their two sons to the best of her ability. Ellyn was a very dedicated wife and mother asking very little in return and only the love of her

family. Ellyn loved to go fishing and loved to travel always seeking adventure. She was artistic and had a flair for design. She enjoyed writing and reading all sorts of literature. Ellyn also enjoyed gardening and making things grow. She enjoyed helping others and always stood in defense of the oppressed. Ellyn was always faithful to God the Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit living her life that of what God expected from her. She was generous, forgiving, honest, faithful, and held high moral and ethical values. Ellyn could sometimes be feisty and stubborn but always with good cause. She was beautiful and had the heart of both Saint and Soldier. She was proud to be an American and veteran.

Ellyn was proud to serve alongside her husband as an Army officer's wife for over 26 years. Ellyn, served as First Lady of the Unit while her husband held several Command and Officer In Charge positions, devoting her time to support her husband, the Soldiers, and the family members in the unit. Ellyn was instrumental in the development of the Army's first Unit Family Support Groups as she helped to develop the initial protocols and functions. This was a monumental and very important task as no such support system existed prior to the Persian Gulf War for the families left behind during war time deployments. She endured the hardships and stress while serving as head of the family while her husband was deployed to combat operations. Ellyn was awarded numerous Army and Unit Achievement and Appreciation Awards for her service as an Army wife. She was commissioned and awarded the Yellow Rose of Texas presented by Governor Rick Perry and was registered in the Governor's Office in Austin, Texas.

Being a Army Officer's wife meant a lot of moving, but she always did it and made the best of every move maintaining family stability. Their last military orders brought them Rolla; COL/Dr. Rubczak practiced dentistry and shared command responsibilities while stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO until his retirement. Ellyn was known best for her sweet disposition; she was very loving and caring and would give the shirt off her back to anyone in need. Ellyn is survived by her loving husband of forty-one years, Dr. Steven

Rubczak of Rolla, Missouri; son, Joseph Rubczak of Birmingham, Alabama; mother, Alice Maguire of Newport

News, Virginia; granddaughter, Julia Rubczak of Cook Station, Missouri; brothers, Michael Maguire of Los Angeles, California, Joseph Maguire of Ponte Verda, Florida, Allan Maguire of Midlothian, Virginia; and sisters, Jennifer Maguire of Nokesville, Virginia, and Linda Maguire of Centerville, Virginia; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

In addition to her father, Ellyn was preceded in death by her son, Raymond Rubczak II.

She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her.

A funeral mass will be held on at 11:00AM on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, St. James, Missouri with Father Greg officiating. Interment will be in the Rolla City Cemetery with full Military Honors. A prayer service will be held at 4:30PM on Monday, February 10, 2020 at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri with a visitation for family and friends to follow from 5:00PM until 7:00PM also at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Rolla City Cemetery

Previous Events

Prayer Service

FEB 10. 4:30 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
1651 E. Hwy 72
Rolla, MO 65401
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<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

Visitation

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Funeral Mass

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
St. James, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Ellyn M. Rubczak*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Ellyn M. Rubczak*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I went to High School with Ellyn. She was a good friend who could sing and play guitar to every Beatle's song (at least through 1974). I am sorry not to have reconnected with her prior to her passing. It was amazing to read of her life & accomplishments. She was a very kind person and a great friend. My condolences to her family and friends.*

Sharon Pollard Torborg

Sharon P Torborg - October 13, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Father of all, we pray to you for Ellyn, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

We are very sorry for your loss and pray that you will receive peace through Christ Jesus and his Blessed Mother, Mary.

Robert and Diane Block - February 10, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellyn M. Rubczak.*



February 10, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *The Nelson Family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Ellyn M. Rubczak.*



The Nelson Family - February 10, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Dear Ellyn, You left this earth too early but God in his infinite wisdom deemed it was time for you to return home to him. You are with your son Raymond and together you will both look down on Steve and Joe to watch over them. All your sufferings are over so that you can now rest in peace. You will be missed. Love, Eleanor (Ellie) Caldwell*

Eleanor (Ellie) Caldwell - February 10, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Ellyn M. Rubczak.*



February 09, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ellyn M. Rubczak.*



February 09, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *Cathleen Jack and Brittany purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ellyn M. Rubczak.*



Cathleen Jack and Brittany - February 09, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ *Mark & Kacey Wollenberg purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ellyn M. Rubczak.*



Mark & Kacey Wollenberg - February 07, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *Dear Ellyn, Now you're with Raymond, enjoying everlasting peace in Heaven.*

Jeff and Angela Myers, and Denny Baker - February 07, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ *Jeff and Angela Myers, and Denny Baker purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ellyn M. Rubczak.*



Jeff and Angela Myers, and Denny Baker - February 07, 2020
at 11:34 AM