



## 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, brother-in-law Robert Dollinger, & her very dear in-laws, Carlin and Betty Ellis.

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

# Previous 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

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MAY 16 (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery  
278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Suzanne S. Ellis



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Daleiden Mortuary - May 12 at 05:21 PM

JR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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JANIS RUDDY - May 15 at 12:24 PM

DR

“ Sue was a truly wonderful soul who when we moved in two houses down from her she always made us feel welcomed. You will truly be missed.

Diane and Ray Rodriguez



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Diane Rodriguez - May 14 at 07:12 PM

MJ

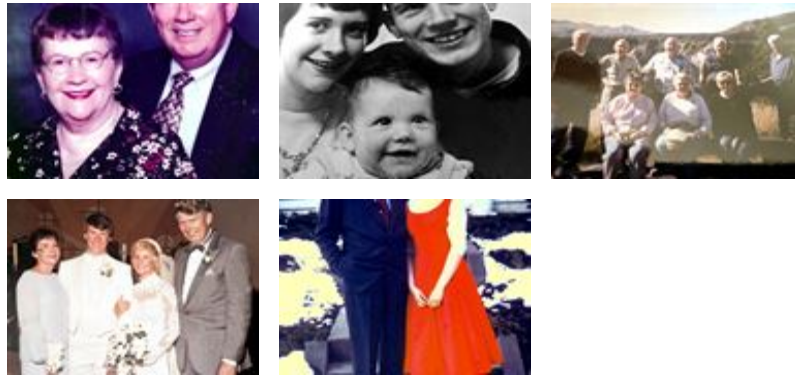
“ McKenzie (Scott, Lilian, Zach, Jieni) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Suzanne S. Ellis.



McKenzie (Scott, Lilian, Zach, Jieni) - May 14 at 07:02 AM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - May 12 at 05:04 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Suzanne S. Ellis.



May 12 at 03:03 PM

TB

“ *The Doobie Brothers purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Suzanne S. Ellis.*



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**The Doobie Brothers** - May 12 at 09:42 AM

JR

“ *I knew Sue's sister Sandi first at Holy Angels. Then in 1957 I joined Sue's bridge club and for the next 70 years, Sue and I were very close. Our husbands and children were the subjects of many phone conversations through the years! MANY LAUGHS. She was another sister to me and I hers. I will miss her more than I can say. God bless her and her family at this sad time. Janis Ruddy*

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**Janis Ruddy** - May 11 at 05:28 PM

PJ

“ *Sue and I were friends as well as cousins. She always said I was her favorite cousin and I would say she was mine and then we would laugh. Our Dad's were brothers and good friends. We are part of a large family and had so much fun. She will for sure be missed. Love you Sue.*

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**Pat Johnsen** - May 11 at 03:25 PM

PR

“ I met Sue Ellis in 2003 through her daughter Mary. I was graced also to meet her Mother and whole family too. I was Blessed by these GREAT relationships at every holiday season and visiting off and on for years.

I would call Sue every holiday for years afterwards to catch up.

Sue was Always so positive, humble, generous, faithful, funny, caring, kind, service oriented, and LOVING ❤️

Sue Ellis is someone I would like to emulate someday when I grow up. God Bless You Sue 🙏❤️

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**Pamela Ransom** - May 11 at 02:15 PM

EM

“ Eric M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Suzanne S. Ellis.

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**Eric M.** - May 11 at 11:49 AM

EM

“ Eric M. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Suzanne S. Ellis.



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**Eric M.** - May 11 at 11:49 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Suzanne S. Ellis.



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May 11 at 11:43 AM