



## Eileen P. Mele

January 25, 1925 - April 6, 2020

Eileen P Mele of Chicago passed away on April 6, 2020 at the age of 95. She was preceded in death by her parents, Florence and John Mullins, and her husband Michael J. Mele. She is sadly missed by her daughter, Teri Mele Austin of New Orleans LA, her niece, Carol Mullins (Terry) of Chicago, IL and her nephew, Rev. Carmen Mele, O.P. of Memphis TN., several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Eileen was a faithful and active member of St. Ferdinand Church in Chicago, (773) 622-5900. She was a retired executive with Marsh McLennan Insurance Company, and never forgot the importance of a good meeting. Eileen touched many lives through her cooking and parties. She was a Girl Scout Leader for Troop 1733, a volunteer at St Joseph's Hospital, and a lay person at the church. She was a lunch-lady and playground monitor at St Ferdinand's Elementary School.

There will be no services at this time due to COVID-19 considerations. There will be a funeral mass at a later date. She will be interred at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL. Please omit flowers.

# Comments

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“ Eileen Mele and "daddy Mike" took me into their home for the last few months of my pregnancy. The Mele's were like parents to me and my young daughter while we lived with them through the months waiting for the child which would be adopted by a Catholic family there in Chicago. It was a winter to top any...with snow hiding the parked cars on Marmora Ave. We still walked to Mass on the shoveled sidewalks. I have just discovered this lovely Obituary, and had to add this wonderful work of mercy that she and Mike did that probably very few people even know about. Truly a remarkable couple, Mike a Knight and she a dedicated worker who never missed a day at her office even during the blizzard that year- she would rise at 4, along with many other Chicagoans and get to work on time. I will never stop loving them. Sheila Daly, FL

**Sheila Daly** - October 12, 2021 at 09:38 AM

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“ Eileen Mele was a sweet neighbor of mine. She would pass our house every morning when go the the mass at St. Ferdiand. We are also parishoners from St. Ferdinand, I wanted to be a part of the Liturgy group, she intruduced me to a dear and now I also minster communion as well. We attend the Saturday mass at 5:00 and she would stop by our pew and share a couple of her jokes, she was funny and always sweet. My parents also met her and they were friends. Eileen, Thank you for your friendship. May you rest in peace and live in eternal Glory with our Lord. Donatilio & Elisa & Christian De Leon

**Elisa De Leon** - April 27, 2020 at 09:19 AM

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**Rebecca** - April 25, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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“ One of my favorite ladies. Always had a smile, a meal and a drink for me. She will be truly missed.

**Tony Englert** - April 12, 2020 at 08:03 PM

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“ Jeff Aloisio  
Mrs Mele would always open her house for ushers from St Ferdinand's to hold their monthly meetings. This went on for years until her dear husband Mike passed away.. I still kept in touch with Mrs Mele and went to Moretti's in Edison Park along with my wife Kathy. May Mrs Mele Rest In Peace, God Bless.

**Jeffrey Aloisio** - April 12, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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“ Troop 1733 was the troop everyone wanted to be in because of Mrs. Mele! and I dont remember a time in my life that I wasnt Best Friends with her daughter Teri. Rest now in the arms of our Lord and give Mr. Mele and Skippy a kiss from me



**Sue Loro** - April 10, 2020 at 06:36 PM

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“ When I was around Aunt Theresa and Uncle John we got to see her many times. My mother babysat her daughter. Remember her fondly. Our sympathies  
Joanne (Ruffatto) Butler

**Joanne (Ruffatto) Butler** - April 10, 2020 at 04:29 PM

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“ Memories: Eileen’s love of God, I firmly believe it was His will that she became a part of my life.

I will miss: going to Mass every morning at 9:30, our daily walks ( we called it rounds), greeting everyone we saw, sometimes stopping to share that days event, I will miss dining together and sometime Carol surprising us with lunch. I will remember how she served others, the beauty shop every week, yes I have memories of Mrs Eileen Mele. I am excited and truly grateful to God that I met her!!!

**Joyce Hendrix (Caregiver)** - April 10, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Joyce thank you so much for all you did for my mom you are an angel!

**Teri Mele Austin** - April 10, 2020 at 05:34 PM

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“ She was a distant aunt on my father's side, but we saw her and Uncle Mike a few times a year when I was young. Always for a Christmas Party from one of the organizations he belonged to. They babysat us four Gardaphe kids, and as we grew older, we'd stay at their place in the city now and then. Once Aunt Eileen saw me trying to erase something I had just typed and had ripped a hole in the paper. Frustrated, i crumpled up the page and was ready to toss it. She stopped me and then taught me how to perfectly erase an error on typescript. I can still do it, but it's been a long time since I used a typewriter, but I still use my brain, and that's what she affected more.

While I haven't seen her in years, I always have fond memories of her and Uncle Mike.

**Fred Gardaphe** - April 10, 2020 at 12:06 AM