



Celine Therese Perkins

June 2, 1958 - March 5, 2025

Celine Therese Perkins passed away peacefully at home March 5, 2025, surrounded by family, following a lengthy illness with pulmonary fibrosis. Born June 2, 1958, Celine was a graduate of St Catherine's University in Saint Paul and trained as an occupational therapist. She became a gifted quilter, and left the medical field to start her own company, widely known as Perkins Dry Goods. She built a successful career teaching quilting, designing quilt patterns and tools, and marketing and selling those patterns worldwide.

Celine was fun, spirited, and laughed a lot. Always genuine, she made friends easily and held them close. Inquisitive and creative, she always wanted to find out how something worked. She deftly juggled her roles as a wife, parent, friend and successful business owner, wielding Olympic-level organizational skills. She was a treasured mentor and always had the right word to carry one forward. She enjoyed travel, her family, her dogs and cats, sewing quilts and clothes for her grandchildren, and was the family IT expert. She lived by common sense, respect for others, and always doing the right thing, and expected the same from her children and those she was close to.

Celine is preceded in death by her father, John Hulse, and is survived by husband Mark, children John (Lindsey), Molly (Shane) Heller, James (Kayla), Lisa Pinke, grandchildren Jack Heller, Lily Heller and Mila Perkins, mother Jeanne Hulse, sisters Michelle (Scott) Stevens, Cristi Hulse (Robert Daum),

Mary Pat Hulse (Don Thomas), Michael (Cristine) Hulse, and many other relatives and friends.

Celine left us far too early. She so much wanted to grow old with her husband, watch her grandchildren grow up, be with her children, enjoy her friends, and have more time to sew.

Funeral services will be 11:00 AM, Thursday, March 20, at Pax Christi Catholic Church, 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN, with visitation at the church an hour prior. The service will be livestreamed on the church's website. Lunch will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Humane Society or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church
12100 Pioneer Trail
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Church Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HG

“ I was a friend of Celine's at The College of St. Catherine. I think of her fondly and remember her as a vibrant person. We touched base through FB a few years back and she sounded so happy with her life decisions. A life well lived. Heather Gaylord

Heather Gaylord - July 19, 2025 at 01:34 AM

BJ

“ I did not know Celine personally, but I much enjoyed taking some quilting classes from her earlier in my quilting years. Her attention to detail and accuracy in her patterns and tools was so helpful. She was also a friendly and fun teacher....the quilting world has lost a great talent. Rest in Peace; Celine - happy heavenly quilting!!!

Becky Jensen - March 20, 2025 at 12:36 PM

JP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I love you all so much and am always here for you.



Janet Pfeiffer Plank - March 19, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Celine Therese Perkins.



March 17, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Celine Therese Perkins.

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Celine Therese Perkins.



March 17, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ Love, Marilyn, Lou Ann & Lisa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Celine Therese Perkins.



Love, Marilyn, Lou Ann & Lisa - March 13, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Love, Marilyn, Lou Ann & Lisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Celine Therese Perkins.

Love, Marilyn, Lou Ann & Lisa - March 13, 2025 at 10:44 AM

LS

“ I have known Celine for many years, as we were next door neighbors. Celine was more than my friend; she was like family. When we first met, I was struggling with surviving a day of school with my classmates. Celine was then my confidant. I learned a lot from Celine, and she gave ideas of how to respond. This went on for me, until I started high school. She continued to be a terrific friend, and we were able to talk more about how life was for her. When it was time for me to start college, she gave me an “alumni referral” scholarship, at the College of Saint Catherine. After I graduated, we were able to bond as adult friends. I watched her children grow up, as well, and both of her sons mowed my mom’s yard. Celine was someone I could always count on to have the right words for me. Her passing is like a closed chapter for me. I am grateful for all I learned from her, and her examples. I am a better person for knowing Celine.
~Laurie Syverson

Laurie Syverson - March 12, 2025 at 08:53 PM

JR

“ Remembering her beautiful smile and quilting knowledge. Enjoyed spending time with her at CABS. Good conversations beyond the event and always had positive feedback. Hugs to her family and friends.

Januari Rhodes - March 12, 2025 at 06:27 PM

MB

“ I didnt quilt with Celine, but I am a quilter. I worked with her back in the early 80s as an OT. she was great to work with , always had a smile. will miss her

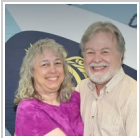
mary ann baraibar - March 12, 2025 at 05:02 PM

KS

“ Although we lived in the same community, I didn't get to know her until we attended the Creative Arts Business Summit. She was a great mentor to those getting started in the quilting business. She was kind, honest in sharing her advice and her own struggles and incredibly helpful. She was a designer who experienced successful long-term in a business where that is extremely rare. My favorite tip was when she suggested the Elfa system to organize a problematic office/classroom. I am still using that today. She will definitely be missed.

Condolences to the family. She will be greatly missed.

Kari Schell - March 12, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ I remember Celine from Creative Arts Business Summit, a workshop for Quilt Pattern designers. She was eager to share her experience with new designers. I also have Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, causing a weakness in hands and feet. She was an inspiration to me to progress in my craft.

Bunnie Cleland - March 12, 2025 at 10:19 AM