

Sara Stassel Lee

Sara Stassel Lee, 50, of Glen Ellyn passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, May 26th.

She leaves behind her devoted husband Peter “Chip” as well as her cherished children Jennifer, Peter and Jonathan. She was the loving daughter of Lucille and the late John Stassel of LaPorte, Indiana and the beloved sister of David (Donna) Stassel of LaCanada, California. Sara was especially close to her Aunt and Uncle, the late Elizabeth “Ibbie” and Joe Lubber, her many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins. Sara was a kind and true friend to very many people.

She was a 1975 graduate of LaPorte High School and a 1979 graduate of Purdue University where she was a member of the Alpha Phi Fraternity. A resident of Glen Ellyn for 26 years, Sara devoted her life to making the world a better place through service for many civic and educational organizations. She was very proud of the work she did on behalf of the Village of Glen Ellyn and was currently serving as an elected Village Trustee. Throughout the last decade she also held the position of Glen Ellyn Plan Commissioner and served on the Village Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Sara was on the nominating committee for the Civic Betterment Party; a trained moderator for the League of Women Voters; a member of the DuPage County Regional Office of Education Advisory Board; a member of the Glenbard High School District 87 Strategic Plan Committee where she was named Volunteer of the Year; a Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council for Glenbard South High School; a volunteer voter registrar for DuPage County; a founding member of Keeping Educational Excellence a Priority; a member of the Community in a Park Committee; and on the Glen Ellyn Vision 2000 Youth Committee.

She was also very active in the DuPage Valley Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Phi Fraternity. Over the years she served as an Alpha Phi chapter advisor at Cornell University and Elmhurst College; as the President of Wheaton Junior Women's Club; a member of the St. Petronille School Parent Organization; and the President of the Raintree Homeowner's Association. She was named one of the DuPage County Daily Herald's 100 Most Influential People of 2000.

Sara was an avid gardener and a fabulous cook who loved to share her talents and knowledge with others. She worked for the Butterball Turkey Talk Line for many years and found great joy helping people across the nation create beautiful holiday meals.

Sara continued to think of others through her final days, and chose to donate her body for medical research on neuroendocrine carcinoma.

A memorial visitation Thursday May 29th from 12noon until time of memorial service at 2:00 p.m. at Williams-Kampp Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd. (1 blk. E. of Naperville Rd.) Wheaton, IL.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the American Cancer Society, CNS Hospice of DuPage, or a local organization of the donor's choice.