



Eileen M. Phillips-Puma

July 25, 1953 - November 9, 2024

Eileen M. Phillips-Puma, born in Philadelphia on July 25, 1953, died on November 9, 2024 at the age of 71, in her cherished lifelong neighborhood of Fairmount.

She found her love, Jerome S. Puma, in 1978 and after 11 years together, they married on September 8, 1989 and spent a beautiful 35 more years, traveling, cooking, and enriching each other, while gracing family and friends with their love, laughter, and support.

Eileen is survived by her beloved husband Jerry; her dear siblings, Richard Phillips, James Phillips, and Thomas Phillips; as well as her close siblings on her husband's side, Stephen Puma, Paul Puma, Felicia Dinkel, Emilia Puma, Christopher Puma, Anita Puma, Laura Puma and Maria Puma. She was also graced with many much-loved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews on both sides of the family, and dear friends.

After many years advocating for children as an Educator and Administrator, she became Director of Preschool at Franklin Day Nursery, and later Ombudsman, for the School District of Philadelphia and contributed to various other childcare organizations. Eileen was most recently retired from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where she worked as CSO Operations Supervisor, and was better known as "Wizard of Ops".

Eileen was a charitable soul, whether to the Church, children's causes, or her own extended family, and an unforgettable presence in the lives of anyone who met her. Her love and laughter will live on in all she touched. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you give to the charity that most exemplifies Eileen's influence in your life.

There will be a Visitation on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m., at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 1723 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Jerry,

I just heard of Eileen's passing...I am devastated. As you know, Eileen and I had met for lunch a few times for lunch recently...she was a wonderful person...I am shocked and so sad. Sending you all my prayers...sympathy...sooo sad. 💔

Ellen Wolfson - December 30, 2024 at 03:49 PM

DP

“ *The cards that express "sorry for your loss" or "with deepest sympathy" do not begin to describe the loss we all feel over a shining light who is no longer with us. Rest in peace, Eileen, and may perpetual light shine upon you. Derek Propalis*

Derek Propalis - November 15, 2024 at 05:26 PM

JM

“ *Dear Jerry,
I wish you peace, love and heart-warming memories. I hope you find comfort in knowing that she lives on forever in the hearts of those she touched. Love you dear cousin.
Hugs,
Judi and Jack*

Judi Martin - November 14, 2024 at 08:17 PM

CN

“ Mrs. Eileen was an amazing person. Welcomed me with open arms and made my transition to CHOP that much easier. When having a difficult day, seeing and talking with Eileen helped me forget about what was going on and have a much better day. Mrs. Eileen would always reach out and check on me if we didn't talk for a while. Always making sure myself and family was good. She made it a point to let you know she was here and cared very much. Always being the one person that could be counted on no matter what the situation. You will be missed, but your memories will last forever. "Gone but never Forgotten."

Curtis Nelson - November 13, 2024 at 08:59 PM

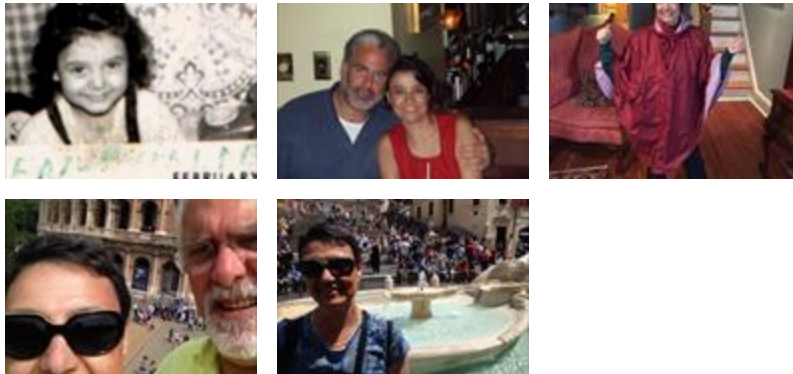
BT

“ Eillen was always so kind and helpful. I will always remember her thoughtful ways to help make everyone have a successful day. My prayers go out to her family and friends.

Brian Terrell - November 13, 2024 at 08:54 PM

LF

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Loving Family - November 13, 2024 at 06:53 PM

RS

“ Eileen was a great addition to my Puma cousins. I have so many memories of her at weddings, Christmas parties, New years, birthday showers, and Easter. She always had a smile and her laugh was contagious! She was great to talk with you get drunk with as well (especially with aunt Madeline)!!! I'm going to miss her. May God bless her soul for all the wonderful things she's done during her life & in passing. My prayers are with Jerry and the rest of the family.



Rita Schilling - November 13, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ Eileen was the feistiest and most fearless city girl I've ever known. But the first time she visited my home with Jerry she was met by my pet duck, " Gizmo", who came up to her expecting some treats. What he thought was his gentle pecking at her feet for food made her shriek and run! From that day forward she referred to him as my " attack duck"! While I'm sure she continues to be a feisty warrior for good as she moves forward in her spiritual journey, it helps us to remember the good and funny moments.

Wendy Hellyer - November 13, 2024 at 11:53 AM

MG

“ ‘Aunt’ Eileen and Uncle Jerry we loved sharing birthdays and beautiful Easter moments. We are blessed by Eileen’s grace that she generously shared with our family. Praying for all, especially Jerry, may her bright light warm your heart always.

Melanie Santos Grant - November 13, 2024 at 11:32 AM

KK

“ I am in shock. Eileen and I stayed in touch after we both left Children's Crisis Treatment Center. She was one of the most loving, beautiful souls I have ever met. She recently helped me through difficult times, and I cannot believe I will never see her or her beautiful smile again. Rest in peace with the angels.

Kathleen Klee - November 13, 2024 at 10:17 AM

LD

“ La'Nette Davis lit a candle in memory of Eileen M. Phillips-Puma



La'Nette Davis - November 12, 2024 at 07:46 PM

LD

“ She was the first person at CHOP that showed me so much kindness and gave me great advice, she was the person I always went to because she got things done, she was my friend and will be missed.

La'Nette Davis - November 12, 2024 at 07:46 PM

MV

“ Eileen, If I had to choose one word that I felt described you best it would have to be that you were a truly genuine person. I met you at CHOP and you always made me feel at ease and that I could talk to you honestly about anything. You always spoke your mind and held no punches. You are and always will be the biggest Eagles fan I know. Several years after you retired I could count on you asking about how I was, my mother and what I thought about the birds! I will always cherish that and I hope you know I love you and I will miss you especially my Sunday text!

My deepest condolences to Jerry and the rest of the family.

*Sincerely
Michael Vaughn*

Michael Vaughn - November 12, 2024 at 10:07 AM

DS

“ Diane Stafford lit a candle in memory of Eileen M. Phillips-Puma



Diane Stafford - November 12, 2024 at 06:31 AM

CL

Thinking of Eileen's contagious and joyful spirit. Sending condolences and prayers of comfort to Jerry and family.

Courtney Rains Loo - November 12, 2024 at 09:37 AM

BL

“ dear Eileen you were about 15 when you were relocated to Dolores and Richie's. you went to Sharon Hill HS. it must have.been difficult. you were a good neighbor to our 3 little children. our condolences to brothers and Puma Siblings and Jerry. The Labroli Family

bob and nancy labroli - November 11, 2024 at 07:30 PM