



Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey

February 7, 1980 - February 19, 2026

Erin Elizabeth Athey (nee Bell), 46, passed away peacefully on February 19, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. Her final days were filled with the same love and family she cherished throughout her life, as she remained by the side of her devoted husband, Justin, until the very end.

She was born February 7, 1980, to her mother, Marsha Bell (deceased), and from her earliest days was surrounded by the steady and devoted love of her grandparents, Fred and June Bell (both deceased) who played an instrumental role in raising her and shaping the heart she carried throughout her life. Their home was her foundation and the bond they shared was deep. There is comfort in knowing they were surely among those waiting to welcome her home at Heaven's gates.

Erin graduated from Ashland University with a degree in Early Childhood Education, stepping into a calling that perfectly matched her gentle spirit. As an elementary school teacher, she had a natural gift with children, but more than anything, she longed to have children of her own.

Soon after college, she moved to Columbus where she met Justin, the love of her life and her greatest blessing. Their marriage was built on deep friendship, laughter, and devotion. In 2009, they began the beautiful family Erin had always dreamed of, welcoming their daughter Avery Marie, followed by their

son Jake Patrick, and lastly their daughter Aniston June.

Being a mother was not just something Erin did, it was who she was. Her children were her everything. They were her greatest joy, her proudest accomplishment, and her daily purpose. She lived for them, prayed for them, and poured every ounce of her heart into raising them. Even in her hardest days, she fought with remarkable strength because she wanted more time with them. In her time as their mom, although far too short, she instilled in them a deep faith, unconditional love, and the kind of steady security that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

In 2016, Justin's work brought their family to Roswell, Georgia, where Erin formed lifelong friendships and built a community that quickly became like family. Wherever she lived, she created warmth, belonging, and a home filled with love. The truest "hostess with the mostest." Even as her health challenged her, Erin's spirit as a gatherer of people never dimmed.

Throughout her battle with cancer, Erin faced each day with extraordinary courage and immense faith. Justin never left her side. He was her fiercest advocate, her constant encourager, and her steady strength. Their marriage became a true testament to the vows they made: in sickness and in health. Justin carried those promises faithfully and without hesitation, loving and caring for Erin until her final breath.

Erin is survived by her husband, Justin and her beautiful children, Avery, Jake, and Annie. Erin is also survived by and deeply loved by her father- and mother-in-law, Tom and Kathy Athey, and lovingly embraced by her brothers- and sisters-in-law: Sean, Meghan, Matt, and Carly Athey. Though those titles included the words "in-law," there was never anything formal about the love they shared. She was a daughter and a sister. They were her family. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Chase, Presley, Beau, McKenna,

Hudson, and Luke who will miss her dearly but find peace knowing Aunt Erin is their new guardian angel. She was simply the beloved 'Aunt Erin,' a title she wore with immense pride.

Erin's life was defined by compassion, kindness but most importantly unwavering faith.

Though her absence leaves an immeasurable void, her legacy lives on most powerfully in her children — in their faith, their kindness, their strength, and the love she planted so deeply within them. That love will carry them forward, always.

Mass and Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026, in Roswell, Georgia.

A Funeral Mass will take place at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church, 11330 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075.

Family and friends are invited to gather for a Celebration of Life from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Gate City Brewery, 43 Magnolia Street, Roswell, GA 30075.

There will also be a Celebration of Life offered in Columbus, Ohio at 4:00pm on Saturday March 21st, 2026 at Overlook at Astor Park located at 600 W. Nationwide Blvd, Suite 500, Columbus, OH 43125.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Erin's name to Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University's Glenn Family Breast Center.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Rd
Roswell, GA 30075-2548
(678) 277-9424

Tribute Wall



“ *My heart breaks for you all. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Colleen Murray, retired, Gahanna school's and YKP lead teacher* ❤️

Colleen Murray - March 10 at 01:35 PM

RC

“ *Justin: So very sorry for your loss. What a beautiful life you and Erin
must have had. Take care. Mr. C*

Russ Cochrane - February 27 at 10:56 AM

AB

“ *To the Athey Family,
Although I haven't seen Erin in years, I will never forget some of our
childhood memories and the laughter we shared. I'm so sorry for
your loss. Sending my thoughts and prayers to your family.*

Aki Bowser - February 27 at 09:53 AM

DA

“ *Denise abbott purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet
et for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.*



Denise abbott - February 26 at 09:39 PM

DK

“ I was lucky enough to have Erin in my second grade class. She was joyful, helpful, beautiful, Intelligent, and a leader. I can't express how sad her passing is. Sending love to the entire family.

Love,
Debra Kress

Debra Kress - February 26 at 03:18 PM

EH

“ Erin and Ned Hamad purchased the Divine Light for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



Erin and Ned Hamad - February 26 at 06:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



February 25 at 12:51 PM

RT

“ Roswell Highschool Volleyball Teams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

Roswell Highschool Volleyball Teams - February 24 at 08:36 PM

RT

“ Roswell Highschool Volleyball Teams purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



Roswell Highschool Volleyball Teams - February 24 at 08:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



February 24 at 04:48 PM

SB

“ Scott, Addie & Crosby Bowen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



Scott, Addie & Crosby Bowen - February 24 at 11:02 AM

RS

“ Roseanne Athey and Michael Spaar purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



Roseanne Athey and Michael Spaar - February 24 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ Tim, Teri, Meredith, TJ and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

Tim, Teri, Meredith, TJ and families - February 23 at 05:54 PM

TF

“ Tim, Teri, Meredith, TJ and families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



Tim, Teri, Meredith, TJ and families - February 23 at 05:54 PM

TS

“ Tonia S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

Tonia S. - February 23 at 05:40 PM

BB

“ B-W Brothers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



B-W Brothers - February 23 at 05:25 PM

BB

“ B-W Brothers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

B-W Brothers - February 23 at 05:25 PM

LB

“ Lizz Barnhart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

Lizz Barnhart - February 23 at 05:15 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



February 23 at 03:11 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



February 23 at 03:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

February 23 at 02:30 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

Elizabeth M. - February 23 at 02:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

February 23 at 02:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



February 23 at 02:15 PM

RF

“ Ristucci Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

Ristucci Family - February 23 at 02:01 PM

RF

“ Ristucci Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



Ristucci Family - February 23 at 02:01 PM

KK

“ Kevin and Sharon Kilbane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.

Kevin and Sharon Kilbane - February 23 at 01:48 PM

KK

“ Kevin and Sharon Kilbane purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Erin Elizabeth Athey.



Kevin and Sharon Kilbane - February 23 at 01:48 PM