



Ellen Romaine Irish

July 21, 1958 - October 21, 2023

It is with our deepest sorrow that we announce the death of our beloved mother, Ellen Romaine Irish (née Bryson). Ellen passed away in the comfort of her home in Newport, PA, on October 21, 2023, due to natural causes.

After struggling for much of her life with mental health and addiction, Ellen was sober and working toward a better life at the time of her unexpected passing. Ellen was a fighter. She faced many hardships and challenges, but she never gave up. Sobriety was her life-long battle, which she won in the end.

Born in York, PA, on July 21, 1958, Ellen was raised in Hanover, PA, and graduated from Hanover High School in 1976. The following year, Ellen married and started a family. At different times in her life, she studied nursing and cosmetology, but her one true passion was animals and their welfare. Ellen had a special connection with animals and enjoyed the company of many cherished pets over the years. She also had a green thumb that allowed her to fill her homes with happy houseplants. Taking immense pride in her children, Ellen was known to fill photo albums and scrap books with articles, clippings, and photos of her children's accomplishments.

Ellen is preceded in death by her father Mr. Earl Bryson, mother Mrs. Grace Helman (née Bollinger, formerly Bryson), stepfather Mr. Guy Helman, and

stepbrother Mr. Jack Helman. Ellen is survived by her sister Mrs. Beverly Swartz-Gross, stepsister Mrs. Sandy Forsythe, daughter Mrs. Kristin Cecchi (née Irish) and son-in-law Mr. G. John Cecchi, daughter Dr. Nicole Irish, son Mr. Leslie Irish Jr. and daughter-in-law Mrs. Jennifer Irish (née Wolf), daughter Ms. Alyse Gross, and 10 grandchildren spread across Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington D.C.

Ellen's memory lives on in the love, success, and happiness of her children and grandchildren. A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Ellen Irish can be made to the Humane Society of Harrisburg at www.humanesocietyhbg.org.

The Boyer Family Funeral Home of New Bloomfield, Pa. is honored to handle the arrangements for the Irish Family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ellen and her children were friends of mine and my wife Sue. She was a loving woman who tried to help others who were also struggling with addiction. Sending prayers and love for the family.* ”

Robert McKendrick - November 11, 2023 at 04:41 AM