



# Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison

August 14, 1991 - November 27, 2025

Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison, 34, of Troy, MO, passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025. She is the beloved daughter of Les & Sonya Ellison, of Troy.

Kayleigh came into this world with a fiery, fighting spirit and went to heaven the very same way.

She is survived by her parents, her siblings: Grant Ellison and his wife Chelsea Ellison (the sister she always wanted) of Wentzville; her grandparents: Susie Heutel of Troy and Ron and Kay Brown of Troy; Aunt Tina Roach and husband Hal of Bowling Green; Uncle Tom Roberts and wife Bethany of Troy; many cousins, and especially her cherished niece and nephew: Sloane Marie Ellison and Howard Parker Ellison.

Her first surgery left her paralyzed on her right side and she lost her speech. She regained those quickly and returned to New Jersey to finish her degree at Seton Hall University to study International Relations and Foreign Diplomacy, as she wanted to cause change in the world arena.

Shortly before her first surgery, she followed her heart and pursued becoming a nun with Mother Teresa's order. However, her health would not allow it, so she chose to move forward with her original degree and dedicate her life to

service in other ways.

She passionately moved forward to do mission work in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, Hospice and orphanage work in El Salvador, where she mastered her Spanish speaking ability.

She also championed for the homeless and underfed communities in New Jersey. Philadelphia afforded her the chance to work with the homeless and chronically drug addicted population. Habitat for Humanity in Lincoln County filled that void when she came back home.

After graduation, she chose to move to Boston and complete a law degree at the University of Massachusetts. While struggling through her first year of law school, she accidentally showed up to UMass soccer tryouts and made the team! This was quite a shock as she had already had brain surgery, was 26 years old and was cut from her high school varsity soccer team.

She fought her brain cancer with extreme grace and courage for the entire 14 years. During the last few months of her life down here, she lost much of her ability to speak and apply her natural wit to causes; however, her voice was heard loud and clear thru this great community and with the love of friends and family.

Please know that Kayleigh loved her communities, and she is now in heaven with a perfect body and no more pain or suffering.

Family and friends will be received from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, December 5, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church located at 100 Thompson Drive Troy, MO 63379. Funeral mass will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Troy, MO. Officiating the mass will be Father Eddie Voltz. Interment will be held at

the St. Alphonsus Cemetery in Millwood, MO.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to The Key, in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222, Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com) Phone 636-528-8221

# Cemetery Details

## St. Alphonsus Cemetery

Millwood, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
100 Thompson Drive  
Troy, MO 63379

## Mass

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
100 Thompson Drive  
Troy, MO 63379

# Tribute Wall

YC

“ So very sorry for the loss of your beautiful child our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Yvonne (Roberts) Cartier

yvonne cartier - January 04 at 09:21 AM

MC

“ We first met Kayleigh at Teddy Bear University. She was such a bright, spunky preschooler, often making others laugh and play. Years later, we were reacquainted at St. Dominic High School. Those early qualities were only more enhanced. We feel blessed to have known her and watch her grow up to be such an inspiration. Sending prayers to her family from the Greg and Beth Cissell family.

Marribeth Cissell - December 05, 2025 at 10:00 PM

SH

“ Kayleigh was a law school classmate of mine. One of my favorite memories was that of her devotion to achieving her goals and toughing the hard moments because she saw past them — she saw the bigger picture and the magic of life, love, and laughter. She will be missed by so very many.



Shea Hazel - December 05, 2025 at 09:48 PM

WE

“ I attended UMass Law with Kayleigh. I will always remember her name has 'all the letters'. She made an impression through one group project and some sleep-deprived evenings in the Law Library. She approached everything with gusto! So sad that she is gone while comforting that she is at peace. Heaven has a new enthusiastic angel. No longer flightless.

Wendy W. Weston, Esq. - December 05, 2025 at 04:04 PM

KG

“ Kayleigh was a classmate at UMass Law. I was moved by her resilience, wit, humor, and—most of all—kindness. She loved and was loved.

Kristine Goodwin - December 05, 2025 at 11:48 AM

KA

“ I went to law school with Kayleigh and I remember her being a very smart, funny, and kind person. I'm sorry for this loss of a good person, and her family is in my thoughts.



Katelyn - December 05, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.



December 05, 2025 at 12:48 AM

TS

“ The Slepickas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

The Slepickas - December 05, 2025 at 12:48 AM

DA

“ Dean A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

Dean A. - December 04, 2025 at 11:38 PM

BN

“ Bob, Kim & Ashley Nichols planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

Bob, Kim & Ashley Nichols - December 04, 2025 at 08:46 PM

MM

“ Megan and Wade Miller purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.



Megan and Wade Miller - December 04, 2025 at 04:38 PM

MM

“ Megan and Wade Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

Megan and Wade Miller - December 04, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.*



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December 04, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *The Cannon Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.*



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**The Cannon Family** - December 04, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ *The Cannon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.*

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**The Cannon Family** - December 04, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ *Stacy Cottrell lit a candle in memory of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison*



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**Stacy Cottrell** - December 04, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.



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December 03, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ Mark & Dianne Roberts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

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**Mark & Dianne Roberts** - December 03, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ Kelly M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

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**Kelly M.** - December 03, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ Kent, Elaine and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.



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**Kent, Elaine and Family** - December 03, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.



December 03, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ Josie and Alice Austin send their deepest condolences, support and love while remembering the exceptional light Kayleigh was to everyone she knew. We will never forget her infectious energy and joy of connectivity. Please know your family and all her love ones, blessed by her spirit for life, are in our prayers and may God bless you and comfort you in the chapters to come.

Alice & Josie Austin - December 02, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ Jacqueline B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

Jacqueline B. - December 02, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ Alice A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

Alice A. - December 02, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.*



December 01, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ *Love Always, Dean & Rachel Shocklee purchased the Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.*



**Love Always, Dean & Rachel Shocklee** - December 01, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *Love Always, Dean & Rachel Shocklee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.*

**Love Always, Dean & Rachel Shocklee** - December 01, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *Greg and Michele Christopherson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.*



**Greg and Michele Christopherson** - December 01, 2025 at 11:39 AM

GC

“ Greg and Michele Christopherson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

Greg and Michele Christopherson - December 01, 2025 at 11:39 AM

AB

“ Memorial tree from the Exparte department in Saint Charles county. We loved having her in our office. She was always a ray of sunshine. She was always very positive and outgoing.

Abigail - December 01, 2025 at 09:29 AM

AK

“ Abigail K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

Abigail K. - December 01, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ To the whole family- Praying for the strength and comfort only God can bring. We are so sorry for your loss.  
Love, The Moers

Kelsey Moer - November 30, 2025 at 09:48 PM

RH

“ Rhonda H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

Rhonda H. - November 30, 2025 at 04:03 PM

JW

“ *John,Lisa,Evan and Aunt Wanda purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.*



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**John,Lisa,Evan and Aunt Wanda** - November 30, 2025 at 02:49 PM

EM

“ *EVELYN HUBBARD MISSEY lit a candle in memory of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison*



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**EVELYN HUBBARD MISSEY** - November 29, 2025 at 04:11 PM

MS

“ *Dear Les and Sonja, Kayleigh was a beautiful spirit. I'm so sorry for this great loss. Keeping you in prayer. Mary & Jeff Sundermeyer*

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**Mary Sundermeyer** - November 29, 2025 at 03:03 PM

CH

“ *Charlene Hale lit a candle in memory of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison*



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**Charlene Hale** - November 29, 2025 at 02:42 PM

FK

“ From Jessie Iffrig and the Kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.

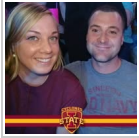


From Jessie Iffrig and the Kids - November 29, 2025 at 01:42 PM

CS

“ Rest in peace, sweet Kayleigh. Your life was important and you made a difference. Love and comfort, Sonya and Les, and your family. Carolyn Shocklee

Carolyn Shocklee - November 29, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ Being with Kayleigh was non stop fun, she had a spirit that light up every room she was in.



Kathleen Miller - November 29, 2025 at 01:34 PM

KJ

“ Sonya, may your family be in peace with precious memories.  
Kim Remmert-jJones

Kimberly Jones - November 29, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ *Ellen Orf lit a candle in memory of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison*



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**Ellen Orf** - November 29, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kayleigh Dawn Marie Ellison.*



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November 29, 2025 at 08:22 AM