



Ellen Louise Shawgo

December 30, 1956 - July 8, 2019

Ellen Louise Shawgo, 62, of Mason City, IL passed away on July 8, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center at 11:05 AM. She was born on December 30, 1956, the daughter of Wayne and Dorothy (Rentschler) Shawgo in Lincoln, IL.

Ellen is survived by two brothers, Dale (Wanda) Shawgo of Decatur, IL, Glenn Shawgo of Warrenton, MO, ten nieces and nephews, Michelle (Eric) Tibbs of Havana, IL, Eric (Sue Sebion) Shawgo of Mason City, IL, Chrissy (Scott VanHoorn) Fitzpatrick of Chestnut, IL, Steffany (Jason) Cullom of Warrenton, MO, Angie (Clint) Rauch of Clinton, IL, Mandie (Jesse) Marschel of Warrenton, MO, Troy (Jennifer) Shawgo of Marana, AZ, Jason (Tracy) Shawgo of Randolph, NJ, Jessica (Marcus) Ferguson of Sterling, VA, Josh (Jessica Jackson) Shawgo of Lincoln, IL, one sister in law, Debbie Shawgo (John) Duitscher of Mason City, IL, as well as twenty two great nieces and nephews. Ellen was preceded in death by two brothers, Gary and Ed Shawgo, and her parents all from Mason City, IL.

Ellen earned an Associates Degree in Business and Accounting from Lincoln College in Lincoln, IL. She worked as a sports writer and copy editor for the Lincoln Courier and the Bloomington Pantagraph newspapers. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Mason City, IL and was an avid CUBS fan. She enjoyed anything sports, especially watching her nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews compete. She loved cross stitching, puzzles, her flower gardens, watching ballgames, and playing with her two dogs. She also enjoyed Genealogy and spent hours doing research.

A funeral service will be held for Ellen on Friday, July 12 at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, IL at 11:00 AM. A visitation will be held two hours prior to the service from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Steve Bagby will officiate. Burial will follow at Mason City Cemetery in Mason City, IL. Memorials may be made to Pets Without Parents.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL, 62664

Events

JUL **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City
603 East Chestnut, Mason City, IL, US, 62664

JUL **Funeral** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I am a descendant of John Shawgo, Sr. a brother to Ellen's George Shawgo. Even though I never met Ellen, I have chatted with her by text, as we figured out genealogy questions together. I have one of her genealogy books she did many years ago. My prayers and condolences to her family and friends, for she was obviously a wonderful lady.

Arlene Shawgo Stromberger - 22 hours ago



“ My condolences to Ellen's family. I was very saddened to learn of her death; such a good person. We met when Ellen was a student at Lincoln College, and I was employed there. It was as if we were friends right away. So sorry for your loss. Janice Dickerson, Lincoln

Janice Dickerson - Yesterday at 01:13 AM



“ I have so many memories of wonderful adventures Ellen and I had together. From her visit to New York (departing only 2 days before 9/11). To our trip to Hannibal, MO, where we took a steam boat cruise. We were standing near the bridge and the captain invited us in and gave us each a turn steering the boat. Thrilling. We spent a good deal of time together researching and interviewing people about our mutual family history (Ellen's father and my mother were cousins). Ellen was an incredible person. She was so lovely with such a positive and innocent soul. She gave generously so much to so many and anyone she loved was blessed. She put so many beautiful photos on sentiments on FB, not only will her friends miss these postings, but so will all the people I shared them with, who loved them will too. I was so lucky to have Ellen as a relative and as a friend her passing will leave a hole in my life, but I will always think of you as the bright shining light that you are.
Sheryl

sheryl miller - July 12 at 01:07 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Ellen, will truly miss her, have had some really good times with her Shirley Proctor

Shirley J. Proctor - July 11 at 04:19 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen Louise Shawgo.



July 11 at 10:13 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ellen Louise Shawgo.



July 11 at 08:09 AM



“ My sympathies to the family. I enjoyed working with Ellen at the Pantagraph.

Randy Reinhardt
Bloomington

Randy Reinhardt - July 10 at 09:49 PM



“ Ellen always lightened up the mood with her positive outlook and joy at just seeing her friends. Her posted pictures made us all feel better whether it was flowers, barns, a country scene.....you could feel her mood. She is a treasure and I will miss her and her posts and her humor for a long, long time.....

June Mahan

June Mahan - July 10 at 03:46 PM



“ How many past youngsters still have the articles written by this dynamo?! Her opening lines were never boring...she made the young athletes in central Illinois feel like SUPERSTARS. Takes one to know one, Ellen. Man, did you ever make a difference. Thanks for evvvvverything, young lady.



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ellen Louise Shawgo.



July 10 at 01:06 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear this news. Ellen and I were school mates, and although it has been a very long time since we last saw each other, I remember her vividly. She was smart and she was athletic. But the things that always stood out to me about Ellen was her kindness and how calm she always seemed so be. My heart goes out to her friends and family.

Kathy Harrison (Snyder) - July 10 at 11:19 AM



“ Nancy Leesman lit a candle in memory of Ellen Louise Shawgo



Nancy Leesman - July 10 at 10:32 AM



“ Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Ellen Louise Shawgo



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 10 at 09:04 AM



“ She was a gifted athlete and a good student . She liked to play softball on the farm when I came over to play. She would say “throw the ball to me and watch me hit a home run”. She would hit it every time across the field. She was so good of an athlete that Mr. Smith would have her practice against the boys’ baseball team. She will be missed.

Leslie Herman - July 09 at 11:41 PM



“ Spent many innings on the softball field during traveling leagues with Ellen. We talked sports and newspapers and how they both changed. Loved her family history and pics on Facebook Rlp you fought hard as you did against an opposing pitcher. As MLB showed stand up for cancer and think of you. Hugs to the family

darlene seward miller - July 09 at 09:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Louise Shawgo.



July 09 at 09:36 PM



“ I loved my fellow CUB fan! Sweetest lady, I've ever met! Loved all her pictures she posted on Facebook! R.I.P. my Cubbie!

Brenda McKenzie - July 09 at 09:11 PM



“ Thank you, Ellen for all the family history help... I’m so glad I got to know you a bit. You were so kind.

Thank you for all the beauty you sent my way every day on Facebook. I’ll miss it (it wouldn’t mean the same just picking up the page... it was your courage in seeking peace in your world and I appreciated it in MY everyday struggle too).

Thank you for just being you.

My prayers for hope, peace and yes, joy go out to all who love you and will miss you so.

Rest easy sweet girl.

rita gottfred - July 09 at 08:25 PM



“ Dear Rita such beautiful sentiments and so well written.

sheryl miller - July 12 at 12:13 AM



“ So many memories of my wonderful cousin from holding her while she (about age 1) napped at a family picnic, watching her play softball, enjoying her family history, loving her wonderful FB posts, and admiring her strength as she fought her long battle against cancer. Ellen was beautiful inside and out. Sending prayers, love, and hugs to all. She will be so missed.

Budd and Faye (Meeker) Bragg - July 09 at 07:55 PM



“ Gladys Stacey lit a candle in memory of Ellen Louise Shawgo



Gladys Stacey - July 09 at 07:20 PM



“ Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Ellen Louise Shawgo



Barb Rodgers - July 09 at 07:12 PM



“ Ellen was such a sweet lady from a wonderful family. My sincere condolences

Randy Rutledge - July 09 at 06:54 PM



“ Ellen was fighter to the truest sense of the word. One of the nicest people to ever meet. She will be missed. I so enjoyed talking to her, she loved her family, her home and her dogs. RIP Ellen. You are at peace now, which you deserve.

Lynne Milby Onken - July 09 at 05:40 PM



“ Ellen and I always sat together on the school bus. She told me TGIF meant 'thank God it's Friday' and usually ate an apple on the way home. She threw out the core for the birds! Thinking of all her family, Joan Renken Licht

Joan Renken Licht - July 09 at 05:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Louise Shawgo.



July 09 at 04:29 PM



“ Julie Gerke lit a candle in memory of Ellen Louise Shawgo



Julie Gerke - July 09 at 04:06 PM



“ Charlotte(seward)veronesi lit a candle in memory of Ellen Louise Shawgo



charlotte(seward)veronesi - July 09 at 02:37 PM



“ Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Ellen Louise Shawgo



Vickie Bagby - July 09 at 01:18 PM