



## Erin Marie McGarvey

October 10, 1970 - April 8, 2020

Erin Marie McGarvey, 49, of Bloomington passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital after a brief illness. She was born on October 10, 1970 in Bloomington, Indiana the daughter of Richard L. and Donna Su (Kidwell) McGarvey. Erin was a 1989 graduate of Bloomington South High School and a 1993 graduate from the School of Public & Environmental Affairs at Indiana University with a degree in Health Administration.

Erin worked for IU Health Bloomington Hospital for 25 years as an enrollment consultant.

She was a member of the St. Paul Catholic Church in Bloomington, and Habitat for Humanity. Her “FamDamily” meant everything to her. She enjoyed many activities as long as they involved being with family and friends, including traveling, Saturday mornings at the farmers market, euchre, tennis, softball, and golf. She was an advocate for many philanthropic organizations. It is not surprising to those that knew her that the nurses shared her strongest organ to the end was her heart. She was full of love, and was especially proud of her role as daughter, aunt, great aunt, niece, and sister, or just “friend”.

Erin is survived by her parents, Richard & Donna McGarvey of Bloomington; her sister, Maura (Kevin) Frazier of Greenwood; her brother, Rick (Jamie) McGarvey of Bloomington; her seven nieces and nephews, Kendall (Andrea) Frazier, Austin Frazier, Allison (Pete Andersen) Frazier, Brice McGarvey, Anne Marie McGarvey, Nathan Williams and Evan Williams; and her great nephew,

Matthew Apollo Frazier; and her life-long friends the Schuetz family; and many cousins. She is preceded in death by her grandparents and aunt Marlys Ketchum, and uncle Roger Kidwell.

One of Erin's favorite sayings was "We are blessed". She believed that we all have many things to be thankful for on this earth, most importantly each other. She would want all of us to celebrate her life by recalling a moment of joy or happiness that each of us were blessed to have shared with her.

A private graveside service for the family will be held at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Cremation Rites have been accorded. A public celebration of life is being planned on the weekend of her 50th birthday in October with more details to come.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Erin requests donations be made to either of the following memorials:

1. The IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs for a scholarship in her memory. You may donate online at <https://www.myiou.org/one-time-gift>.

Once on the page, please refer to the following instructions for giving:

- a. Type in "In memory of Erin McGarvey" in the bottom box (Write in gift area)
- b. - Directly below Click "+ Add write in gift"
- c. - Hit "Next" button
- d. - Type in Donation amount and add "Erin McGarvey" in box for "Gift in memory of"

The donor does not need to include the information about next of kin.

- e. - Hit "Review" button and then follow the additional instructions

If donating by check, please make memorial gifts payable to IU Foundation and mail to O'Neill SPEA, 1315 E 10th Street, Suite 310, Bloomington, IN 47405. For either donation method, please indicate "In memory of Erin McGarvey" on your gift.

2. Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, Erin McGarvey Memorial Fund, online at the following link: <https://give.classy.org/HonorsandMemorials>.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

EC

“ Dear Friends and Family of Erin,  
I am not sure if I got to know of Erin in Binford, Batchelor, but certainly by South from 1985 to 1989. I have no outstanding memories of her in my head, which actually means my general memory of her was a calm, smiling, kind young lady, and a person of quality. I know I knew many of her friends and teachers that cared for her and enjoyed her presence. I know she was a good influence on me and others.

Our high school forum just populated the news of her passing; I am very sorry to learn of your loss and the loss of her in our world. I was raised in Bloomington to have faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; I know that she is a choice soul that will be a bright star in His Kingdom. May we all emulate the Master and join her in the heavens with God. Or, we shall see each other again in the great Resurrection here on Earth. Either way, we were blessed by our Father in Heaven to have been here and known the sweetness of life and love and beauty, exemplified by people like her. It is evident that you as a family and parents are good through your daughter, sister and friend.

God bless you and God blessed us through Erin.

God is Good. Time passes in mysterious ways. Thankful to have known her.

Sincerely,

Ed,

Class of '89

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Edward Clinch - November 05, 2021 at 04:42 PM

AS

“ *The Schulz Family sends our deepest condolences to the McGarvey family. I will never forget how welcoming and thoughtful Erin was. She never let you leave without having you know that you are loved and cared for, especially by her. From wedding dress shopping with Alli to running into her at the farmer's market, she was a constant bright light and made every get together, however brief, an unforgettable memory. All the love to the McGarvey family.*

*Love the Schulz Family.*

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**Abbey Schulz** - June 11, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Erin Marie McGarvey.*



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May 04, 2020 at 04:20 PM

DA

“ *Dear Dick and Donna, I send my most heartfelt condolences to you and your entire family at the news of Erin's passing. She was such a good friend to me during our early college years and I will never forget her positive impact on my life, or the wonderful hugs from both of you every time I visited your loving home. Sending all my love to you in these tough and tender times. Please know that Erin lives on in all of us that she touched with her kindness and joy. God Bless you all.*

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**Darci** - April 24, 2020 at 07:57 PM

ML

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I was a classmate of Erin's from South and although I did not know her well, she was one of the genuinely kindest girls I remember from high school. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing.

*Melissa Leer*

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**Melissa Leer** - April 17, 2020 at 11:30 AM

LF

“ Dear McGarvey Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your special daughter, Erin. Your family is very dear to me and her loss saddens me. I first met Erin when Brice and Anne Marie were my first grade students at Arlington Elementary. Your entire family was so supportive of all our activities! Our paths met again years later when Erin and my daughter played tennis together at South. In recent years we connected at Kroger's. Her warm smile was always so welcome. I teased her and Donna that after all the family adventures I read about, I wanted to be part of the family. Erin was a lovely young woman who had a gift for giving. My prayers are for your strength and comfort.

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**Linda Forshee** - April 16, 2020 at 05:13 PM

FV

“ Dear Dick, Donna and family. We were so shocked and saddened to get a phone call from our son that Erin is now in the presence of the Lord. No amount of words can ease the pain you all feel. It is said that "time heals all wounds" . But anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one knows this is only partially true. As time passes, the sorrow pains may wan but not totally disappear. But fortunately, so too the happy memories in your heart will also remain and give some comfort.

*I truly remember Erin as one of my favorite students. She always brought a joy and smile into the classroom. I know she will be missed by friends and colleagues.*

*Frank and Gayle Vilardo (Boynton Beach, Fl.)*

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**Frank Vilardo** - April 16, 2020 at 11:35 AM

JP

“ Dear Dick, Donna and family,  
Wendy and I were deeply saddened to get this news when we opened last week's HT. Erin was one of my first undergraduate students at SPEA after we arrived in Bloomington in 1985. She was a joy in class, always upbeat, carrying a big smile and a positive outlook on life. We saw one another from time to time over the years. I loved getting reports from her about her job and other activities.

*We will be remembering Erin and the whole McGarvey family in our prayers in the coming days. We know she is now sharing the joy of the resurrection with Christ in his heavenly kingdom.*

*Jim and Wendy Perry*

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**James Perry** - April 16, 2020 at 10:43 AM

SH

“ Rick and family saddened to read of Erin's passing, I pray that the Lord will place His Healing and Soothing hands upon you and family.

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**susie hamilton** - April 16, 2020 at 08:57 AM

CL

“ Dear McGarvey Family.  
We are so sorry to hear about Erin- we all lost someone very special and she will be deeply missed by so many. Erin had a big heart, and she made everyone feel special. We had some great times together at HFH Women's Build events, BHSS tennis matches, and catching up when I would stop in to see my mom at work. One of the last things Erin did was make a sign and held it up outside my mom's condo window to let my mom know Erin was thinking of her while working from home. In her last days, she was thinking of others and how to make them smile. I am so thankful that my mom had a wonderful friend and colleague in Erin to help make some of the toughest and difficult days more manageable.

We are holding every McGarvey family member in our thoughts and prayers.

We now have two special angels watching over us.

With love and hugs,  
Jim and Catherine Laughlin, and Sophia Puzzello

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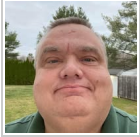
**Catherine Laughlin** - April 15, 2020 at 11:11 PM

JO

“ We went to church with Erin at St. John and I knew her from IU Health. What a great person with a warm smile and big heart. God Bless the family at this time. Jeff and Sue Owens

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**Jeff Owens** - April 15, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ *I graduated with Erin at Bloomington South. Her smile could light up a room and her kind heart and kind words would be a joy to anyone that was having a bad day. My prayers goes out to Erin’s family.*

*Rest In Heaven Erin*

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**Phil Hedrick** - April 15, 2020 at 01:06 PM

JB

“ *Dear McGarveys All: I send my deepest sympathy to your family in the loss of Erin. losing a lovely child at such a young age must be among life’s toughest blows. You have my prayers and blessings.*  
*JoAnn Beggs*

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**JoAnn Beggs** - April 15, 2020 at 08:50 AM

DW

“ *We know the McGarvey family from church, but I best got to know Erin from softball. We played several years in a fun church league where Erin was a star shortstop and also a positive personality. Please accept my deepest condolences.*

*Deborah Wessel*

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**Deborah Wessel** - April 15, 2020 at 07:59 AM

MV

*Dear Donna and Dick,  
Erin touched many hearts in her short time with us. Her smile and positivity will never be forgotten. My heart aches for you and your family. God bless. MaryAnn Valenta*

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**MaryAnn Valenta** - April 18, 2020 at 02:35 PM

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“ I worked and played softball with Erin. She always had a smile on her face, nice words to say and a hug if you needed it. We are blessed to have had you as part of our lives Erin.

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**Sara Meyers (Toon)** - April 14, 2020 at 08:16 PM

WT

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Please accept our condolences.  
Pat and Tom Thummel

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**Wayne Thummel** - April 14, 2020 at 05:41 PM

PW

“ Both of our families are so saddened to hear of Erin's death. She was an amazing young woman with an energy and enthusiasm in everything she supported .... even those early Habitat breakfasts. Erin stayed in touch with so many friends from the high school years, Chris Williams in Colorado and Susan Coleman here in Bloomington are just a few of her many friends who are so saddened by our loss.  
Our thoughts and prayers to the wonderful Mc Garvey family.  
Pat Williams and Tom Coleman

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**pat williams** - April 14, 2020 at 03:05 PM

LH

“ Dick and Donna, I am so very sorry to learn of Erin's passing. I pray that God give you both comfort and strength and be with you through this sad time.

*Laura Jean Hollingshead*

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**Laura Jean Hollingshead** - April 14, 2020 at 02:55 PM

ML

“ Thoughts and prayers to the remarkable McGarvey family. Michael and Sherri Lewis (Highland Village -> Tampa, Fl).

Mike Lewis - April 14, 2020 at 02:53 PM

JU

“ Erin was a light and gift to so many. Our family was blessed with Erin as a dear and caring friend. So many memories come to mind that I could share but one in particular was when Aiken was born. There were many issues and struggles when he came into the world and needless to say our family was struggling. Erin was with us the entire way during that time. She was there to help with the older kids, provide food if needed, take me to doctors appointments, provide a shoulder to cry on and SO, SO much more!! There will NEVER be another like her. I know that she is in heaven now watching over all those that she loved! I will miss her more than words can say. To the sweet McGarvey family, our entire family is sending love, hugs and many prayers to you all! We pray for you all daily. Please know that Erin was a gift from God, taken from us way to soon but that she will NEVER be forgotten! All our love,  
The Urbanski Family

Jennifer Urbanski - April 14, 2020 at 02:29 PM

JM

“ Erin played Varsity tennis with my daughter for BHSS and she was always a fun and positive help for the team. I so well recall her happy smile and enjoyed having her “hang” out at our house. In these last years, I have so enjoyed her happy Facebook postings. She will be missed by many and my prayers and sympathy are with her family.  
May Erin, Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory...  
Jan Harnett Mordarski

jan Harnett Mordarski - April 14, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Erin Marie McGarvey.*



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April 13, 2020 at 11:51 PM



“ *I am so very sorry you've lost this wonderful girl. I was always so happy to run into her at reunions or town events and bask in the energy and light she exuded. I hope it is a comfort for you to know how much she was loved by everyone touched by her gifts and her genuinely caring personality. I know her friends adored her and both Roy and I loved that she was Sara's friend for decades. Thank you for bringing Erin into our world for the brief time she was given. My deepest condolences to all the McGarveys. May her memory be a blessing to you in all for the years to come. Rest In Peace, darling Erin.*

*Carla Gardner*

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**carla Gardner** - April 13, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ *I will certainly miss the back and forth around her calling me "Aunt Ron".*

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**Ron Ketchum** - April 13, 2020 at 03:13 PM

RE

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. McGarvey & Family - I was so shocked and saddened to learn of Erin's passing. I remember her from years ago having been raised attending St. John. We were not in the same grade, but I remember Erin. She always had a kind smile on her face and years later when I ran into her she remembered me. My parents are Oliver & Carole Feschyn. My dad is now 92. He too remembered Erin and her sweet demeanor. My brother, Paul who told me he's was Rick's age, also expresses his sympathy. My entire family is deeply sorry for your loss. May our Lord bless and comfort your family during this time of grief.

Sincerely,

Rosanne (Feschyn) Emerick and my dad, Oliver Feschyn

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**Rosanne Emerick** - April 13, 2020 at 12:48 PM

CS

“ Erin lived with a spirit of joy! I am deeply saddened to learn of this great loss. I will always remember Erin's warmth and authenticity. We ARE blessed to have known Erin.

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**Claire Schaffer** - April 13, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Kelly Martin lit a candle in memory of Erin Marie McGarvey



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**Kelly Martin** - April 13, 2020 at 12:14 PM