



ELLEN JOY ZIEGMAN

December 28, 1959 - May 10, 2020

ELLEN JOY ZIEGMAN, (Sofchek/Brownlee), 12/28/1959-5/10/2020, Brunswick, Oh., Beloved mother of Derek, Anna and Jonathan Sofchek and loving sister to Renee Alaksa and Mark Ziegman. Passed away at the Cleveland Clinic suddenly on Sunday, May 10th. Ellen currently worked for Westfield Insurance and Walmart, and was a great team worker and all around spitfire. She had formerly been employed at Sherwin-Williams, Cargill and CNA Insurance. Ellen was born and raised in Lorain, OH. and loved the beaches here and in Florida. Ellen was a fiercely loving mother and was at her happiest with them and her Granddogs. She enjoyed Indians baseball, theater, gardening, decorating and spending time with her friend, Charlene. She worked hard at finding joy in each day and helped others to do the same. Ellen will be welcomed by her parents, Richard and Maryann Ziegman, and she'll meet her dog, Jazz, at the Rainbow Bridge and carries on to where she can watch over us all forever. The family will have a service at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Vermilion, OH., when people are once again able to be together. We will then join to celebrate Ellen's life. Please check web site for day and time. Condolences and memories can be shared on the funeral homes Web Site, www.DEGOODFUNERAL.com. Arrangements by DALE E. GOOD FUNERAL HOME and CREMATION SERVICES.

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Michael Blumenthal - June 01, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ I knew Ellen when I lived in Cleveland. I was shocked by her passing. She was a truly loving and lovely person. I live in Canada now.
dr.b.reid_dds@hotmail.com.
I would like to reach out to her friends.
Bruce Reid

Dr Bruce Reid - March 31 at 08:58 PM



“ Ellen for the time we worked together at Wal-Mart, I will always be grateful for. I miss you dearly and our times when we'd work early in the morning on the weekends or as I was going home and you were coming to work and we'd just laugh over the stupidest things. I will miss you, your humor and your amazing hard work whenever I needed anything you were there. I will miss you. Thank you for everything.



Michael Blumenthal - May 22, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ Michael, you made me so happy with this picture of my sister! Thank you!

Renee Alaksa - May 23, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ You're very welcome! She is an amazing human being!

Michael - June 01, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ In the short time I knew Ellen, I could see what an amazing and caring person she was! She loved her family deeply and talked about them often. I will never forget her or her smile. Our friendship gave each other strength in tough times. I will always be grateful to have met such a wonderful person and that she came into my life when she did. Rest in peace, Ellen!! You will always be remembered and loved!

Amy K - May 19, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ Thank you, Amy, it was so wonderful to talk to you.

RENEE B ALAKSA - May 20, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ Amy K lit a candle in memory of ELLEN JOY ZIEGMAN



Amy K - May 19, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Debbie(Smaldino) Jacobs lit a candle in memory of ELLEN JOY ZIEGMAN



Debbie(Smaldino) Jacobs - May 18, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ Thank you, Debbie.

Renee Alaksa - May 20, 2020 at 07:49 AM



“ I remember Ellen as a person who kept family at the center of her heart. She did little things that made a house that I came to visit every other weekend, feel like home.

Ellen loved beautiful things. Growing up I would watch her decorate the house often, and it always made everything feel more like home. She would perfectly decorate the fireplace mantel for each season, wrap lights and garland around the stairway banister, light candles, and put together aesthetically pleasing centerpieces on the dining room tables.

The feeling that came with her decorating added to what drove me to become an Interior Designer. I knew I wanted to bring that same feeling of home to as many people as I could.

She would do little things like make oatmeal chocolate chip cookies for family monopoly night (now my favorite cookies). She gave the final “yes” to a bunch of kids looking up at her asking to bring our dog, Sandy, home. I remember the joy all over her face as she watched any of us kids open Christmas/Birthday gifts or blow out birthday candles. She loved dolphins and water and showed us how to feed the seagulls on the bow of the boat.

Thank you for impacting me, being a part of my childhood, and for bringing me so many feelings of family.

Meaghan Williams (Brownlee) - May 17, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Thank you, Meaghan, and thank you for the beautiful photo we have used!

Renee Alaksa - May 20, 2020 at 07:49 AM



“ I'm beyond blessed and grateful to possess a lifetime of memories, some beyond wonderful, to good, bad and everything imaginable in between. Ellen had many roles. Daughter, sister, best friend and Mom. The most cherished and loved role was Mom to Derek, Anna and Jonathan. She proudly spoke of them always. She told me of how Anna gave her Jazz and placed her in Ellen's arms. Ellen was not sure she wanted a puppy at that time but it was immediate love. The memories of playing with baby dolls to Barbie dolls. Endless sleepovers, laughing until we couldn't catch our breath. Bike rides, adventures, Pelee Island. "Elephant pants", smock tops, tie dye shirts; home made of course, and what a mess. The 45 records we would play over and over again. Renee sometimes would traipse behind us and roll her eyes. Learning to drive, I had a much better sense of direction. And many many more memories. The memory I keep going back to is when I was with my family at the kitchen table on a warm September evening., and there was a knock on the door and my Mom went to answer it. I heard Mrs Ziegman say Hello I'm Maryann Ziegman and this is my daughter Ellen. I flew out of my chair with a face full of spaghetti sauce and ran to the door. I was smiling ear to ear. We began to giggle. Her Mom explained that Ellen was asking all week (the first week of kindergarten) to go to the house on the corner, the one with the big tree. That is where Char lives. Thanks EL, for your special spark and engaging smile. love you, Char

Charlene Yug Clodwick - May 16, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ So many hugs to you, Char!!!!

Renee Alaksa - May 20, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Derek and family at the loss of your mother. Your Mother Ellen and I were the same age and pregnant at the same time, she with you Derek and I with my son Brandon. I was married to Mike Gordon your great Aunt Helen Gordon's son at the time. I spent many happy times at your grandmother MaryAnn's house and Grandpa Richard. They were all so very nice and kind to me. I still have the mouse ornaments one special one with a mouse and a post, mailbox that MaryAnn gave to my son for Christmas's. Grandpa Richard was a mailman if I remember that correctly. I pray that the Lord wraps his arms around your whole family at this time so that you may know some peace in healing.
Deepest Sympathy,
Tammy L Perry (Gordon)



Tammy L. Perry - May 16, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Thank you, Tammy. I appreciate your wonderful memories of my family!

Renee Alaksa - May 20, 2020 at 07:51 AM



“ I am saddened to learn of the passing of Ellen. I knew Ellen when I lived across from her at Clearbrooke. Ellen always made me smile with her funny stories and comments. I could always count on Ellen to lend an ear when I needed it most.

Ellen loves her dog Jazz and I am comforted to know that she will now be with her ...

Rest In Peace Ellen

Tanya

Tanya Sasala - May 16, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ Thank you, Tanya,

Renee Alaksa - May 20, 2020 at 07:51 AM



“ Jennifer Ellis lit a candle in memory of ELLEN JOY ZIEGMAN



Jennifer Ellis - May 15, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ I am shocked and deeply saddened to learn that Ellen passed away. She was such a beautiful, bright, and shining light in this world. She was intelligent, introspective, kind, and loving. She had a heart of gold. I was looking forward to seeing her again in person after things with COVID-19 improved. I will really miss her sweet smile, sense of humor, and that look she would get when she was thinking deeply or contemplating a response. Ellen touched my life in unimaginable ways. She will remain in my heart and thoughts for the remainder of my days on earth.

Heartfelt condolences and comfort to family members and friends of Ellen during this very painful, difficult time. I am immensely sorry for your significant loss. May the memories of Ellen carry and lift your spirits.

Rest in peace, Ellen.
-Jenny E.

Jennifer Ellis - May 15, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Thank you, Jenny. All these memories mean so much to us!

Renee Alaksa - May 20, 2020 at 07:52 AM