



Elenn Rose Steinberg

April 11, 2024

Elenn Rose Steinberg, 71, of Denver, Colorado passed away on April 11, 2024. She was a beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend. Elenn was a graduate of the University of Colorado. Her passion for teaching children to read drove her to be the dedicated Co-Founder and Executive Director of Orton Gillingham International, where her company provides training to teachers on how to teach children to read. Additionally, she was the Founder and educational director of Every Child Reading, a non-profit organization that offered literacy-building summer camps and year round tutoring for students in need. To understand how deeply she cared about helping kids, view this video:

<https://www.everychildreading.net/resources>

Elenn was a spiritual and metaphysical person who strongly identified with her Jewish roots. She was a Certified Spiritual Practitioner with the Centers for Spiritual Living through the Mile High Church.

She was a Denver native and enjoyed the many long-term friendships she developed over the years. One going back over 55 years. When she wasn't working with kids and teachers Elenn loved to read, shop, travel, cook, people watch, and attend various personal & spiritual growth events.

Elenn is survived by her husband of over 40 years, Eric, her son Sam, her

dogs Lucy and Zoey, her brother Joe, sisters-in-laws Fai Lee, Laurie, Sue, and Claudia, brother-in-laws Bill and John, nieces Rachel, Jane, Jennifer, and nephews Billy, Jeffery, Stephen and Rad. Mother-in-law Jane. She was preceded in death by her father Alvin, mother Bettie and niece Shauna.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Every Child Reading - Elenn's Nonprofit Organization at <https://www.everychildreading.net/donate> to support year-round tutoring and Super Star Summer Camp scholarships or Judy's Mission To End Ovarian Cancer at <https://judysmission.org/donate/>

Elenn will be deeply missed by all who knew her, especially the children whose lives she touched and who touched her's.

Tribute Wall

LK

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Lynn Kuhn - April 28, 2024 at 12:04 PM

PP

“ *Elenn’s world was immense, filled by her vast curiosity and interests. There was always room for more, and she invited everyone in. She was the most welcoming person I know, intensely engaged with everyone she met. She leaves a huge empty space in the world, but she filled so many lives with purpose that her legacy will have great depth. Deepest condolences to Eric and Sam, who will live out that legacy most personally and painfully. I’m so sorry for this loss.*

Patricia Peterson - April 25, 2024 at 02:05 PM

EK

“ *I was fortunate to be connected with Elenn when I reached out to Mile Hi Church for some practitioner counseling sessions. She brought such love and caring to our time together.*

Erich Kirshner - April 23, 2024 at 08:37 AM

TA

“ My condolences to Elenn's family, colleagues, and friends - such a loss of leadership, voice, compassion, and advocacy. She will be remembered by so my tangible rewards of her wisdom and commitment.

Tanni Anthony - April 22, 2024 at 10:45 AM

BW

“ I have often described Elenn as my son's fairy godmother. She has empowered him to think of his learning difference as a superpower. She helped him find his voice and she will be remembered as an all around awesome human. She will be greatly missed. ❤️

Bobby Weidmann - April 20, 2024 at 08:58 PM

SI

“ Elenn was amazing in so many ways. Her relentless work and advocacy to ensure literacy for all. Helping so many by teaching students and providing professional development for teachers. Connecting with, supporting and mentoring other parents. And creating a myriad of other magical connections. Elenn was smart, funny, driven; fierce, but gentle, too. A spiritual, beautiful force of nature. I am so fortunate to have been her friend. May her memory be for a blessing.

Sharon Israel - April 19, 2024 at 11:10 PM

KN

“ Kathy Nunemaker lit a candle in memory of Elenn Rose Steinberg



Kathy Nunemaker - April 19, 2024 at 07:20 PM

AL

“ Our deepest condolences for her family... "hugs as always " that's what I used to say to her. Elenn was a guide for me, when I met her I was a young immigrant mother who had no idea which way to go or how to get ahead with a son with dyslexia Elenn took my hand and was with me throughout my path..... For my son Chiavari she was like a mother, since she advocated for him at school and in his IEPs, she touched the lives of many children.. including my other two sons too....God gave us the joy of knowing her and knowing Erick, of being at her home and enjoying some afternoons with her on her porch.....Our family will always keep the beautiful memory, love and great admiration for Elenn and her dedication to others. Ellen, "as always, we send you hugs" Alonso Lopez Family

Africa Lopez - April 19, 2024 at 02:42 PM

JW

“ When I think of Elenn, I think of the thousands of children whose lives were impacted in such a positive way by her love of them. She was a dedicated, enthusiastic, and extremely talented educator! Blessings to you Elenn for your tremendous contribution to our youth. Thank you, also, for being a special friend. Love and blessings to you and your family! Jody Whitley

JoEllen Whitley - April 19, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ If you ever needed someone to make you feel strong and trust life, you could always count on Elenn. She had the most beautiful and genuine smile, and even when she was suffering, she was only concerned about you and what she could give you. I will miss our afternoons on the porch, your joie de vivre, your immense heart. I feel so blessed to have met you, my dear.

Solange Zanetti - April 18, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JR

“ *Elenn was a loving and truly fun person. I remember when I was a child how much I looked forward to talking with her. She always showed so much interest and care. As I got older and had my own son, she did the same. She had a gift for connecting with people of all ages. I have many fond memories of her and Eric taking me and Dana to the movies or babysitting us or spending Passovers together. She will truly be missed.* ”

Jeff Rosenfeld - April 18, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ *Elenn was such a vivacious and bright presence in our lives. Even when I was a kid or a teen, Elenn always treated me like an adult — someone whose hopes, dreams and fears were worthy of discussion and being taken seriously. We so admire and appreciate her tireless advocacy and work for those with dyslexia and disabilities. She will be greatly missed and we send love, peace and comfort to all her loved ones.* ”

Dana Levinson - April 18, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ *Elenn’s fierce advocacy coupled with her great sense of humor and overall life perspective will be greatly missed. Her life’s work on behalf of students with reading difficulties will not be forgotten.* ”

Sheila Steinberg - April 18, 2024 at 05:28 PM

WK

“ Every person that Elenn met was a "friend". In 1983 I was privileged to join that ever-expanding group. As I recall my friend, so many happy events and memories come into focus: shared family, Lazaris events, holidays, and personal moments of growth, love, and joy. Elenn wanted the best for everyone, always striving to guide every person in her life toward that goal. I already miss our times of gathering together as I hold my friend in my heart and honor her life. Shalom for now.....Wendy Knobloch

Wendy O Knobloch - April 18, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JU

“ Elenn was a force. She just seemed to love life, which made you love life too. Her personality was so engaging and welcoming. I had the opportunity to watch Elenn in action at her camp and at an OG teacher training. She made both teachers and students feel important. She did so much for Colorado teachers and kids. I will miss her. Colorado kids and families will miss her. My deepest condolences. - Jenny Urbach

Jennifer Urbach - April 18, 2024 at 12:57 PM

MR

“ Elenn was a special person who always brought joy into every room. She genuinely cared about how we were doing and always asked about what was going on in our lives. I always admired how dedicated she was to her family and how she devoted so much of her time to helping people with dyslexia.

I often think about something Elenn told me years ago. She said she didn't just love Sam, but she really liked Sam. I'm thankful she had that blessing and that she gave me a lens to recognize that I feel the same way about my son. I will miss Elenn and will keep all her loved ones in my thoughts and prayers.

Mindy Rosenfeld - April 18, 2024 at 11:10 AM

HS

“ Elenn was the best. When she saw I was in Colorado on vacation she said we had to get together. We met in Boulder and spent the afternoon together. She was a TRUE mentor to anyone who wanted to help those with dyslexia as well as her own work with students and organizations. She was a true warrior. 200% Heidi Stoffel, decoding Dyslexia Iowa

heidi stoffel - April 18, 2024 at 09:48 AM

HS

I forgot to mention we shared the same birthday❤️

heidi stoffel - April 18, 2024 at 09:48 AM

RR

“ *Elenn- you will be truly missed. I will miss seeing you at IDA conferences and events, our meals together and long chats about everything!! We never did get to visit you in CO like I hoped.... And last we talked you sounded so great. may your memory forever be a blessing.*

Rosette Roth - April 18, 2024 at 09:14 AM

CG

“ *Cheryl Gorman lit a candle in memory of Elenn Rose Steinberg*



Cheryl Gorman - April 17, 2024 at 02:45 PM

CG

“ *We send our deepest condolences to Ellen's family and friends. Ellen was unique in so many ways. I remember her saying once that she was just a simple woman. Everyone there broke up laughing. Ellen was anything but simple. She will be missed by all who knew her. --The Gorman Family*

Cheryl Gorman - April 17, 2024 at 02:44 PM

LK

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Lynn Kuhn - April 17, 2024 at 01:44 PM

LK

Elenn led a rich and fulfilling life filled with love, energy and determination during her journey as a passionate human, educator, wife, mother, and friend to many. Dave and I share our sincerest condolences to you, your family and community of loved ones. Cherish the special memories that are dear and close to all.

Lynn Kuhn - April 17, 2024 at 03:14 PM

CF

Elenn was such fun, she will be missed in the world. Our condolences to you. The Fosters

Cindi Foster - April 17, 2024 at 08:20 PM

MW

*How I will miss this beautiful wonderful dedicated unique Elenn! Her work on dyslexia and literacy will continue to live through the lives of all she touched. I am personally grateful to her for all the ways she lit up my life, including her lighting candles in churches she wanted me to see. Blessings be with Eric and Sam and all whom she loved.
Maryanne Wolf*

Maryanne Wolf - April 18, 2024 at 12:16 PM

GM

Elenn was the force that brought my family the help they needed when we needed it many times over. I am so grateful for being able to be in the whirlwind that surrounded her always. I will miss her. My heart goes out to her family. I hope the good times carry you through the days to come.

Geniene Hillier Moore - April 18, 2024 at 01:56 PM

DR

My cousin Elenn, cared deeply about her family, friends and all people. She had a vibrant personality and always a positive outlook. She was always focused outward on other people and their lives and was reluctant to talk about herself. We have fond memories of her babysitting our children when they were young and family holiday and other celebrations spent together. Her work and devotion to those with Dyslexia left a lasting positive impact. She made the world a better place and she will be greatly missed.

Debby Rosenfeld - April 19, 2024 at 10:47 AM

KM

I was just thinking about Elena the other day, the many years of involvement in IDA, the bus rides to attractions while on conferences, her wonderful personal encouragement and positive thoughts about life. I'm truly saddened that she has left us at such a young age. She will be in my memories.

Kay Miller - April 21, 2024 at 07:24 PM



I met Elenn when I was 6 years old and was struggling with reading and learning. She helped my reading and showed how my dyslexia had benefits. I will always be grateful for her support when I needed it.

Aya Kawanabe - April 23, 2024 at 10:20 PM

GT

Elenn was such a positive force for kids, teachers and parents. I think of her and see her smile and hear her laugh. She changed the world with her passion. She will live on through the generations of kids whose lives were changed with her love, energy, passion and wisdom. I'm so grateful for all the hours on her porch, or on her couch building strategies to help kids, parents and teachers understand dyslexia. She made the world a much better place! My best to Eric and Sam. I am so sorry! My love to you both. -Gini Taylor

Gini Taylor - May 27, 2024 at 02:56 PM