



Elizabeth A McKinney

August 23, 1958 - August 16, 2025

Elizabeth A. McKinney passed away Saturday (August 16, 2025) at her sister Kathy's home in Momence, IL.

She was born August 23, 1958, in Hazel Crest, IL to Edgar and Garneta C. Brands Ralston.

She married Steve E. McKinney on January 1, 2007, at Zion Lutheran Church, Beecher.

Liz worked at Algonquin School in Park Forest, as a Health Assistant to the School Nurse.

She had many friends there and loved taking care of the little ones. She also worked for IGOR corporation with the Illinois Lottery. She made friends easily and was liked by many people she worked with. She sang in the Choir for Zion Lutheran Church (Peace). She was a member of the Church Growth Committee.

She loved eating out with her grief group and with her friends from Faith, Hope and Beauty.

She went to Florida whenever she could, she dearly loved her son, Daughter-in-law and her Grandchildren. She was happiest when she was with them. Loved watching their sports games and playing Minions with them. She loved to play Scrabble with Mom, Aunt Leona and other family members.

She is survived by a son, Scott Tosi (Amanda), grandchildren, Aidan Tanner, Nolan Wyatt, and Scarlett Alexa Tosi of St. Johns Florida, and a Former husband Carl Tosi of North Carolina. Brother, David (Gina) Ralston, Momence, IL; Sisters Kathryn (the late Eddie) Scalise, and Susanne Ralston. Nephews, DJ and Philip (Kaylee) Speese, and Shannon Speese. Her special puppy Pebbles. Many cousins and great nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve (7-26-13); her parents Edgar and Garneta Ralston.

Visitation will be at Peace Lutheran Church Beecher, IL on August 23, 2025, from 9AM to 11AM in the church.

Funeral Services to follow at 11AM, August 23, 2025, at Peace Lutheran Church.

Memorials to be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

St John Cemetery Eagle Lake

28054 S Yates Ave
Beecher, IL 60401

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran (Beecher Campus)
540 Oak Park Ave
Beecher, IL 60401 (IL)

Memorial Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran (Beecher Campus)
540 Oak Park Ave
Beecher, IL 60401 (IL)

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Liz was a beautiful person inside and out. It was an honor to work with her. We laughed, sometimes danced in our office space. She loved when i played praise and worship music. She would yell from her office to turn it up. Liz was also an encourager, she always encouraged me, she told me i should write a book, or i should be a preacher because she liked the way i wrote my emails. She always told me i was creative and requested a sweatshirt with the word “Godifdence” because her confidence was in God. She spoke often about her family and church. She loved them dearly. She was truly a gem and will be greatly missed. Love you Liz, rest in heaven.

Carenda Laxy - August 23, 2025 at 01:12 PM

KS

Thank you. She missed not being able to start school this year. I can see why. I would've wanted to be there too.

Kathryn L Scalise - August 26, 2025 at 09:23 PM

AF

“ Algonquin Prek Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth A McKinney.

Algonquin Prek Family - August 22, 2025 at 08:53 AM

AF

“ Algonquin Prek Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth A McKinney.



Algonquin Prek Family - August 22, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ I worked with Elizabeth for several years at the schools in Park Forest. She was a sweet and lovely person. She loved her job and the students. She will be missed by many. Fly high Elizabeth!

Kathleen McBride - August 20, 2025 at 11:30 AM



Thank you

Kathryn L Scalise - August 20, 2025 at 06:52 PM



Thank you. She spoke often of her "family" at school.

Kathryn L Scalise - August 26, 2025 at 09:24 PM



“ Ken and Julie Kidwell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elizabeth A McKinney.

Ken and Julie Kidwell - August 20, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ So sorry, Liz and family lived next to as Children and my daughters. Always pleasant and in passing we enjoyed a good visit In my thoughts and many great ones to remember her with.

Cheryl Hartill - August 19, 2025 at 05:32 PM



Thank you

Kathryn L Scalise - August 20, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth A McKinney.

August 19, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth A McKinney.



August 19, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ Kathy, Suzanne, David and families
Our deep sympathy to all of you. God give you comfort as you grieve. You are in our prayers.

Neil & Ruth (Bernhard) Herzog - August 18, 2025 at 09:14 PM



Thank you

Kathryn L Scalise - August 20, 2025 at 06:36 AM



“ Martin and Janice Brands' Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth A McKinney.

Martin and Janice Brands' Family - August 18, 2025 at 08:29 PM

MF

“ *Martin and Janice Brands' Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elizabeth A McKinney.*



Martin and Janice Brands' Family - August 18, 2025 at 08:29 PM

LS

“ *Liz you were a good and kind soul...I'm better for knowing you. Fly on sweet angel!*❤️

Laurie Summers - August 18, 2025 at 07:51 PM

KS

Thank you

Kathryn L Scalise - August 20, 2025 at 06:37 AM

KS

Sorry for the loss of your Aunt Bonnie.

Kathryn L Scalise - August 20, 2025 at 06:54 PM

LS

“ *Laurie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth A McKinney.*

Laurie S. - August 18, 2025 at 07:48 PM

SK

“ Elizabeth will be deeply missed. She brought an inquisitive spirit and a true passion for learning to everything she did. Her curiosity pushed those around her, and her dedication made a lasting impact on our team. Beyond her professional contributions, Elizabeth’s warmth, kindness, and genuine interest in others enriched the district and created connections that will not be forgotten. Rest in peace. I will miss working with you.

Susan Klimczak - August 18, 2025 at 11:09 AM

KS

Thank you.

Kathryn L Scalise - August 18, 2025 at 06:19 PM

LO

“ Rip Liz.you fought long and hard.

Lorie baker

Lorie - August 17, 2025 at 07:26 PM

KS

Thank you!

Kathryn L Scalise - August 17, 2025 at 09:42 PM

RJ

“ Liz will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers to all of her family.

RaeAnn James - August 17, 2025 at 06:08 PM

KS

Thank you

Kathryn L Scalise - August 20, 2025 at 06:38 AM