



Sarah Elizabeth McCarthy

March 22, 1977 - December 9, 2025

McCarthy, Sarah Elizabeth (nee Chmelir), baptized into the hope of Christ's resurrection, Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at the age of 48.

Loving wife of Chris McCarthy; beloved mother of Elise and Claire McCarthy and the family dog "Bongo"; daughter of Bill (Julie) Chmelir and Dedie (Steve) Baker (nee King); sister of Jenny (Matt) Voelker (nee Chmelir) and Brian Chmelir; aunt of Alex, Ryan and Evan Voelker; loving niece, aunt, cousin and friend to many.

Sarah grew up in Warson Woods and graduated from St. Joseph Academy in 1995. She studied at UMSL and St. Louis Community College and received her paramedic license in 2001. Sarah was a police dispatcher for the cities of Glendale, Kirkwood, and Creve Coeur, and she served as a reserve firefighter with Eureka Fire Protection District from 1999 to 2004. Sarah started her career as a full-time paramedic with St. Charles County Ambulance District in 2002. In the same year, she married her best friend, Chris. While Sarah was a passionate St. Louis sports fan, she was even more enthusiastic about her daughters' sports achievements. She sought out the good in people, found opportunities to care for others, and often did these acts in anonymity expecting nothing in return. Sarah's dedication and compassion strengthened our community.

Services: Funeral Mass at The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Interment at Bellerive Gardens, 740 N. Mason Rd, St. Louis. If desired, contributions may be made to The Backstoppers or Supporting Heroes. Visitation at the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road, Ballwin, Tuesday, December 16, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.

Arrangements by Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Bellerive Gardens Cemetery

740 North Mason Road
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 434-3933
info@bellerivegardens.com
<https://bellerivegardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schrader Funeral Home
14960 Manchester Road
Ballwin, MO 63011

Funeral Mass

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis
4431 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108