



## Eileen Christoffers

August 29, 1968 - January 29, 2024

Eileen Marie Christoffers (55) of Onsted, Michigan was tragically taken from us on the morning of January 29, 2024 after she said goodbye to her husband and began her routine drive into work. She never arrived, and our lives will never be the same.

Eileen was born in Lancaster, Ohio on August 29, 1968, to Raymond G. "Jerry" and Kathleen (Coleman) Colopy. She married the love of her life, Jeff Christoffers, on June 2, 1992, and as she has left this world before him, his heart is broken. She and Jeff had two wonderful boys, Scott and Matt. And while she found such joy in watching them begin their own journeys in love and marriage, "her real pursuit" was to be a grandmother. She claimed that her 30 years of teaching was simply to bolster her resume' so the boys would let her babysit once she retired. Sadly, she had yet to reach that chapter in her life. As her loved ones, it's our job now.

She left behind her husband Jeff, her children Scott (Kaylynn) Christoffers, and Matt Christoffers (Taylor), her mother, Kathleen (Coleman) Colopy; and her siblings, Maureen Secrist (Mark), Katie Naveau (Mike), Steve Colopy (Tara) and Elizabeth (Brian) Moore and so many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Margaret-Mary "Meg" Seipel, her father, Jerry Colopy and grandparents, Clarence and Bernardine Colopy and Clarence and Margaret Coleman.

Eileen started her adult life by graduating from Ohio University in 1991 with her degree in Early Childhood Education, eventually earning Master's and

Specialist degrees in the field.

For over 30 years Eileen served others, touching the lives of countless Sylvania and Rossford children and their families, not to mention the lives of her loving coworkers. She LIVED for her students and her patience and warmth made her a beloved teacher and member of the educational community. Every student who walked into her classroom benefitted from the solid footing that she provided as they moved forward on their educational journey. Former students and their parents called her a kind soul and the good that she instilled in those students will be one legacy of her life's work.

Complicated enough is the world of education. Once home, Eileen reduced happiness to the most rudimentary of simplicities: Mud Pie Mojo at ColdStone; Tuesday date night filled with mall food and a movie; Lee Child and Nicholas Sparks novels; Wheel of Fortune; a dock, a lake and some Moscata; a pontoon and a sunset; and of course, daydreaming about the grandchildren she will now never bounce on her lap. So many of us can learn so much from her approach to just about everything.

Eileen was our Switzerland...Love doesn't take sides, and while it is often hard to be kind in this world without offending someone, she did it. She had no agenda and held no grudges. It is a special person who is able to keep such a positive outlook in a world that can seem unkind, but she did. She was like the sun shining on a late spring day. She had a warmth that brought a smile to your face and made you feel relaxed and content to just be in her presence. Her beautiful soul brought a brightness to the world that will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

There will be a Visitation on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 11-5pm at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd, Toledo Ohio with a brief prayer service at 1 pm. In Lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution In Memory of Eileen Christoffers to The Cleveland Clinic at <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/giving> - please choose cancer research from the drop down menu.

Please view and sign the online guest registry at [coylefuneralhome.com](http://coylefuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Memorial Service

FEB 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

# Tribute Wall

HD

“ Jeff... I am so very sorry for your loss. May Eileen's memory be a blessing.

*Hope Davis*

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**Hope Davis** - February 05, 2024 at 05:51 PM

JA

“ My heart goes out to Jeff and the boys and to all who worked with Eileen. I too had the pleasure of working with her. She was an amazing teacher! Her gentle and patient way with students was a beautiful example of how she lived her life. Always caring, always positive! She was taken too soon. I wish peace to all who are grieving. Keep her memory alive in your hearts and know that she will be with you in spirit. My deepest sympathies, Joyce Almester



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**Joyce Almester** - February 03, 2024 at 11:19 AM

HJ

“ Dear Jeff and family,  
Please accept my sincere sympathy in this unimaginable loss. As a teacher myself, I think your wife sounds like someone I would have considered a friend. Sending my condolences from Kagawong.  
*Heather (McShane) Jefkins*

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**Heather Jefkins** - February 03, 2024 at 09:23 AM

EB

“ I met Eileen when she came to work for Sylvania Schools. She was a young teacher, but really knew what she was doing. She was dedicated, always full of good suggestions and ideas. She collaborated well with our staff and was extremely hard working. I had the utmost respect for her. Anyone whose life she touched was privileged to know her. My deepest sympathy to Jeff, her sons and her Mother, her siblings and extended family. Rest in peace, Eileen. You touched many lives in such a positive way.  
Beth Bohnengel

Elisabeth L Bohnengel - February 02, 2024 at 08:50 PM

BM

“ Our family had the great honor of having Eileen as a preschool teacher not once but twice. She was amazing and my boys loved her. Jeff, Scott and Matt thank you for sharing such a special person to not only us but so many other families in Rossford. What a privilege it was to have known her. We are deeply sorry for your loss and for the tremendous loss to the Rossford community. We will miss you Mrs. Christoffers ❤️ Love The Moon family. (Maverick 2016-2017 and Jagger 2022-2023)

Brittany Moon - February 02, 2024 at 07:02 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - February 02, 2024 at 03:54 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Christoffers was truly one of the most special and caring teachers. She made our son's first experience with Rossford Elementary amazing and started his love of school and learning. Even as he started kindergarten, he was lucky enough to be across from his preschool room and be able to see her and say hi. How much she cared about her students was always evident. We are incredibly lucky to have known her. Thank you for everything you did for Oliver and all of our students.

Marna Berlekamp - February 02, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ "Memories of you" garden stone was purchased for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



February 02, 2024 at 11:55 AM

CC

“ C.R. Colopy Cousins purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



C.R. Colopy Cousins - February 02, 2024 at 11:35 AM

MS

“ Maria and Sebastien purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



Maria and Sebastien - February 01, 2024 at 09:46 PM

MS

“ *Maria and Sebastien planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Christoffers.*

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**Maria and Sebastien** - February 01, 2024 at 09:46 PM

SA

“ *Scott, Tracey&Brad Ammons purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eileen Christoffers.*



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**Scott, Tracey&Brad Ammons** - February 01, 2024 at 08:33 PM

NG

“ Eileen and I have known each other since Saint Mary’s grade school, high school, college, etc. I see all our memories flash before me. I remember your laughter and love of life. We would stay up as little kids at your house or mine for many years laughing and talking. . You loved to play teacher when I was at your house with your sisters. We always had the best times! I loved sharing meals with your family! I learned how to do laundry at your house, We stayed up all night at Ms. Crowley’s 6th grade party! It was a hoot! We celebrated many birthdays together! We went to high school parties together, We always had each other’s backs! You were like a sister I never had! I miss you more than words can say! We went to the same college Ohio University and shared lots of fun times watching the Bobcats play football, school, being homesick too, dancing, etc. I joined the Army and went to Germany and you got married. We lost touch but I always prayed for you! One day last year I became friends with Maureen and she helped me find you again! It was a miracle! We talked for hours on the phone! It was like time had stood still! It was the best! We shared pictures too! Talked about our boys! We would text from time to time! I had hoped to see her one day. She shared a beautiful pic of my old house in Ohio. I found an old note from our 8th grade teacher Mrs. Temple - “Eileen and Nathalie have permission to go to the library.” She thought it was cool! We loved books and the library! She is the most loyal friend I had for years! We use to give both our pizza slices in grade school to Mike. We always ate together at lunchtime for many years! We use to hide when we had to learn how to square dance with the boys in 8th grade! You will Forever be My Best Friend ! I know You are an Angel with Meg and Your Dad! All My Love, Nat

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Nathalie Gatoux - February 01, 2024 at 07:18 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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February 01, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ Rhonda G. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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**Rhonda G.** - February 01, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ Most of my memories of Eileen are through her husband Jeff who is a lifelong friend. Jeff's life got so much better and fuller when Eileen entered it. She was an incredible calming force and always managed to navigate Jeff's mad-cap friend group and stick the landing every time. Simply the best hostess any time we came to town and a joy to reconnect with when we had the opportunities. She accepted us into her world with open arms when she married Jeff. Truly an irreplaceable loss and I will miss her terribly.

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**Dan Farmer** - February 01, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ Craig Belasco planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Christoffers.

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**Craig Belasco** - February 01, 2024 at 02:01 PM

CI

“ Colleen, Bob, Katie, Dante and Isabella purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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**Colleen, Bob, Katie, Dante and Isabella** - February 01, 2024 at 12:23 PM

CI

“ Colleen, Bob, Katie, Dante and Isabella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Christoffers.

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**Colleen, Bob, Katie, Dante and Isabella** - February 01, 2024 at 12:23 PM

MG

“ Mike Pfaff and Tyler Graham purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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**Mike Pfaff and Tyler Graham** - February 01, 2024 at 11:00 AM

PF

“ Paul, Patti and the entire Bertin Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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**Paul, Patti and the entire Bertin Family** - February 01, 2024 at 10:06 AM

PF

“ Paul, Patti and the entire Bertin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Christoffers.

Paul, Patti and the entire Bertin Family - February 01, 2024 at 10:06 AM

TI

“ The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. - February 01, 2024 at 09:45 AM

MB

“ Michael Bernardini purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



Michael Bernardini - January 31, 2024 at 11:33 PM

TS

“ The Sekeraks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



The Sekeraks - January 31, 2024 at 10:52 PM

MB

“ Mike, Ally, Justin & Taylor Briggs purchased the Solar Angel Statue to Send as Unique Sympathy Gift Remembrance for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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**Mike, Ally, Justin & Taylor Briggs** - January 31, 2024 at 08:11 PM

HP

“ Heather (Rossford) and Shane Patacca purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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**Heather (Rossford) and Shane Patacca** - January 31, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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January 31, 2024 at 07:26 PM

DP

“ Dad & Peggy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Christoffers.

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**Dad & Peggy** - January 31, 2024 at 07:26 PM

GC

“ Eileen will always hold a special place in my heart. I consider her my mentor and inspiration to start my teaching career in early childhood. I had the privileged to work with Eileen as her paraprofessional in Sylvania schools. I regret that we lost touch with each other over the years. My deepest condolences and prayers to all who knew and loved her. May God wrap you in his arms and provide strength and comfort.

georgette cardone - January 31, 2024 at 07:00 PM

TL

“ 30+ years of friendship and working together....life will never be the same. Fly high my amazing friend and we'll see each other again someday.

Tracy Lowe - January 31, 2024 at 06:55 PM

KF

“ Kimberly F. purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



Kimberly F. - January 31, 2024 at 06:52 PM

JR

“ Jen, Greg, Riley and Austin Rutschilling purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



Jen, Greg, Riley and Austin Rutschilling - January 31, 2024 at 05:08 PM

AG

“ Words can not describe how amazing this woman was with her preschool kids. Our daughter is heartbroken and has said she will be a teacher one day to make Mrs .Christoffers proud. My heart and prayers are with her family and friends ❤️

*Paisley Schillers family*

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**Ashley Gillingham** - January 31, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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January 31, 2024 at 04:17 PM

DC

“ Doug, Katherine and Mia Christoffers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Christoffers.

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**Doug, Katherine and Mia Christoffers** - January 31, 2024 at 04:17 PM

JG

“ Jerry, Mary, children and grandkids..... purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eileen Christoffers.



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**Jerry, Mary, children and grandkids.....** - January 31, 2024 at 03:21 PM

JG

“ Jerry, Mary, children and grandkids..... planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Christoffers.

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**Jerry, Mary, children and grandkids.....** - January 31, 2024 at 03:21 PM