



Elizabeth A. McGauvran

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Elizabeth Anne McGauvran—known to everyone as “Liz”—passed away on June 6, 2025.

She was the daughter of Ronald and Sally (Green) McGauvran, born September 21, 1960, in Clinton, the second of four children.

In her younger days, Liz was the piano player in the family and played the guitar. She was a smart and talented student who also was a bit of trailblazer. A natural athlete, she was good in whatever sports she tried. She was one of the first (and few) girls to play Pony League baseball with the boys. Liz went on to be part of the broadened participation in women’s sports, playing basketball and softball at Clinton High School, graduating in 1979.

A lifelong Hawkeye fan, Liz attended the University of Iowa. She completed her bachelor’s degree in accounting from Mt. St. Clare College in Clinton. She had a long, productive career, working at Penberthy in Prophetstown, before joining her father in business with Service Oil Company. She retired as president of Dormac Oil (d/b/a Service Oil Company) —along with her father---when the family business closed in 2017.

In addition to her love of sports, particularly Hawkeye football and men’s and women’s basketball, Liz found new interests later in life. She became an avid geocacher, leading the Iowa Geocachers, and enjoying both the finds and the camaraderie with fellow ‘cachers.’ She also got into RV’ing for a while, with a highlight being a grand trip that included exploration of her mother’s connections in Pickstown, South Dakota.

Liz had several special relationships and partners through her lifetime and treasured her friendships and family—and her beloved cats! She is survived by her father Ron McGauvran and his companion, Jan Shadduck; her siblings, Stacy McGauvran-Hruby (Bruce); Johnna Forbes (Don); John McGauvran (Kathy); her niece and nephews, Dustin, Alex, Peter, Hailey, William, Adam and Ryan; and great-nephew, Emmett. She was preceded in death by her mother.



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A private service is planned for later this summer with burial at the Fulton Township Cemetery. The Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory is assisting the family. Respecting her wishes, memorials may be made to the Clinton Humane Society.




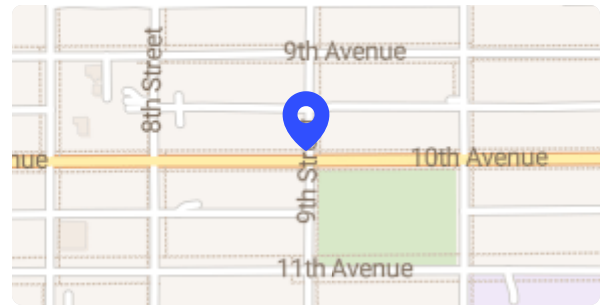
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Cemetery Details

 **Fulton Township Cemetery**
Fulton IL 61252





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JH

Jane Heydeman posted:

Johnna and family, So sorry to hear about Liz. Thoughts and prayers are with the family during such a difficult time.

June 12 at 12:22 PM

KG

Kelly Galan posted:

Deepest condolences to you and your family, Stacy.

June 12 at 5:00 AM

DL

Dan Lewis posted:

So sorry to see this as I have many fond memories of Liz while growing up. My deepest condolences to the entire family.

June 10 at 3:12 PM

MP

Michelle Pearson posted:

When I was a teacher at Hawthorne School, Liz was in fourth grade and in the connecting room to mine. She was smart, thoughtful and funny! I so enjoyed talking to her. I had the privilege of teaching Johnna and Jack. A wonderful family. RIP Liz!

June 10 at 12:03 PM

SC

Sue Cieminski posted:

I loved this family as a child growing up. Always looked up to Liz. She was so talented with everything she did. My deepest condolences to you all 🌹

June 10 at 6:46 AM

RO

Robin posted:

The first time I met Liz was when we both ended up at the same pile of fallen trees looking for a geocache. I had just started geocaching and appreciated her help. I chatted with her many times through the years as we geocached. She will be missed.

June 10 at 4:07 AM



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Twila Sample posted:

I am in shock! Liz, Gary and I were good friends and if you look at her FB pictures you will see many of the 3 of us. My heart hurts. I am so glad for the memories we made geocaching, serving on the Iowa Geocachers Board of Directors, traveling together to geocaching events. God bless you, Liz. He's got you in His hands.

June 9 at 6:02 PM



Jeannie Lehmkuhl posted:

I am just heartbroken hearing this. I have so many fond memories of Liz throughout the years. Especially after moving back home in 2006. She was fun to be around, just a great girl with a big heart. Loved geocaching with her as well. I will surely miss her...

June 9 at 11:10 AM



Marcia & Art Temple June 11 at 4:09 AM

We will always remember the good times we had welcoming Liz into the Clinton geocaching group. The three of us had many fun times taking geocaching trips in the surrounding areas beginning in the morning and returning to Clinton late in the evening. With Liz there was always time to find "Just One More Cache". Thanks Liz, for the memories.



Tina Dunn June 9 at 12:41 PM

She was such a kind person in High School and so talented. Praying for comfort for her family and friends.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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