



Erika Elmendorf

February 25, 1982 - February 18, 2024

As you gaze into the heavens this evening there will be a notable brilliant star, as it is with sadness Erika Elmendorf (41) loving mother of Haley Munson, left her earthly life to join her beloved heavenly family on February 18, 2024.

Erika was born on February 25, 1982, the loving daughter of Patrick Elmendorf and Dianne (Clavelle-Elmendorf) James and soon became the center of pride and adulation for her grandparents Edith Elmendorf (paternal) and Clayton Richard and Marilyn Clavelle (maternal).

Upon graduation from Mayfield Central School, Erika enrolled in Fulton Montgomery Community College where she earned her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing and successfully completed the licensing requirements as a Registered Nurse.

The consummate humanitarian and altruist, Erika passionately devoted her life to the assistance and care of others. Erika entered into the healthcare and medical field with steadfast and resolute determination to care for others, placing their interests above her own. Erika started her healthcare career as a mere teenager, volunteering as a “Candy striper” at Nathan Littauer Hospital, gaining invaluable experience and skills in exchange for her naturally empathetic and caring demeanor.

Erika applied her knowledge and skills as a healthcare professional during her employment at Lexington ARC, Nathan Littauer Nursing Home and various healthcare facilities throughout the area. Erika clearly exemplified and demonstrated the pledge and promise of dedication, commitment and caring for patients and those in need. Erika's strongest passion was the care and love for her geriatric patients, who she treated as friends and family.

Erika's lifetime of philanthropic accomplishments and her commendable healthcare career all pale in comparison to her love, admiration and devotion for daughter Haley. Erika counseled and guided Haley throughout her academic career and scholastic team sports, proudly savoring the time she shared with the daughter she treasured so much. Erika imparted a strong work ethic, serving as a paragon of virtue for her beloved daughter Haley.

As an accomplished and skilled artisan, Erika would create truly inspired works of art she often gifted to her friends and family, providing lasting memories and a creative legacy.

Erika cherished her two cuddle partners: her precious cats Guppy and Peanut.

Erika will be eternally loved by her surviving family; her devoted and loving daughter Haley, father Patrick Elmendorf, Mother Dianne James (John), stepmother Melissa Elmendorf, brothers Kevin (Julie), Kyle (Tiffany), Anthony (Char) and sister Kimberlee as well as her aunts, uncles, cousins and several nieces and nephews.

Erika, you will be greatly missed by your worldly family; but we know that we cannot have you and we are happy knowing that you will be reunited with your heavenly family, as they welcome you home with open arms. Erika was pre-deceased by her grandparents Clayton Richard and Marilyn Clavelle

(maternal), George and Edith Elmendorf (paternal) and her uncle Bernard Claville.

With the tenacity and steadfast determination of an undaunted warrior, with her loving family at her side, Erika fought an unwavering battle against this evil disease, however, despite her herculean efforts, even the most stalwart grow weary and reluctantly succumb to the battle.

It was often said Erika never met a stranger, as every person in the world was just a friend she had not yet met. She loved with all her heart and was loved by all. Erika's brief yet impactful life is best described by the famous quotation from May Angelou "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away". Goodbye to a devoted mother, loving daughter and a beautiful woman.

Erika's family would like to thank the benevolent staff and volunteers of Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care for their dedicated care and understanding.

The family will welcome memories at a Celebration of Erika's Life conducted by the Amico Funeral Home, 150 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078 on Wednesday February 28, 2024, from 6-8pm.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in memory of Erika to: The Shriners Hospital <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Amico Funeral Home
150 S Main St
Gloversville, NY 12078
(518) 725-8916
<https://www.amicofuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Diane, John, and the rest of Erikas family members, very sorry to read of her passing as she put up a hell of a battle. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and we were in Florida from mid January until Saturday so please except our condolences, Becky and Perry Paul*

Becky and Perry Paul - March 06, 2024 at 09:45 PM

CM

“ *Colleen and John Mulcahy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Erika Elmendorf.*



Colleen and John Mulcahy - February 28, 2024 at 09:57 AM

SM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Erika. I am glad I got to know her as a Candystriper and at camp SuperStarrs! Erika kept me laughing! She was wonderful with residents and patients and loved working w children! Diane, you snd your family are in my prayers. Sue McNeil*

sue McNeil - February 25, 2024 at 10:44 PM

LD

“ *Dianne & John and your families, we are so sorry for the passing of Erika. She was a sweet girl who went though so much in her life. We will keep her and all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Lynn & Frank DiMarco

Lynn & Frank DiMarco - February 24, 2024 at 01:56 PM

KS

“ *Erika and family were our neighbors on Easterly Street. She and my daughter Erin became good friends. Sending you prayers of comfort during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss!*
Kathie Lucia Sharp



Kathie Lucia Sharp - February 22, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Erika Elmendorf.*



February 22, 2024 at 01:50 PM

JO

“ *My daughter grew up with Erika and was one of her good highschool friends. Erika was as sweet as can be, a truly special caring person. Our condolences to her family. My heart hurts for you!!*

jackie ogden - February 21, 2024 at 07:12 PM

LS

“ Awe loving Erika so many things to say first time meeting you was on your online Bingo / pull tabs years ago and ever since I tough of you as my friend I you always loved horse racing Mickey Mouse your baby girl and cats talked about the ghost at your dads house ripped the pull tab out of your hand went flying lol bugging you when you where in Florida with Haley and Steph doing pull tabs in the hotel lol with all the Diet Pepsi and Steph joke food I will sure love and miss you dearly my friend until we meet again Erika I pray you R.I.P with our father God and Lord Jesus forever ❤️🙏👉❤️

Lorraine spellman - February 21, 2024 at 04:45 PM

CP

“ Cheryl Periard lit a candle in memory of Erika Elmendorf



Cheryl Periard - February 21, 2024 at 03:37 PM

KM

“ Kevin & Nancy Munson purchased the Arrive in S tyle for the family of Erika Elmendorf.



Kevin & Nancy Munson - February 21, 2024 at 11:53 AM

CR

“ *RIP Erika. Sending love from England to all her family and friends. We "met" online through our Love of Impractical Jokers & was a lovely lady*❤️



Cheryl Roberts - February 21, 2024 at 10:44 AM

MB

“ *Dear Erika's Family I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.*
Martha Baker



Martha Baker - February 21, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Erika Elmendorf.*



February 21, 2024 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ *Jessica Jeremiah Ashtyn Reese Scarlett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erika Elmendorf.*

Jessica Jeremiah Ashtyn Reese Scarlett - February 21, 2024 at 10:13 AM

JM

“ *May you rest in peace and watch over her everyday. Stay close to her to help her through* 🕊️ ☐



Jessica Munson - February 21, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Erika Elmendorf.*



February 21, 2024 at 09:52 AM

CL

“ *Calli, Karl, Bailey, & Myla List planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erika Elmendorf.*

Calli, Karl, Bailey, & Myla List - February 21, 2024 at 09:52 AM