



Mary Emily Taflinger

May 22, 1942 - December 7, 2020

Mary Emily Taflinger of Miller City, Illinois died peacefully on Monday evening, December 7, 2020 at the Lutheran Nursing Home. She was surrounded by her loving family at the time of passing.

She was born on May 22, 1942, the daughter of Carl Oehler and Mary Alice Oehler of Cairo, Illinois who have preceded her by death. In August 1964 she married James Franklin Taflinger of Effingham, Illinois, who cared for her tirelessly throughout her battle with Alzheimer's.

Emily attended Webster College in St. Louis and graduated from Southern Illinois University and was an elementary teacher in Lincoln, Illinois. After moving to Southern Illinois she became a mother of three children and a very active parent volunteer in the Cairo public school system. Emily was a devout member of St. Patrick's Church in Cairo and dedicated volunteer.

Emily is survived by her three children, Laurie Caldwell, Audrey Vincent, and Kristie Taflinger. Emily is also survived by her four grandchildren, Magen Caldwell, Natalie Vincent, Zachary Vincent and Avery Vincent. She is affectionately known as "Mame" to her grandchildren who remember her love for music, dancing the jitterbug, and her infectious laugh which ignited the room.

Family and friends are welcome to attend the visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 12, 2020 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cairo. The Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. with Father Chris Mujule as celebrant. Private burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Villa Ridge, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral
312 9th St
Cairo, IL 62914
(618) 734-2061

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Emily Taflinger*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Mary Emily and I were in the same class at Saint Joe one of the sweetest soft-spoken girl I have ever known she was always like an angel in my eyes God bless love in Christ*

Gerald Malone - December 17, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ *My deepest condolences. I often think of the happy days in the Taflinger pool and Emily helping so many children to become water safe. I remember so very well dear Kristie who loved to swim and was a natural swimming the length of the pool on one breath. She took to swimming like a duck to water. Emily was truly a beautiful person loved by all. She made her spot on earth a better place. Give Kristie a big hug and and tell her I love her. Shall keep you all in my prayers. Love all the Taflingers. Angela Greenwell*

angela greenwell - December 16, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ *James W. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Emily Taflinger.*



James W. - December 11, 2020 at 10:02 AM

BW

“ Jim, Laurie, Audrey, Kristie my condolences on the passing of Emily. I have great memories of the times together. Time spent around your pool and after Mass in Anna. The news is your wife and mother is not suffering from the terrible disease. God be with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Wallace

Bill Wallace - December 10, 2020 at 05:13 PM

LC

Thank you. Yes memories are good ones.

Laurie Caldwell - December 10, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Emily Taflinger.



December 10, 2020 at 12:41 PM

RA

“ Jim, Laurie, Audrey and Kristie our sincere condolences in your loss. We will miss her great smile, laughter and just being Emily. We have such great memories of our ski trips to Colorado, boating events and just having fun and relaxing by the pool and enjoying great friends. God Bless all of you at this time and our prayers are with you.

Ron & Shirley Aubrecht - December 10, 2020 at 12:12 PM

LC

Got to get up to get down. Right? Fun in the snow. Miss you guys.

Laurie Caldwell - December 10, 2020 at 07:33 PM

TB

“ *The Bonifields purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Emily Taflinger.*



The Bonifields - December 10, 2020 at 11:39 AM

ET

“ *Jim, Audrey, Laurie and Kristie, my sincere condolences at the loss of your sweet Emily. Feeling grateful for many years of friendship, I have precious memories of her love of her family, her beautiful smile and kind heart. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.*

Elizabeth Turner - December 10, 2020 at 10:06 AM

LC

Thank you

Laurie Caldwell - December 10, 2020 at 07:33 PM

LH

“ *Emily was always sweet and great fun to be with. We played bridge and went skiing in Colorado with our families. My heart breaks for the loss of Emily, but I know she is watching over her family with great love. Thoughts and prayers for the family from Lynn and I.*



Lynn and Lorrie Hesselrode

Lorrie Hesselrode - December 10, 2020 at 09:54 AM

LC

Thanks. Miss playing bridge.

Laurie Caldwell - December 10, 2020 at 07:34 PM

CG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Carol and Randy George - December 10, 2020 at 09:41 AM

CB

“ *Jim,Lori,Audrey,Kristie , We our sorry for your loss, she will be greatly missed, Emily was a great friend and neighbor, she always had a smile , and wave when we would pass by your house. Elaine and Chuck Bonifield*

Charles Bonifield - December 10, 2020 at 07:31 AM

LC

Thank you for kind words

Laurie Caldwell - December 10, 2020 at 07:48 AM

JF

“ *Julie & Bobby Fitzgerald purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Emily Taflinger.*



Julie & Bobby Fitzgerald - December 10, 2020 at 06:44 AM

JF

“ *So sorry for your loss. She was a lovely, vibrant soul and she loved all of you so very much. I have no doubt she will always be watching over you all.*

Julie Fitzgerald - December 10, 2020 at 06:32 AM

LC

Thank you

Laurie Caldwell - December 10, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mary Emily Taflinger.*



December 09, 2020 at 02:02 PM

EL

“ *Love knowing sweet Emily and being with Her! Prayers for the family. Ellen L.*

Ellen L - December 09, 2020 at 11:06 AM

RT

“ *We have wonderful memories of dear Emily. She and Jim were very active in our local Farm Bureau. She loved Jim and her family with her whole heart. Peace, virtual hugs, and love dear friends. Rosita and Ken Taake*

Rosita Taake - December 09, 2020 at 09:47 AM

LC

Thank you so much

Laurie Caldwell - December 10, 2020 at 07:49 AM

SK

“ Rest in PEACE my beautiful friend 🙏. I'll always remember the wonderful memories and the love you have to everyone! You were a blessing to the world.
Sending love to Jim and family and prayers for comfort 🙏



Shelly Kaha - December 09, 2020 at 09:43 AM

CB

Jim,Lori, Audrey,Kristie we our very sorry for your loss ,Emily was a great friend, and neighbor, she always had a smile.Elaine and Chuck Bonifield

Charles Bonifield - December 10, 2020 at 07:01 AM

KM

“ Karen Masterson lit a candle in memory of Mary Emily Taflinger



karen masterson - December 09, 2020 at 06:51 AM

LC

Miss you.

Laurie Caldwell - December 10, 2020 at 07:35 PM

SJ

I invited Emily and other classmates to our Beach House for four nights in Panama City Beach, Fl. We had a wonderful time, went to Gulf World, ate at many restaurants, watched the sunset, talked and caught up on many times. I think about that often and how fortunate I am to have had that sweet time with Emily. My prayers and thoughts are with her beautiful family.

Sandra Goode Jackson

sandra jackson - December 11, 2020 at 04:05 PM

KB

“ *She was a beautiful person & my heart is breaking for her beautiful family. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you 🙏🙏❤️*

Kimberly Brock - December 08, 2020 at 09:04 PM

LC

Thank you

Laurie Caldwell - December 10, 2020 at 07:50 AM