



## Kara Ann Mazzoni Eirdosh

June 20, 1974 - December 20, 2025

Kara Ann Mazzoni Eirdosh, 51, of Philadelphia, PA, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2025. Kara was the heart and soul of her family, and lived a life defined by compassion, loyalty, and selflessness.

Kara was born on June 20, 1974, in Wynnewood, PA to James and Nancy Mazzoni (nee O'Neill). Kara is survived by her loving son, Jackson, and her beloved husband, Ian; her mother and father, James and Nancy; her brothers, Michael (Tamara) and Matthew (Maryellen), as well as her nieces and nephews, Mila, Emma, Justin and Luke and her dear, lifelong friend Colleen Hutchinson, and her caring Godmother, Sue Carter.

Kara grew up in Devon, PA, and, after graduating from the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, she went on to graduate from the University of Dayton.

It was Kara's nature to put others before herself. After college she started a job at Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) that became a lifelong career, one that catered to her values and strengths—caring for others in need. Over two decades as a service coordinator, Kara had a gift for advocating expertly and tirelessly for the many people in her care who loved and depended on her. Her dedication was inspiring. She also gained lasting personal friendships.

In 2004, Kara met Ian Eirdosh. They married on November 1, 2008. Kara was a dedicated and loyal wife to her husband. They found a home on Stillman Street in Fairmount and greatly enjoyed their city life and community. Together they experienced the joy of becoming parents in 2011 when Jackson was born. Kara loved building their home life and family with Ian, happily raising Jackson there.

Jackson was Kara's absolute greatest pride and joy. She was a deeply engaged and committed mother. She taught Jackson values and the importance of kindness. Kara devoted herself to ensuring that Jackson experienced the best opportunities available to him in their little spot in the city, whether it be sports camps, rowing, time with friends, sporting the best costumes and gear and, most importantly, sending Jackson to Saint Francis Xavier School from Pre-K through 8th grade. Kara would be so proud to see Jackson graduate from St. Francis and move on to attend La Salle College High School as a freshman next fall.

Kara's extended family has so many memories to cherish over the years, and this included happy holidays, summer vacations in Ocean City, and winters skiing in the Poconos, all with her brothers and close friends and fun trips to see her Florida cousins.

More recently, Kara, Ian and Jackson spent summer vacation weeks in Vermont at Lake Catherine, relaxing on the water with Ian's parents and Jackson's grandparents, John and Rosanna, and the Eirdosh family and friends. They enjoyed fishing, boating, games, summer reading and endless jumping off the pier.

Kara was a proud mother, a loyal wife, loving daughter, and supportive sister and friend, and her spirit and humor were at the heart of every gathering. Known for her joyous laugh and beautiful smile, Kara approached life with

adventure, but also with compassion and calm. As a friend, Kara was a pillar of support. As a family member, Kara was her Dad's shining light, a devoted daughter who loved and spoke often of both of her parents, Jim and Nancy. Kara was lucky to have a mother who was also her best friend, and two grandmothers to welcome her.

Kara's legacy lives on in her son Jackson, and in the many lives she touched personally and professionally. Kara loved much and was much loved in return. Our loving memories of Kara are ours forever.

A funeral mass will be held at Saint Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, 2319 Green Street, Philadelphia, PA on Friday, January 30. There will be a visitation time from 9:30-11 and mass at 11. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Kara's life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Kara's memory to St. Francis Xavier School, 24th & Wallace St., Philadelphia, PA 19130.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sanober McNellis sent a virtual gift in memory of Kara Ann Mazzoni Eirdosh*



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**Sanober McNellis** - January 30 at 09:42 AM



*So sorry we are not able to attend today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Sanober McNellis** - January 30 at 09:43 AM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to Ian, Jackson, and the rest of Kara's family. Kara was an amazing soul. She had a good heart and was a loving and caring person. She was always ready to help others. She was taken much too soon and she will be missed by all who loved her. Ian and Jackson, I know that each day will be hard, and for now, when you think of her, a tear will come to your eye. But hopefully, one day soon, when your thoughts go to your wife and mother, a smile will come instead. You will remember the good times and all the love she gave to you. My wish for you is that day comes sooner rather than later. Know that she is always with you, and looking down and helping to guide you along your path. Her love will always be with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love, Keith and Sanober McNellis*

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**Sanober McNellis** - January 30 at 09:38 AM

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“ *Our most sincere condolences to Ian and Jackson and all who loved Kara. We have fond memories of our visits to Lake St. Katherine when the Eirdosh family was there.  
We trust Kara is resting in peace and that her family finds peace and comfort in their memories of Kara.*

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**Claire Sullivan** - January 23 at 06:33 PM