



Eileen Bird

June 29, 1967 - November 7, 2018

Eileen “Beanie” Smelstoys Bird, 51, of Mooresville, NC, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 in Boston, MA.

She is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband, David Bird; her parents, Bernard and Barbara Smelstoys; as well as a large extended family. As in her life, Beanie left us with her own beautiful prose to comfort and guide us through this difficult time.

Dear family,

I have lived a life that was real...based in faith and powered by love. When life is not perfect in any way, shape, or form it was perfectly ours and my gratitude to God and each of you is endless.

While the news of my passing must come as a great shock to you, you must not let it get the best of you. It would be totally wrong to allow for that given how you have been the very best part of me. Carry me with you in your hearts and trust I will be with you on all occasions and in all ways that matter most. See me in the sunshine and feel me like the warmth of a summer night.

I could write about you for the next two weeks and still not have said enough. You each hold a very special place in my heart. My one wish to ask of you is

to maintain humility and kindness in all things.

Please know how much I deeply love every one of you. How you have made me so proud, so safe and rich in all the ways that ever mattered. Thank you for the laughs and the love. Please stick together and care for one another. Serve God and be good to yourselves. Most of all find the fun in life. It's right there for the taking. My Pop always said we are the captains of our own destiny. Enjoy and live on.

When I meet our Lord, I will rejoice in his glory and ask that he shine his blessings upon all of you—keeping you safe and happy in his care.

Love ya'll, Beanie

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 16 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville, NC.

In lieu of flowers, per Beanie's request please send memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or your local hospice care or Make a Wish Foundation of New England or a charity of donor's choice to support school safety.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Bird family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Therese Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Eileen Bird*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Eileen Bird*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Eileen Bird*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Deborah Bradford lit a candle in memory of Eileen Bird*



deborah bradford - March 28, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I hope you are surrounded by love.
John 16:22 “Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.” God Bless You.
Donna.*

Donna Wirpsza McDonough - November 21, 2018 at 10:56 AM

JM

“ So very sorry for your loss. What a beautiful woman. May the grace of God bring you comfort during this sad time. judy

judy mabie - November 16, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences to you and your family, David, as well as to all who were touched by Eileen during her time here on earth. May the love and prayers of so many bring you comfort.

Laura Ahlersmeyer Stahl - November 16, 2018 at 10:33 AM

CS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family! God Bless you all!



Celia Souza - November 16, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.



November 15, 2018 at 01:14 PM

PW

“ We are sending our thoughts, prayers and love in honor of one of the most kind, loving and generous souls we have ever met. We are humbled by the love she shared. God bless you all. Steve & Pat Williams



Pat & Steve Williams - November 15, 2018 at 11:13 AM

RA

“ Rayna lit a candle in memory of Eileen Bird



Rayna - November 15, 2018 at 08:27 AM

JF

“ Eileen was truly amazing. When I first started doing private yoga with her in RI 2 years ago, we immediately resonated - she was so open & curious. Her encouragement and appreciation helped me to value my work. And wow did I stretch as a teacher thanks to Eileen! When she moved back to NC, at her request I learned how to teach yoga via skype - and even via phone a few times! I often joked that Eileen was my most flexible student - but I was also serious! She was flexible about when, where, & how she could make space for her practice. We had yoga & meditation sessions while she set up in kitchens, living rooms, all sorts of nooks & crannies at hotel rooms - and even a few (standing poses) sessions in large bathrooms! I'll miss Eileen so much! And I also know that we're all always connected. Sending Love & Light to ALL of Eileen's family and MANY friends & beloved colleagues. She created a culture of respect & care everywhere she went - and I know we'll each carry that on in our own way. <3 - Janie Ganga Fronek

Janie Ganga Fronek - November 15, 2018 at 07:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.*



November 14, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.*



November 14, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ *Dave-*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. I have a lot of great memories of working with and getting to know Bean, Lots of fun, smiles and laughter--she will be missed and never forgotten.

Steve Tucker

Steve Tucker - November 14, 2018 at 01:07 PM

LR

“ Love Rita purchased the 8" Angel holding Dove for the family of Eileen Bird.



Love Rita - November 13, 2018 at 08:19 PM

RG

“ Lit a candle in memory of Eileen Bird



Rita Gasz - November 13, 2018 at 07:47 PM

DL

“ Debbie and Frank Linden purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eileen Bird.



Debbie and Frank Linden - November 13, 2018 at 06:25 PM

FL

“ Such a beautiful soul to lose at such a young age. Using Bean's own lovely words, she "will be with you always". God bless you all.

Frank and Debbie Linden - November 13, 2018 at 05:30 PM

AN

“ *David and family,*

Our hearts break for your loss. We will always remember Beanie's infectious laugh, beautiful smile and the most caring person anyone could ever have the pleasure of knowing. She was an amazing woman and a true gift from God.

We pray for strength for you David and know we are always here if you need us.

Brennen and Angela Baker

Angela - November 13, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ *Such fun we had with Eileen and Dave, my wife and I, Charlene, near Pensacola Florida, while we often took them boating and waterskiing. Eileen was probably 19 years old in the mid 80s, when we first met both of them, and I was employed by Westinghouse. What a sweet and caring person she always was, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. Charlene and I are thinking of you, (Dave, Barb, Bernie and family) we wish you hope in the midst of sorrow, we wish you comfort in the midst of pain. Prayers for the family. Love to all.*

*Glenn and Charlene Wilson
Tampa, FL*

Glenn Wilson - November 13, 2018 at 01:35 PM

MB

“ *Eileen was a ray of light and laughter - she never seemed to take life too seriously, yet always held her work in high esteem. She was too young and vibrant to leave this earth and the others she was so close to. We will miss her wonderful smile and witty comments and just plain kindness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave and the rest of her family. Martha Bunker*

Martha Bunker - November 13, 2018 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ *There are no words that seem to be good enough or strong enough to express the feelings that come with this loss. Eileen, you were a ray of light for every one who was lucky enough to know you. To Eileen's family and closest circle, I extend my deepest sympathies and wishes for peace and strength. May you always feel her warmth and presence until we are all able to be with her again.*

Jennifer Fantozzi - November 12, 2018 at 06:55 PM

CF

“ *Cieszko Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Eileen Bird.*



Cieszko Family - November 12, 2018 at 02:45 PM

SO

“ *Dave and Family,*

My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. While it is a sudden loss, my prayers are that the incredible memories that Eileen provided to everyone she touched, will provide a smile or laugh during the grief. What an amazing person to so many! She will surely be missed and again, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

~Shane O'Brien

Shane O'Brien - November 12, 2018 at 01:23 PM

LB

“ *My friend.....you will be truly missed by everyone! We started at the same time in FC and I remember us hanging on together that first year. You were always so kind and I'll never forget the massage you surprised me with when I was in NC. The many dinners we shared laughing to keep from crying will never be forgotten. God has received the greatest angel. I know it's not good bye, but I'll see you again in Heaven, my friend!*

Lisa Barnum - November 12, 2018 at 12:51 PM

TD

“ *The FIAM Sales Desk... purchased the Rose Reembrance for the family of Eileen Bird.*



The FIAM Sales Desk... - November 12, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.



November 12, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ My heart was saddened and touched to hear of the sudden passing of your loved one, Eileen. She will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved her. Sickness and death was never a part of God's original plan for mankind, neither was pain or sorrow. These are some of things he promises to do a way with by means of his Kingdom in which we pray for in the Lord's Prayer. These promises can be found at Isaiah 25:8 as well as at Revelation 21:3,4. Once more I am very sorry for your loss.

Nancy - November 12, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ Mr. Bird & Family- My most sincere condolences in the loss of Eileen. She was an amazing woman who would always be there for everyone at work. Her grit and humor would always make you smile no matter how your day was going. She was extremely humble and was such a kind hearted woman. Even if she didn't have time to stop and talk she would make time that was just the person she was day in and day out. The world lost a truly remarkable human being but gained the most amazing angel to look over you and your family. May you find comfort in your faith and during this difficult time, may you always look back and treasure the memories with her always.

-Joe Cooney, Fidelity

Joseph Cooney - November 12, 2018 at 09:22 AM

KC

“ Having been a colleague of Eileen's for the last couple of years, she was the hardest working and most passionate person I've ever had the pleasure of working alongside. She set the bar so high and got the best out of her entire organization. She truly defined what it meant to go the extra yard and exceed expectations. Eileen taught me so much about myself both professionally and personally. I will forever miss her and wish her family the best during this difficult time.

Kyle C - November 12, 2018 at 08:59 AM

TM

“ This tragic news is such an incredibly sad thing to hear about and I can't even comprehend what you are going through. My prayers and deepest condolences to David, Leah and Kathy on your loss.

Todd Merickel - November 11, 2018 at 08:37 PM

BE

“ Dear Barbara, Bernie, Bernie Jr., Margie, Chris, and Barbie, please accept our deepest sympathies on Eileen's passing. We remember all of you fondly as our first neighbors and friends. We will hold all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Please convey our sympathies to her husband and friends for us.
Barbara and Bob Evancho

Barbara & Bob Evancho - November 11, 2018 at 09:46 AM

JA

“ My humblest condolences to you at this time. I worked with Eileen many years ago and she stands out as one of the most influential people in my long career. To think of Eileen is to remember her infectious laugh, live of life, and never ending kindness. She will be forever and fondly remembered.

Jeffrey Anderson - November 11, 2018 at 09:17 AM

BK

“ Dear Barb & Bernie, please accept our deepest sympathy and sorrow for the loss of your beloved daughter. We did not have the honor of knowing Eileen, but knowing her parents as we do, we are confident she was a reflection of you. Please know you have our love and prayers through this most difficult time. You were blessed to have her, cherish her memories and know we grieve with you.

Barry & Barb Koncan

Barry Koncan - November 11, 2018 at 08:11 AM

SW

“ Sue Walter lit a candle in memory of Eileen Bird



Sue Walter - November 11, 2018 at 07:55 AM

KP

“ Dave, my heart breaks with the loss of dear Beanie. She was as beloved to our Mary and Jim as a daughter could ever have been...how blessed they were to have had her (and you too!) with them through so many wonderful times, and hard times as well. I hope, Dave, that your memories of this amazing woman, and the countless fond memories others are sharing with you as well, will bring you some comfort in this very sad time.

Kathy Pickard - November 11, 2018 at 06:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.*



November 10, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ *High School Sweethearts*



Judy Bird - November 10, 2018 at 08:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.*



November 10, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ *May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincere condolences. Shari & Kenny Crowe, Newark ,DE*

Shari Crowe - November 10, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.* ”



November 10, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



Don Dockter - November 10, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.* ”



November 10, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.* ”



November 10, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eileen Bird.*



November 10, 2018 at 03:40 PM



“ *I can't find the words to express what this beautiful lady has meant to me. She gave me words and then followed up with action and I am so grateful that God blessed me to have known her. She has been such a special love without thinking of herself and made a difference in so many lives and she made us all feel so special. She will truly be missed, but God loves her more and he doesn't make mistakes.*

My Deepest Sympathies to the Family. Praying for you all.



Sylvia Hines - November 10, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ *Sylvia Hines purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eileen Bird.*



Sylvia Hines - November 10, 2018 at 03:17 PM