



Eileen McCann Defiel

September 9, 1955 - April 23, 2026

Surrounded by the love of her family, Eileen McCann Defiel peacefully passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

Eileen was the beloved wife of Stuart Defiel, the love of her life, and a devoted and loving mother to her daughters, Melissa Cowan and Chelsea Babin, and her son, John Cowan. She was preceded in death by her cherished daughter, Andrea “Andy” Defiel, who remained forever in her heart.

She is also survived by her sister, Irene McCann Deck; her brother-in-law, John W. Deck, Jr.; her son-in-law, Anthony Babin; and her daughter-in-law, Charlene Cowan, as well as 12 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and two nephews, all of whom brought her immense pride and joy.

Born in Orange, Texas, on September 9, 1955, Eileen was the daughter of the late Captain Ernest Avery “Mac” McCann and Eleanor Genna McCann.

Eileen devoted more than 40 years of her life to a career in Human Resources in the healthcare field. She cared deeply about people and was known for her kindness, compassion, integrity, and unwavering support of others.

She had a deep passion for riding motorcycles with her husband Stuart, and found great joy riding motorcycles together, embracing the freedom of the

open road and the time they spent side by side. Those moments reflected her adventurous spirit and her deep appreciation for life.

Above all else, Eileen's greatest joy was her family. She loved deeply, gave generously, and had a warmth that made everyone around her feel welcome and cared for. Her strength, resilience, and unwavering love will remain with those who knew her, and her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

A Celebration of Life reception will be held at Millet-Guidry Funeral Home, 2806 West Airline Highway in LaPlace, Louisiana, on Thursday, April 30, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Millet Guidry Funeral Home
2806 W Airline Hwy
Laplace, LA 70068
(985) 536-7700
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<https://www.milletguidry.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Millet Guidry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eileen McCann Defiel



Millet Guidry Funeral Home - April 30 at 11:45 AM



“ Yvonne G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen McCann Defiel.

Yvonne G. - April 30 at 10:56 AM



“ I worked with Eileen at Ochsner and while our work together was occasional, she always stood out for her positive spirit, willingness to help, and steady, reassuring presence. Those qualities made a meaningful difference. I extend my heartfelt condolences to her family and hope they find strength and comfort in the memories they shared.

Bruce Weinberg - April 28 at 01:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eileen McCann Defiel.*



April 28 at 12:31 PM



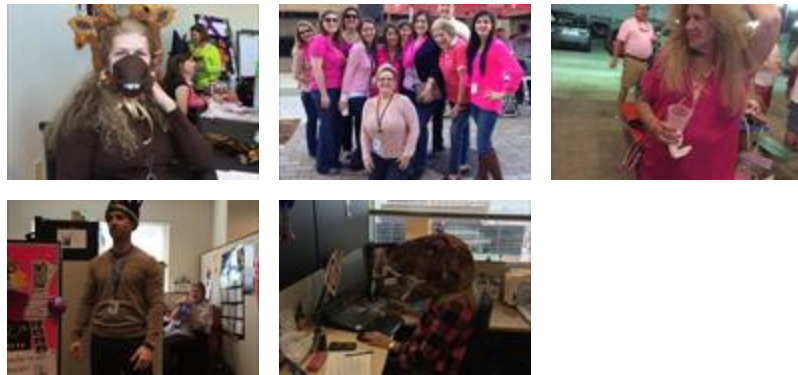
“ *Ken and Hope, Lee and Patti purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eileen McCann Defiel.*



Ken and Hope, Lee and Patti - April 28 at 12:28 PM



“ *10 files added to the album Fun Times at Work w/ Eileen*



Emily - April 27 at 03:13 PM



I will miss you dearly, Eileen!

Emily - April 27 at 03:23 PM

CM

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of our coworker, Eileen. My thoughts and condolences are with her family and loved ones and those of us who worked closely with her in H.R. at Ochsner for so many years.

Cherie M - April 27 at 02:09 PM

TT

“ The WhiteHawk Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eileen McCann Defiel.



The WhiteHawk Team - April 27 at 01:48 PM

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“ Ochsner Health Employee Experience Team purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Eileen McCann Defiel.



Ochsner Health Employee Experience Team - April 27 at 09:56 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Eileen McCann Defiel*.



April 26 at 11:07 PM



“ *Irene & John Deck and family* purchased the *Heavenly Grace Spray* for the family of *Eileen McCann Defiel*.



Irene & John Deck and family - April 26 at 04:47 PM



“ *John, Melissa, and Chelsea* purchased the *Ringed by Love* for the family of *Eileen McCann Defiel*.



John, Melissa, and Chelsea - April 26 at 03:30 PM