



# Ellen Forster O'Connor

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**W**e regretfully announce the loss of our mom, grandmother, sister, and friend, Ellen O'Connor, who died at the age of 60 on August 8, 2023. Forever driven by the love and care that she had for her family and friends, it is of no surprise that she was in turn surrounded by love when she passed on to be with the Lord.

Ellen was born in Houston on November 13th, 1962, to parents, Joseph Landry Forster and Neva Grace Faught Forster. She attended St. Vincent de Paul for K-8 followed by Marian Christian for high school. Ellen's lifelong passion and deep love for animals led to an apprenticeship with a pet groomer in 1986, which launched an exciting career. For almost 20 years, she worked for Pampered Pet Inn, and in 2004 was granted the opportunity to own the business, which she has since operated with her daughters. Ellen's motto was: "If you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life". To that end, she was the consummate professional who lived out her passions in grooming and caring for her many animals and clients over the years. We will forever be guided by her support and encouragement to likewise be equally devoted to work that brings joy and meaning to those around us.

Ellen raised two wonderfully capable, independent, and kind daughters, Erin (m. 2013 to Andrew Fitzpatrick) and Mary Kate (m. 2016 to William Paulley) alongside her husband, Craig. She was loving and welcoming to her sons-in-law and was most proud of her treasured position as Grams to grandchildren, Jonathan, Joseph, Olivia, Christopher, and her soon-to-be-born grandchild. Ellen loved spending time with family, friends, and her menagerie of dogs, cats, horses, and her longest companion of 37 years, her parrot, Tostada. Be it spending time outdoors or traveling, she was often the happiest when surrounded by her large family, including her sister, Margaret Forster Logan (m. Buddy), niece, Emily Logan (partner, Brett), nephew, Stuart Logan (m. Brittany), sister-by-choice, Lauren Baldwin, and niece-by-choice, Shannon Wallace (m. Rivers).

Ellen was fearless, effervescent, and a force to be reckoned with. She will be terribly missed with each passing day, but we take comfort in the wonderful memories that we have and in the ones



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that many have graciously shared. We remain committed to honoring her presence by connecting with and caring for people and animals in various positive ways. In remembrance of the life she led, we invite you to do so as well.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 13th at 2:00PM at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Houston, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the charity of your choice, or to Ellen's beloved grandchildren's Acorn accounts for their educational funds.

Jonathan

<https://gifts.acorns.com/?code=70QL3W>

Joey

<https://gifts.acorns.com/?code=ZBKL8G>

Olivia

<https://gifts.acorns.com/?code=MGNM5I>

Christopher

<https://gifts.acorns.com/?code=TTYLJV>

If you cannot join the family at the service on Sunday, please us the link to watch via live stream:

<https://vimeo.com/event/3626974>



# Events


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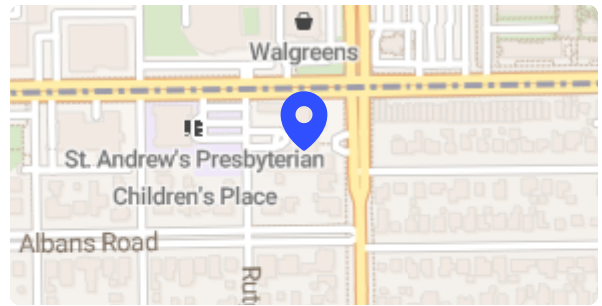
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## Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, August 13, 2023

 2:00 PM CT

 **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
5308 Buffalo Speedway, Houston TX 77005





## Tribute Wall

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**Daryl Bailey** posted:

Her seeing in me what (at the time) could not see in myself. And giving me the opportunity to start my new career. I just now March 25, 2026 learned that the Lord called her home. She was/is a wonderful lady and a true Christian♥

March 25 at 7:55 AM



**Katherine Jenkins** posted:

I remember to this day when I boarded our very elderly mini dachshund, Sammy, so I could attend a long meeting. Upon returning to Pampered Pet, I saw Sammy on Ellen's lap. She was petting him gently and said that she just wanted to give him some love. What a special lady♥

October 17 at 8:35 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the O'Connor family.

August 11 at 12:54 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ellen.

August 11 at 12:54 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ellen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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