



Suzanne S. Ellis

March 21, 1935 - May 7, 2026

Suzanne Stare Ellis 91, of Aurora Illinois, passed away peacefully on May 7th, 2026. She was born March 21, 1935, went to Holy Angels Grade School and graduated from Madonna High School in 1953. Sue met her husband Paul Jerome (Jerry) Ellis, working at the Aurora Beacon News, they fell in love and married in 1955 and would go on to have six children. Sue worked at West Aurora School District 129 in Administration, for 29 years as Administrative Assistant in the WASD Maintenance Department, retiring in 2004. At WASD, she met many wonderful, lifelong friends and was one of West Aurora High School's biggest fans she was a season ticket holder for more than 35 years.

She was the loving mother of Joan Ellis, John (Mary) Ellis, Paula (Brad) Bonifas, Joel Ellis, Mary Kennedy, and the late David Paul Ellis (Gayle Ellis); devoted grandmother of John (Laura), Matthew and David (Heidi) Ellis, Thomas and Claire Kennedy, Ricky Davis and four great grandchildren. She is also survived by her dear brother Paul (Mary) Stare, Brother-in-Law Rod (Julie) Ellis, many fond nieces, nephews, and close cousins.

Sue was baptized and later married at Holy Angels Church, where she remained a lifelong member. She was deeply involved in the parish, teaching CCD, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, and working as a Bereavement Minister. For many years, Sue and her husband, Jerry attended Mass daily. She also distributed catechisms for Catholic ministries worldwide through

Cogan Productions.

Sue was very active in several organizations, The St. Anne's Society, The West Early American Pressed Glass Society, the PEO Sisterhood Chapter BT, along with a couple of Bridge Clubs. She was also a member of The Rinky Dinks; a group of lifelong friends who traveled the country with their children and later the world as a group. Sue was one of the two remaining members of the original Rinky Dinks.

Sue was remarkably social and loved talking to people! Her amiable and genial nature found her greatest joy in the company of others. In the summers you would find Sue and her 6 children at the Yorkville Swimming Club, later at Westwind Swimming Club in Aurora. She was an avid gardener; you would often see her in the yard gardening if she wasn't getting ready to host a party for her family or her friends - she was the best hostess!

She was preceded in death by her son David, her beloved husband Jerry, parents Paul and Marian, mother-in-law Betty, sister-in-law Ingrid Ellis, sister Sandra Dollinger, and brother-in-law Robert Dollinger.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 16th, 2026, at 9:30AM from Daleiden Mortuary to Holy Angels Catholic Church at 10:00AM. The graveside will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 15th, 2026, from 4:00PM until 8:00PM at Daleiden Mortuary (220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL, 60506 Phone: (630) 631-5500). Memorial contributions to be made to West Aurora A+ Foundation or Holy Angels Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Daleiden Mortuary, Aurora, Illinois – providing funeral and cremation services to Aurora, Montgomery, Sugar Grove,

Oswego, Batavia, Yorkville and surrounding communities.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Graveside Service

MAY 16 (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall

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