



Ellen M. Noneman

February 23, 1958 - December 17, 2024

Ellen Marie Noneman (Morrissey) of Toledo, Ohio, passed away at the age of 66 on December 17, 2024. Born on February 23, 1958, in Toledo to James and Margaret Morrissey (Cameron), she was one of nine children. Ellen attended elementary school at Rosary Cathedral and high school at St. Ursula Academy. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree and a Master's in School Psychology from the University of Toledo. Throughout her career, Ellen worked as a school psychologist in Toledo Public Schools, including Birmingham Elementary, East Toledo Junior High, and Waite High School. In addition to her professional work, Ellen was deeply involved in Community Theater, with a lifelong passion for performance that had a lasting impact on both her personal and professional life.

Ellen participated in the Miss Ohio pageants, earning titles such as Miss Sandusky Valley, Miss Northwest Ohio, Miss Toledo, and first runner-up in Miss Ohio. A vivacious singer, her life and home were always filled with music. She participated in many community theater productions, including shows at the Toledo Repertoire Theatre and Westgate Dinner Theater. Known for her beautiful voice and vibrant personality, Ellen made lasting friendships through theater. Some of her favorite roles included Evita in *Evita*, Marian in *The Music Man*, Guinevere in *Camelot*, and various roles in *A Christmas Carol*, as well as many other leading roles. Above all, her most cherished roles were mom to Kylee and "nana" to her beloved grandson, Teddy.

Ellen fiercely advocated for women's rights and the LGBTQ community,

always standing up for equality and inclusion. An avid entertainer, she was known for her welcoming nature and often hosted gatherings where she could be found singing next to the piano. Her "come as you are" spirit ensured that everyone felt included, and she frequently opened her home to others, especially during the holidays, creating a space where all were embraced. Her warmth, generosity, and wit left a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to know her.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, James and Margaret Morrissey, her brother Michael, sister Marilyn, and her best friend David Chavalia. She is survived by her daughter, Kylee Gregory (Noneman), and the light of her life, her grandson Teddy "Tedders" Gregory. Ellen is also survived by her twin sister, Theresa Morrissey, and siblings Maureen Spain, Jimmy Morrissey (Martha), Cathy Czech (Tom), Marty Morrissey, and Carrie Hrezik (Paul), lifelong friend Tim McHenry, former husband Denny Noneman, and ten nieces and nephews. Ellen will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and all who were blessed to know her.

Ellen will be honored at a Celebration of Life at the Valentine Theatre on Friday, January 10th, 2024. Calling hours will be from 10 AM to noon, with the service beginning at noon.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Valentine Theater
401 Adams St.
Toledo, OH 43604

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Ellen's family and friends. I am so sorry for your loss. You don't know me. Shoot, Ellen didn't even know me. My name is Dennison Keller. My father, Denny Keller, used to produce the Miss Ohio Pageant. Today, as I was working and listening to music, the ballad "Come In From the Rain" played on Spotify. My mind immediately went to Ellen because she sang this song so beautifully when she competed in the pageant - so much so that I think of her every time I hear this song all these years later. Mind you; I was only a 12 or 13-year-old boy hanging around the theater with my dad when Ellen was a contestant. I remember the first year Ellen competed, the night of the preliminaries was stacked with one great talent after the next. I asked the show's vocal director, David McDonel (who taught voice at Archbold High School), whom he thought was the best talent that night. He immediately replied, "Ellen Morrissey, Come in From the Rain. That girl can really sing." I was surprised because, at 13, I was more wowed by some of the flashier numbers. But when Ellen made the Top 10, I listened more closely on Saturday night. I remember sitting there thinking, "He is so right. She is the most talented person up here." So rich, controlled, and beautiful.

So skip forward to 2025. I hear the song, think of her, and do a Google search to find out what Ellen Morrissey is doing today. I am just so saddened to learn of her passing. But I hope it is of some comfort to her family and friends to know that her voice still rings in my head as it did when I was a young boy more than 40 years ago. And it is my prayer that whatever she was battling at the end of her days, she's Come in From the Rain.

Dennison Keller - March 28, 2025 at 02:01 PM

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“ The Gregory’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen M. Noneman.

The Gregory’s - January 06, 2025 at 10:55 AM

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“ The Gregory’s purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ellen M. Noneman.



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“ Ellen was a one of a kind woman! It has been years since I have been in touch with her. I'm sorry for that. We became friends through a few shows in Toledo and also through the friendship of our daughters at St. Pius School. I ALWAYS had fun when I was with her. She was a talented singer and actress that would blow you out of your seats. Loved her! (A mother has lost a daughter...a daughter has lost a mother. I hope that Megan has welcomed her with open arms!)

Jayne - January 04, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ Ellen was a dear friend and mentor to me in the theatre. I will miss her dearly. Her voice was like an angel and her sense of humor was one of my favorite things about her. This world has lost a good one.



Stefan Gearhart - January 03, 2025 at 07:09 PM



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January 03, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellen M. Noneman.



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