



Erin Kathleen Stastny

December 28, 1968 - September 7, 2025

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It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce the passing of Erin (Welch) Stastny-the absolute best daughter, sister, wife, mother, colleague, and friend.

Erin was born on December 28, 1968, in Dubuque, Iowa. She attended Iowa State University, where she met and married her incredible husband of 33 years, Steve Stastny. Together, they raised three amazing children: Nick, Elise, and Claire-filling their home with family, friends, laughter, (lots of karaoke), and love.

In addition to her husband and children, she will be greatly missed by her parents, Constance McDermott and Jerry (Nan) Welch; parents-in-law, Dale and Mary Stastny; sisters, Molly (Steve) Pigneri, Megan (Dan) Hower, and Kate (Eric) Carr; sisters-in-law, Kris Olson and Kathy Stastny; daughter-in-law, Ellyn Stastny; and 11 nieces and nephews.

Erin was a well-respected and dedicated stock trader, known not only for her sharp instincts and professionalism but also for the incredible warmth and light she brought to every person she met. Her quick wit, legendary pranks, and wicked sense of humor made even the most stressful days brighter-her ability to make others laugh was truly one of her greatest gifts.

Erin will also be remembered for her remarkable strength, spark, kindness, beauty, and the unwavering love she had for her family. She had a true zest for life-always ready for a new project or adventure-while finding joy in life's simplest pleasures, like catching frogs and toads in Iowa or soaking up the sunshine on her back patio.

She had a deep and abiding faith, and her church community was an important part of her life, especially during her courageous 9.5-year battle with colon cancer. She found strength, joy, and fellowship through her involvement with St Thomas the Apostle Church. Singing alongside her fellow choir members brought her immense peace and happiness, and she cherished the friendships she formed there.

Erin leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and integrity. While her physical absence leaves an unfathomable void, her infectious spirit lives on in the countless lives she touched.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 19th at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle, 2914 W 44th St., Minneapolis. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Thomas the Apostle or the Animal Humane Society, two places Erin frequented often and loved dearly.

Rest in peace, our sweet and beautiful Erin. You will be missed more than words can ever express, but we know you're now singing and dancing with the angels who welcomed you home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle (Mpls)
2914 West 44th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55410

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AK

“ Erin was one of a kind and a great best friend, if only for a small part of our lives. I was crushed when she left DBQ and then elated when she came back. And then off she went again and we lost touch. She provided me with some of my greatest memories from the one or so years we were in high school together and then one year in college. I am sorry you have lost her so young and for your suffering during this time. My mom died of cancer at 61 so I have an appreciation for such a profound loss. May you cherish the memories of the most sparky individual I've ever known. BTW, I was at the receiving end of one of her pranks once, and yes, she sure had a knack for it. Sincerely, Anna (Collins) Kemp

Anna Kemp - October 24, 2025 at 11:25 PM

AL

“ I only met Erin once at MN Oncology. Yet, she and her family left such an amazing impression on me, and my now late husband who had been treated for cancer at that time. Over the years, I always checked in when an update was made on her CB page. My heart hurts to have heard that she had passed. An amazing light dimmed way too soon. I will always remember Erin.

Annique London - September 17, 2025 at 09:55 AM

SR

“ I knew Erin (and her sister Molly) for a short time many, many years ago – the Parkway and Douglas Street neighborhood in Dubuque – the evening games of “ghost in the graveyard,” or pick up football and softball games in backyards or by Finley Hospital. I distinctly remember her sense of humor, especially her quick wit, which left a lasting impression. While I only knew her in our adolescent years, from all I’ve read here, it’s clear that she continued to be a wonderful person, touching so many people. I’m very sorry for your loss...you have my deepest condolences.
Steve Radloff – Dubuque, IA

Steve Radloff - September 16, 2025 at 01:48 PM

JG

“ Holding Erin’s family in our hearts and deepest prayers. We are so sorry for this profound loss. From knowing Elise, Nick, and Ellyn, we can only imagine the spectacular person she was. What a beautiful family and legacy she’s created. May her memory continue to live on in all the big and small moments of life. Lots of love, Jaclyn + Michael Gurwin.

Jaclyn and Michael Gurwin - September 16, 2025 at 07:54 AM

CA

“ I am so sorry to learn of Erin’s passing after such a courageous fight. We enjoyed many happy days watching the boys on the soccer pitch and growing up in the neighborhood. I am sorry to be out of town during Erin’s upcoming service. Condolences to the Statsny family. Hugs. Cliff Anderson

Clifford Anderson - September 16, 2025 at 12:11 AM

RH

“ One of the kindest souls I've ever had the pleasure of speaking to. While I knew her thru our telephone conversations only, with work. She ALWAYS made me Smile. God Speed Erin, you will be missed by us all. God Bless your family.

Roger Huse - September 15, 2025 at 03:36 PM

FF

“ The best of the best! Erin was beyond competent, she had the ability to connect to all types with a positive get it done attitude. Words don't express what a complete person she was. My heart and prayers go out to her family and friends.

Fred Finlayson - September 15, 2025 at 01:18 PM

RL

“ I'm a Stifel employee and loved Erin. My deepest sympathies!!!!
Rahn Lund

Rahn Lund - September 15, 2025 at 10:51 AM

BL

“ I want to share my deepest sympathy and love to Erin's family and loved ones. She was always friendly and extremely helpful from her department. She always shined a light on our advisors and their clients. Erin will be missed.

Bill Liber - September 15, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Erin Kathleen Stastny.



September 12, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for Erin's Family. I had the pleasure to work with Erin since 1994. She always was a bright light here at Stifel, always pleasant and willing to help. May she rest in peace.

Tricia Olson - September 12, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ My sympathy to Erin's family, friends and co-workers here at Stifel.. Erin was by far one of the most wonderful people that I have ever worked with in the financial industry. She was always upbeat, professional and helpful to everyone. We are all so fortunate to have known her and she will never be forgotten. May she Rest now with the Angels. Dennis Hottel , Pittsburgh PA

Dennis Hottel - September 12, 2025 at 11:50 AM

ZD

“ I just wanted to tell her family how much her Stifel family will miss her. She was one of my ALL-TIME FAVORITE people to work with. She might have 8732423472964 things going on in her life and work, but she would give you her undivided attention to extend a helping hand! She was a very bright, shining light that the rest of us here would do well to emulate. She made the world around her SO much better!

Zach Davies - September 12, 2025 at 11:33 AM

TL

“ My condolences for the Stastny family. Erin was such an inspiration. She was strong and vibrant and her smile could light up a room. Thank you Erin For being such a beautiful friend. You will truly be missed.

*From a friend & co-worker
Theresa Lee*

Theresa Lee - September 11, 2025 at 10:36 PM

LO

My heartfelt prayers for all of you. I did not know her, but I can feel the love from the Stifel folks who did know Erin. May she rest peacefully.

LORI - September 12, 2025 at 11:18 AM

BD

I hate it when God calls his angels home...such a wonderful woman...may your family find peace in their memories of you.

*Brian Dunn
St. Louis*

Brian Dunn - September 12, 2025 at 11:55 AM

PM

Erin was a true blessing.

Phillip Meyer - September 12, 2025 at 02:03 PM

JC

I worked with Erin for almost 25 years. As described by many she was the epitome of customer service. But more importantly, she was full of life even through her bouts with Kemo and radiation. Whether she was wearing a wig or her hair was growing back during remissions, she has a bubbly smile and was one of the bravest and strongest women I've ever known. Her pain and suffering is over. God, bless her soul and give comfort to her grieving family.

Jim Crenna - September 12, 2025 at 02:12 PM

SS

Steve - my condolences to you and your family. Erin sounds like she was such an amazing human and strong woman of faith. While this time is difficult for those who remain on Earth, she is blessed and with her Heavenly Father. She will watch over all of you from above.

Stephanie Sheldon - September 15, 2025 at 11:59 AM

ML

Steve - Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your wife Erin. From all of these wonderful posts I have read, she sounds like she was a wonderful wife/mother/friend/co-worker/person. I hope in time, you and your family are able to find some peace and comfort in all your great memories.

Mary Beth Livingston - September 15, 2025 at 06:32 PM

LT

*I was heartbroken to hear about Erin's passing. She was not just a colleague, but a dear friend and a truly special part of Stifel. Her kindness, humor, and dedication made a lasting impact on all of us, and she will be deeply missed.
Please know that my thoughts are with you during this incredibly difficult time. I hope you find comfort in the memories and the love that surrounds you.
With heartfelt sympathy,*

Lori Trick

Lori Trick - September 17, 2025 at 02:22 PM