



Ellen A. Fitzgerald

May 15, 1952 - October 31, 2025

Albany-Ellen A. (Radigan) Fitzgerald, 73, passed away Friday, October 31, 2025 surrounded by her loving family. Her passing comes following a brief illness, which she fought bravely and with positivity.

Ellen was born on May 15, 1952 at Brady Hospital in Albany, New York to loving parents, Nora and Frank Radigan. She was welcomed by her proud older brother, Billy, and later joined by five younger siblings, Cathy, Tricia, Frankie, Annie, and Margie. They lived happily together on Benson Street for many years. As a child, Ellen attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, where she met Connie Campbell, who quickly became her best friend and remained so throughout her life.

After graduating from Vincentian Institute in 1970, Ellen began a career with New York State, where she made many friends and met many interesting people. She spent most of her career working in the Office of Disaster Preparedness at the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. In 2013, she retired from the State Emergency Management Office as a Computer Analyst. In her retirement she continued to work part-time for the State Emergency Management Office as a Disaster Assistance Representative.

Ellen was the proud mother of three children, Bob, Michelle, and Rick

Fitzgerald. She loved her children deeply and did everything she could to show them that they were loved and to make their lives better. Ellen's most cherished role was as a grandmother to Michael and Nicholas Tropiano. Her grandsons were the lights of her life and she loved them beyond measure. Nothing made Ellen happier than spoiling her children and grandchildren at Christmas.

Ellen loved peanut butter toast, PBS, a cool breeze, and the sun on her face. She made an incredible cheesecake and had strong opinions about how to load a dishwasher. She will be remembered fondly and with tremendous love.

Ellen was predeceased by her parents, Nora and Frank Radigan; her son, Rick Fitzgerald; her brother, Frank Radigan; and her sister-in-law, Colleen Radigan. She is survived by her children, Bob and Michelle Fitzgerald; her grandsons, Michael and Nicholas Tropiano; her siblings, Billy (Judy) Radigan, Cathy (George) Vigars, Tricia (Dave) Shafer, Anne Radigan, and Margaret (Kevin VanNess) Radigan; her goddaughter, Katie Vigars, and her loyal canine companions, Nugget and Louie. Many nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ellen's family on Friday, November 7, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Her Funeral Mass will be Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave (Rev John Bradley Way), Albany, NY 12207.

Rite of Committal will follow immediately after at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY..

Contributions in Ellen's memory may be made to WMHT at wmht.org/contribute.

To leave a message for the family or view other helpful services please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral Mass

NOV 8. 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave
Albany, NY 12206-1920
(518) 482-3375

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellen A. Fitzgerald*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - November 07, 2025 at 10:41 AM



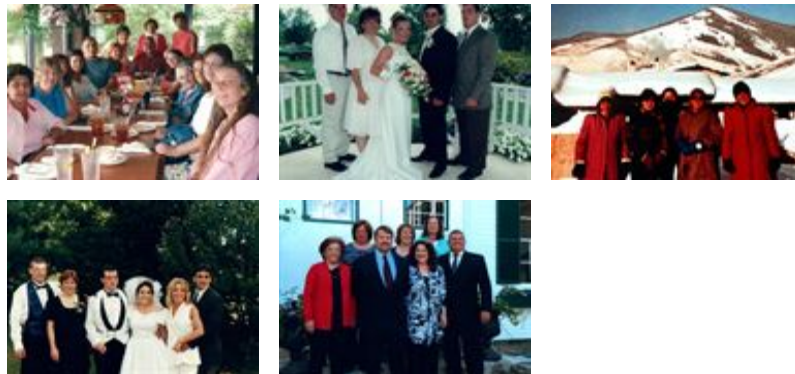
“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen A. Fitzgerald.*



November 07, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ *71 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - November 06, 2025 at 04:36 PM

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“ Dear Annie and family, I am so very sorry for your loss of sister, Ellen. The loss of a sibling is truly a difficult one. May your precious memories bring some comfort and may Ellen rest in peace. Love n prayers, Donna

Donna parker - November 05, 2025 at 11:20 PM

SR

“ Dear Cathy,
So sorry to learn of your sister's passing. Sending you positive thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Cherish the memories and hold them close.
Sincerely,
Sheila Rittmann

Sheila Rittmann - November 05, 2025 at 07:33 PM

JS

“ Cathy, George and family
I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your sister, may she rest in peace, God Bless

Joan, Bill Sandwick - November 05, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellen A. Fitzgerald.



November 04, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Your O’Connell Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen A. Fitzgerald.*

Your O’Connell Cousins - November 04, 2025 at 02:03 PM