



Eileen Marie Steitz

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Eileen Marie Steitz, born on April 2, 1966, in Parma, Ohio, passed away on April 1, 2026, just one day shy of her 60th birthday. Eileen lived a life defined by love, creativity and devotion to the people and animals she held dear. She was a spirited, vibrant, and deeply caring woman whose presence brought warmth and energy to all those fortunate enough to be in her orbit. Those who knew her shared the gift of her love, caring and zest for life.

Family was the center of Eileen's world. She was a devoted wife and soulmate to Jack Steitz, and a loving mother to Taylor and Jake. This love was given unselfishly to her extended family and many friends and especially nieces and nephews who she doted on relentlessly.

Eileen was known for her creativity which she displayed in all her talents. To say she loved to cook would not do justice to the diverse and always delicious meals she passionately prepared. She also enjoyed making jewelry, painting, and expressing herself through all kinds of artsy projects. Her style and spirit were unmistakably her own, and everything she did carried a little extra flair. She was spicy, spunky, and full of life, and she embraced each day with a bold and colorful energy that was uniquely hers.

Eileen made sure the people she loved knew it every day, and she never missed an opportunity to show her affection through her words, her actions and her unwavering support.

Her love for animals was lifelong and sincere. She adored Stella, her Australian Shepherd and her grand kitties, Pippa and Moe. Every morning she convened a loyal court of birds and animals that were drawn to her vibrant garden. She knew her birds which she religiously fed and would often capture these moments on her Facebook posts.

Eileen also treasured time spent with her husband and family, especially during annual vacations to Mexico and the Caribbean. Eileen was a true water baby. Whether it was lounging at Papou's



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pool, visiting family at Lakeside, or fiddling around in the garden, the sunshine and peace of the outdoors was where she found a joyful grounding.

Music was a constant in her life and it was always played a little loud. Her taste in music reflected her multicolored personality. At any given time, it could be Elton John, Pink Floyd, Tom Petty or the Chili Pepper,s usually combined with a healthy dose of Kiss or Metallica.

Whether it was the Beatles, or George Strait —each song echoed her vibrant and eclectic spirit. Eileen also enjoyed winding down with a good book, a Netflix series or, on occasion, a good horror film fright. She laughed as passionately as she loved and her April Fool’s jokes were legendary.

Her life was a beautiful reflection of her devotion to family, her love of animals, her artistic soul, and her unmistakable personality. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth, honesty, laughter, and love that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Jack, and her daughter, Taylor Marko (Eric) Eileen is also survived by her father, Jim Pontikos, her siblings, Allen Eads, Michael Eads (Karen), and Michele (Tim) Love, her sister in-law Linae Marek, and her nieces and nephews: Sean Marek, Mikey Eads, Madeline Love, Teagan Love, Harrison Eads, Curran Love, and Mairenn Love. Eileen was preceded in death by her dear son, Jake Steitz, and her mother, Adele Pontikos.

Eileen's family will greet friends on Saturday, April 4, 2026 from 1 - 5 PM at Jardine Funeral Home, 15822 Pearl Road. A funeral to honor her life will begin promptly at 5 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to [The Asher House](#), [Buckeye's Missions and Sanctuary](#), [Our Life Adventures](#), or the [Medina County ASPCA](#).



Events


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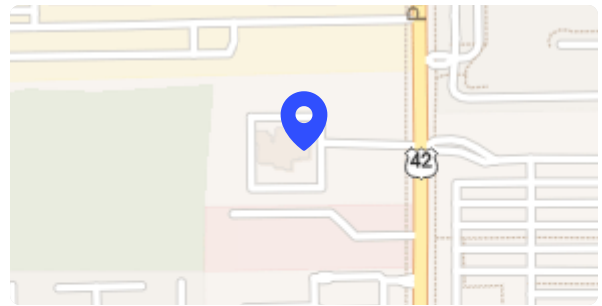
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Visitation


 **Saturday**, April 4, 2026


 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET


 **Jardine Funeral Home**
15822 Pearl Rd, Strongsville OH 44136

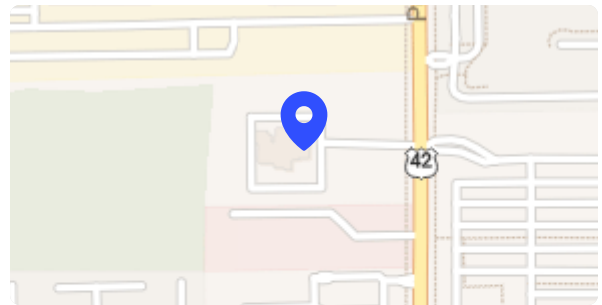


Funeral Service

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 5:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Jack Steitz shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Eileen you my soulmate, best friend, and most beautiful person in the world. Our last trip was the best! Love you so much!

April 4 at 12:26 PM



L B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eileen.

April 3 at 8:17 PM



Terri K. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eileen.

April 3 at 5:53 PM



Allen, Jackie And Pauley Family sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Steitz family.

April 3 at 5:52 PM



Love, Joe And Mary sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Steitz family.

April 3 at 2:42 PM



Gealan Window Systems sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Steitz family.

April 3 at 1:10 PM





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Ricia N. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Eileen.



April 3 at 11:11 AM



Jeff And Monica Rogerson sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Steitz family.



April 3 at 11:01 AM



Jeff And Monica Rogerson planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eileen.



April 3 at 11:01 AM



Vic, Kim, Cora, Cody & 880 Construction sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Steitz family.



April 3 at 10:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Steitz family.

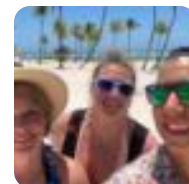


April 3 at 10:21 AM



Kelly Shepherd shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'll always remember our first vacation together—making jewelry with Eileen and Taylor on the beach is one of my favorite memories. Her love of stones and jewelry, cooking, and plants, and her way of making us feel like family, made every moment brighter. She was truly one of a kind and will be deeply missed.



April 3 at 9:12 AM



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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Steitz family.

April 3 at 9:04 AM



Kelly S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eileen.

April 3 at 8:56 AM



Kelly S. sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Steitz family.

April 3 at 8:56 AM



Tina And John Hradek planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eileen.

April 3 at 8:55 AM



Tina And John Hradek sent an Angel's Embrace Bouquet to the Steitz family.

April 3 at 8:55 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eileen.

April 3 at 5:33 AM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Steitz family.

April 3 at 5:33 AM



The Carroll Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eileen.

April 2 at 10:58 PM



The Carroll Family sent a Forever Our Angel Bouquet to the Steitz family.

April 2 at 10:58 PM



Dan Maust And Chuck Ricciardi sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Steitz family.

April 2 at 10:58 PM



Dan Maust And Chuck Ricciardi planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eileen.

April 2 at 10:58 PM



Jaimie Sofranko posted:

Way too many wonderful memories with her to just name one. Ill think of her grilling something mouth watering, as I look at a beautiful sunset that she loved so much. Love you Eileen. ❤️

April 2 at 10:23 PM



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Jack Steitz shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

April 4 at 12:26 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eileen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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