



## Ellen Margaret Hedderman

February 3, 1966 - November 1, 2024

Albany, NY-On November 1, 2024, Ellen Margaret Hedderman passed away at Albany Medical Center after a brief illness.

Ellen was born at Brady Hospital in Albany on February 3, 1966. She was the youngest of five children of the late Robert J. and Eleanor (Lyons) Hedderman, Sr.

Ellen attended Slingerlands Elementary School, Bethlehem Middle School and graduated from Bethlehem High School. She earned an Associate in Arts degree from Maria College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications, Magna Cum Laude, from The College of St. Rose. She was a lifelong member of the Parish of Mater Christi (formerly St. Catherine of Siena) in Albany.

Ellen's life revolved around baseball. For her, the four seasons of every year were not spring, summer, fall, winter, but Spring Training, Regular Season, Post-Season and then "The Void," that gray, dismal period of the year between the last game of the World Series and the day in January when pitchers and catchers reported for Spring Training. During The Void, she followed (but did not live and die with) the New England Patriots and the Boston Bruins. You were a lucky person if you were on her mailing list to receive one of her homemade "Opening Day" of baseball season cards, often personalized with images of your favorite baseball team and usually

accompanied with an inspirational baseball quote or a little nugget of baseball history.

Ellen was a student of the game and had extensive knowledge of all baseball teams. She was devoted to the Boston Red Sox. Her apartment, affectionately referred to as “The Gnome Palace,” was decorated to the max with Red Sox items and memorabilia. She made many trips to her “holy shrines” of The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum at Cooperstown, and Fenway Park. She was privileged to meet a few Red Sox greats over the years. On one such trip, her brother Jim and friend John Kearney arranged a surprise meeting with her idol, the great right fielder, #24, Dwight “Dewey” Evans, which rendered her speechless – a rare occurrence -- for roughly 10 seconds.

She loved her family and friends, and showed it by never forgetting a birthday, anniversary or other important occasion, and by always staying in touch. She loved her canine and feline “nieces and nephews.” She loved sending long, emoji-filled texts. She loved parties and family gatherings, any occasion for bantering, arguing and laughing, especially if the topics included baseball and family lore. She hated leaving parties and family gatherings, ...and the New York Yankees (although she had grudging respect for certain of their players, especially Derek Jeter).

In addition to her parents, Ellen was predeceased by her uncles, John Lyons and John Hedderman and her aunts Mary Hedderman and Jane Hedderman. She is survived by her siblings, Dr. Robert J. Hedderman, Jr., his wife Linda and their children Greg (Eve), Brittany (Nick), and Erin (Mark); Dr. Ann Hedderman; Thomas Hedderman and his wife Jennifer and their children Ciarán and Nóra; and James Hedderman and his wife Kathleen. She is also survived by her great-nieces Dylan and Raegan Giordano; her uncle Richard Hedderman, Sr., his wife (Aunt) Caryl and his family; her aunt Alice Lyons; and many beloved cousins and friends.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Albany Medical Center for their kind care during Ellen's last illness. They wish to thank Dr. Gloria Guptill and the staff at Community Care Physicians in Delmar, Dr. David Palat, all of the personal care assistants who helped Ellen live a full and independent life, especially Kimberley Cozzy, and wish to thank all her many friends who so enriched her life.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ellen's family Wednesday, November 6, 2024 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 11:30 am at Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208 where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass. To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Jimmy Fund ([jimmyfund.org](http://jimmyfund.org)), the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation ([oif.org](http://oif.org)), Mohawk Hudson Humane Society ([mohawkhumane.org](http://mohawkhumane.org)) or the Food Pantries For the Capital District ([thefoodpantries.org](http://thefoodpantries.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

NOV 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Dear Heddermans, so sorry to hear that you lost Ellen. She seemed like a force to be reckoned with! The Browns New Scotland Rd.

Linda Brown - November 08, 2024 at 11:46 AM

DG

“ Bob, Linda, and family,  
We want to send our condolences to you. We are very sorry for your loss. It sounds like she lived an interesting life with her love of baseball. May the happy memories of your sister continue.  
Debbie and Ken Gall

Debbie and Ken Gall - November 07, 2024 at 02:10 PM

ME

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Hedderman Family!! I have fond memories of Mr & Mrs Hedderman, Bob & Linda, and Tom during my BCHS years in the early 70's. This past year, I've gotten reconnected with Bob and 4 other '73 Brothers ... we're catching up on 50+ years ... and now this includes the special life of Ellen!! All the best ... Fly Eagles Fly!! 🦅

Mike & Sue Eyre

Mike & Sue Eyre - November 07, 2024 at 06:45 AM

MR

“ Dear Ann, I am so sorry for the loss of your sister. I never met Ellen but I feel that I knew her as you always spoke of her. I hope and pray that the loving memories of Ellen give your strenght and comfort during this time of sadness. My deepest sympathy to all of you. Maria Teresa

Maria Teresa Rizzo - November 06, 2024 at 09:56 PM



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

November 06, 2024 at 09:41 PM



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November 06, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ It's hard to believe that our dynamic, funny, whip-smart Ellen is no longer with us. I have so many memories of her from the many Ruslander/Hedderman family gatherings we had over the years, and she will be greatly missed. Sending so much love your way.

**Molly Hummel (née Ruslander)** - November 06, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ Bob, Linda and family, Our sincerest sympathy for your loss of Ellen. We hope that in time, you will be comforted by the memories of her presence in your life. May she Rest In Eternal Peace. Debbie & Jim



**Debra L. Elsner** - November 05, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ Biggest Red Sox fan I've known, besides my parents. Rest in peace Ellen. GO SOX!!!

**Rich Devine** - November 05, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Margaret Hedderman.



November 05, 2024 at 04:26 PM



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

November 05, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ I knew Ellen in her younger years growing up. Our families shared several Thanksgiving's and other holidays given our close relationship due to BCHS sports. She & I always had interesting discussions on a variety of topics. I hadn't seen Ellen since I left Delmar in the earlier '70's. I did catchup with her oldest brother, Bob, at our 50th HS reunion, a year ago, where I inquired about her and he told me she was living on her own and doing well. I was so happy to hear that she had done so well and was living full and happy life. My thoughts and prayers are with the family as I remember Ellen as “a real pistol”!

**Ric Bailey** - November 05, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Margaret Hedderman.



November 05, 2024 at 09:30 AM

MA

“ To the Hedderman Family, No trip to Delmar would be complete for us without a visit to “The Gnome Palace” to get caught up on all things Red Sox while Ellen would ask for updates on our kids, who were always part of those wonderful visits in years past. We're so very sorry for your loss, we will miss Ellen but will always remember her with much love.  
Joanne & Greg

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**Manions** - November 04, 2024 at 06:57 PM

BL

“ Our hearts are broken for the Hedderman family. Ellen may have been tiny but oh so mighty. And losing her is a void that cannot be filled. We will miss her beyond measure. We share your grief and send our love to you all.  
Betsy and Louie

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**Betsy and Louie** - November 04, 2024 at 04:55 PM

BR

“ To all the Heddermans - you know how much I love you all. Ellen was a "dynamo," a "pistol," a "fireball," pick your favorite word! Actually, she was all of those and so much more. I loved her more than I can say and will miss all that she was (and of course, her signature celebration cards for every occasion). You now have the parts of my mind and heart that were hers.

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**Barbara Ruslander** - November 04, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen Margaret Hedderman.*



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November 04, 2024 at 12:43 PM



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