



## Elaine Marie McDermott

February 27, 1961 - October 1, 2025

Elaine Marie McDermott, 64 of Bloomfield, NJ passed away on October 1, 2025 Elaine is survived by her beloved husband of 43 years James J. McDermott, loving son James McDermott III with his wife Jennifer, Sister Michele Bloom with her husband Jeffrey and two nieces Emily and Gabriella. Elaine was predeceased by her parents Alan and Kathleen Frink. Elaine graduated Montclair State University with a Bachelor Degree in Marketing. She worked as a Substitute Teacher for Bloomfield Board of Education and volunteered her time as Docent at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange, NJ. Where Shu the komono dragon was her most beloved animal to speak about with guests of the zoo. Elaine was passionate about wildlife, reptiles and most of all bearded dragons. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers please donate in Elaine's memory to Essex County Turtle Back Zoo <https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home  
337 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761  
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

OCT 3. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home  
337 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761  
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## Funeral Service

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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337 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
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## Graveside Service

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OCT 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Cemetery  
340 Ridge Road  
North Arlington, NJ 07031

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Holding you close in my thoughts and hoping you're doing ok  
May the wonderful memories you shared with Elaine bring you  
comfort. ❤️

cheryl - October 07, 2025 at 01:03 PM

CR

“ Cheryl R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Marie  
McDermott.

Cheryl R. - October 07, 2025 at 12:54 PM

LM

“ Lorna Morgan purchased the Sympathy Meat &  
Cheese Gift Crate for the family of Elaine Marie  
McDermott.



Lorna Morgan - October 03, 2025 at 01:36 PM

LM

“ Lorna Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Marie  
McDermott.

Lorna Morgan - October 03, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine Marie McDermott.



October 02, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elaine Marie McDermott.

October 02, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ Elaine is the love of my life. 43 years of a God Blessed marriage. The love she shared was towards everyone and everything. She loved me with all her heart. Elaine loved her Bearded Dragons, Noodle, Jasper, Ruby and Jade. Her Docent time at Turtle Back Zoo was spent educating and just talking about her beloved Komodo Dragon Shu. I know you are happy with all of them with you. I am sure they were waiting for you at the Rainbow Bridge. We always kissed before I went to work and when I got home. You will forever be in my heart. Till we meet again - Love Jim

James McDermott - October 02, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ Love, the Samek and Battaglia families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Elaine Marie McDermott.



Love, the Samek and Battaglia families - October 02, 2025 at 07:09 AM

LF

“ Love, the Samek and Battaglia families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Marie McDermott.

Love, the Samek and Battaglia families - October 02, 2025 at 07:09 AM

MG

“ Michele, Jeff, Emily and Gabby purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elaine Marie McDermott.



Michele, Jeff, Emily and Gabby - October 01, 2025 at 07:31 PM

MI

“ Dear Elaine,  
I will forever remember the kindness in your heart. Your love for all animals great and small has made me extremely proud to be your sister. I will think of your happy, smiling face in every butterfly and rainbow I see. You were always there for me, and I am forever grateful to call you my beloved big sister. You will be sincerely and deeply missed – I love you! Michele



Michele - October 01, 2025 at 05:09 PM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - October 01, 2025 at 02:15 PM