



Lora Anne Allen

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Lora Anne Allen, 56, passed away on Monday, January 19, 2026, in Decatur, IL. Lora was born on November 7, 1969, in Decatur, IL, the daughter of George Arthur Christ and Vicki Virgean (McCammack) Hill.

Lora could only be described as a force of nature. She was loving, fierce, and an incredibly diligent and hard worker. Lora graduated with her B.A. as an art major with a focus on ceramics from Millikin University. She went on to work at ADM for over thirty years. Her hard work inspired those around her, and her organizational skills were noted inside and outside of her career. She deeply valued those who worked alongside her, fulfilling her role as the “Lab Mom.”

Lora was passionate in all of her undertakings. She enjoyed art and creation. She was known as a fantastic cook and baker, most notably when it came to baking her famous cheesecake and cookies. Lora was a movie buff, especially when it came to Star Wars. She was an 80s music lover, a Chicago Cubs fan, a gardener, and a birder. A tradition with her partner, Travis, Lora would participate in the Christmas Bird Count, not just to record the various birds the couple saw, but because she deeply valued spending time with Travis.

Above all, Lora was deeply devoted to family and fellowship. A member of Antioch Christian Church, she has now been welcomed into the loving arms of Jesus Christ, her lord and savior. Her family was the most important thing in her life. Lora often hosted “Cousins’ Night” to gather and celebrate her family, organizing games, prizes, and family events. Lora would call her mom, Vicki, every morning on her way to work, exclaiming “Good morning, Mama!” Both Lora and her mom cherished these calls. She took on the role as the family historian, collecting pictures and researching ancestry. Lora deeply cherished her son, Zach. She was a wonderful mother who guaranteed her child was always loved and cared for. Even in death, Lora’s giving will continue, as she was an organ donor, and her donation will touch countless lives.

Lora is survived by her son — Zachary “Zach” Allen; mother — Vicki (partner, Barney Camden) Hill; partner — Travis Mahan, and his children Gabe and Abby Mahan; step-children — Nicholas



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Allen and Heather Allen Jump; former spouse — Scott Allen; sisters — Lisa (Sara) Christ, Lindsay (Josh) Hammer, and Leslie (Brad) Hornaday; aunts — Kathleen (James) Wells, and Sharon (Jim) Arteman; cousins — Angela Arteman, Jill Arteman, Stacey Wenskunas, Nick Dodd, and Angie Wells; nieces and nephews — Jessica, Johnny, Jenessa, Mari, Big Luke, Tytus, Cael, Noah, Leah, Luke, Nola, Savannah, Lydia, Levi, Ava, and Isaac; and other friends and family.

Lora was preceded in death by her father — George Arthur Christ; and her stepfather — George Henry Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zachary Allen in support of his future. Please consider donating at the following link: <https://gofund.me/cf7486459>

Condolences and memories may be shared online at <https://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.

A visitation for Lora will be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Friday, January 23, 2026, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, followed by a committal service at Graceland Cemetery.

Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Events


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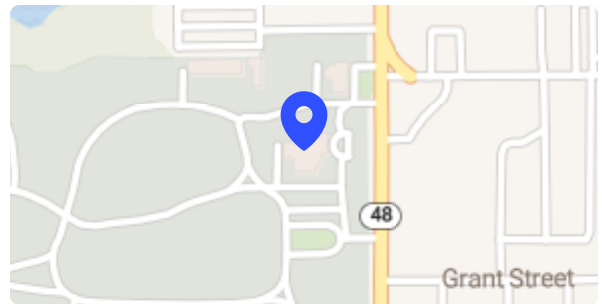
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Visitation


 **Friday**, January 23, 2026

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT


 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526

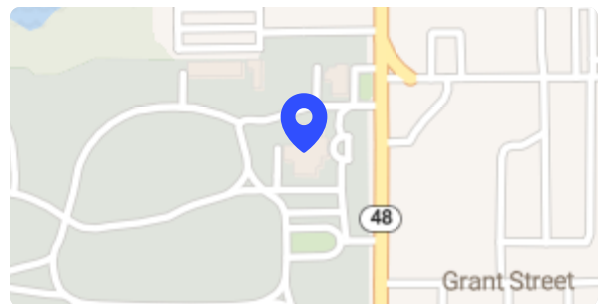


Funeral Service


 **Saturday**, January 24, 2026


 11:00 AM CT

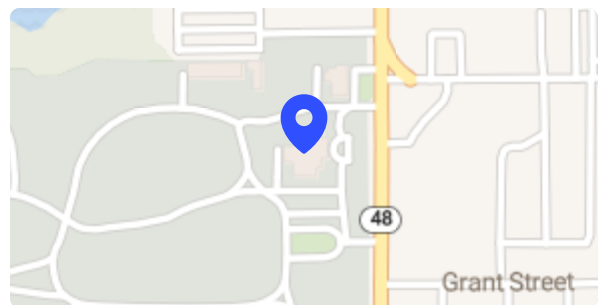
 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
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Cemetery Details

 **Graceland Cemetery**
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 **(217) 615-0724**



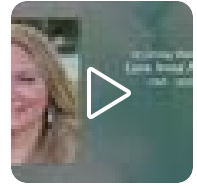


Tribute Wall

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Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Video**.



January 22 at 5:20 PM



Angie Horvath posted:

Vicki, I am so sorry for the loss of your daughter. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 25 at 3:53 PM



Travis Mahan posted:

One more smile. One more hug. One more kiss. What wouldn't we give to be in Lora's selfless embrace again. To be in the presence of her unique radiance again. To be able to tell her once more just how much she meant to us and how deeply we loved her. But perhaps each of us who were so lucky to have known the warmth of her heart can take from this sudden loss an important lesson. Don't take our loved ones for granted. Don't miss those opportunities to share with the ones we love and care about what they mean to us. Live in the tender moments and cherish them for what they are no matter how small. Give more smiles. Grab more hugs. Steal those kisses. Her legacy of kindness, inclusion, and selflessness will live on through her son Zachary and through each and every one of us if we can manage to live our lives passionately cherishing that which she cherished - family, friendship, fellowship. Live with your hearts. Live like Lora. Love like Lora.

January 24 at 4:42 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Allen family.



January 22 at 10:35 PM



Bryan And Sheila Myers planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lora.



January 22 at 10:35 PM



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SC

Steven Carroll posted:

Lori was always a kind and generous person. She made those around her feel loved and cherished. She had a kindness that I have seen only once in my life. She will be missed by friends and family. RIP Lora Anne.

January 22 at 6:41 PM

JW

John And Deanna Woodard sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Allen family.



January 22 at 5:19 PM

JW

John And Deanna Woodard planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lora.



January 22 at 5:19 PM

SL

Sharon L. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Lora.



January 22 at 3:09 PM

TW

Thomas & Shirley Wenskunas sent a Serene Retreat to the Allen family.



January 22 at 11:00 AM



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Ashley shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Lora was our boss, but more importantly she became our family. She acted more as a motherly figure to us than just another coworker. She helped us build our dreams and nurtured our curiosity. She brought so much light to our lives and she didn't even have to try. Everyday she is missed and there will forever be a hole in our lab. However, her legacy will continue on through us. We will stoke the flames that she ignited. We will internalize her kindness and love she bestowed upon us and unleash it into the world. She will never be forgotten. Thank you for everything you taught us, Lora. Until we meet again. ❤️



January 22 at 10:36 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lora by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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