



## Jennifer Ingerson

February 28, 1964 - September 28, 2025

Jennifer Mullen Ingerson, 61, of Chicago's Uptown neighborhood, passed away in peace September 28, 2025.

Born in Poughkeepsie, NY, Jennifer graduated from Oakwood High School in Ohio, later earning her bachelor's at the University of Massachusetts in 2018. For four decades she lived as a member of the Jesus People intentional living community, also working as a bookkeeper at Cornerstone Community Outreach, and tutoring ESL students at Truman College. Recently, she completed her linguistics coursework at Oxford University. Her thesis was well underway before her death.

Loving mother of Anna (partner Fallon Braddy) Ingerson, Nathan Ingerson, and Isaac Ingerson. Cherished sister of Anne Chlovechok, Elizabeth "Liz" (Phil) Marr, Virginia Seubert, John (Karie) Mullen, and Alex (Holly Overmiller) Mullen.

Daughter of the late Eugene Cooper Mullen and Marian Terese Mullen (nee Finn).

Jennifer was an incredibly supportive mother who always prioritized her kids, making time to help them with whatever they needed, whether it be teaching them new skills, aiding them in projects, or handmaking them gifts. She stood

up for the education of her kids, and fought to keep them healthy and well. Her parenting was instrumental in forming them into the people they would become. She provided them the tools to approach life's challenges, and inspired them to create art, seek beauty, and experience joy as often as possible.

Not only a wonderful parent, Jennifer also showed love to others beyond her family. She easily connected with new people, and dedicated herself to maintaining every relationship in her life. Between her friends, her community, and her church, she cared for all of them and more. Everywhere she went, she won the hearts of those around her; her ESL students who adored her, the hospital staff who tended to her in her sickness, and even a stranger in a plaza in Peru, with whom she spent hours talking.

Jennifer was passionate in all she did. That passion showed in her musical ability, her pursuit of language, and her admiration of nature. From a young age she developed her skill playing the fiddle, and carried on to perform as a member of a band, The Crossing, for 30 years. She understood the craft of written word deeply, both a capable writer and avid reader. She chose to devote herself entirely to linguistic study and communicating with others in as many languages as she could possibly learn.

This all originates from her love of people, life, and the Earth itself. Nature was more than a simple joy to Jennifer. Without hesitating, she made personal sacrifices to conserve and respect it, and taught others to do the same. She always deliberately visited beautiful places for their own sake. She would walk to the water of the lake near her home, gather stones and fossils she found, watch birds living in serenity, and look to the moon in all its phases.

Jennifer was a precious, magnificent person who lived without compromise. She left all who knew her better and more loving.

Memorial service Saturday, October 11 (guest arrival 3:15; service begins 4pm) at the Wilson Abbey, 935 W. Wilson Ave, Chicago, 60640.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **11**. 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

The Wilson Abbey  
935 W. Wilson Ave  
Chicago, IL 60640  
<http://www.wilsonabbey.com>

*3:15 doors open, 4pm service begins)*

# Tribute Wall

HR

“ I had the pleasure of being Jen's academic supervisor for her master's dissertation and of teaching her for some of her taught modules. In all of our supervisions, one thing was clear: Jen's commitment to her students, which drove her own research endeavours to improve the life opportunities for them by helping them with their language needs. I got to know a lot about Jen's life through our meetings, and found her to be a truly inspirational person with a kind heart and soul.

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**Heath Rose** - December 01, 2025 at 08:49 AM

MS

“ I met Jen in Oxford during the orientation week of our Master's course. I remember very fondly our interactions, especially at dinner in a Vietnamese restaurant in the mall. She was always so eager to learn and share with us what she knew about everything and nothing. She was indeed an inspiration and will be remembered.

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**Martin Sham** - November 23, 2025 at 02:53 AM

JR

“ I was one of Jen's tutors on her Master's course at Oxford. Her empathy, vast experience and infectious enthusiasm were always evident in her weekly contributions and I really looked forward to reading her perspective, knowing it would be thoughtful and insightful. My thoughts are with her family and friends.

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**Joanna Rankin** - November 17, 2025 at 10:28 AM

KL

“ We first met during orientation week at Oxford. Over the next two years, Jen was always the first to rise, often waking before dawn just to chat with classmates. I'll always remember her remarkable kindness and her fluency in so many languages. We had promised to see each other at our graduation ceremony, a promise that, sadly, can now never be fulfilled. Jen, I hope you are at peace. Words cannot express how much I miss you.

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**Kelvin Loi** - November 17, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jennifer Ingerson.



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November 17, 2025 at 08:18 AM

RR

“ I met Jen at our orientation together at Oxford. I remember immediately feeling how warm of a person she was, as though we had known each other for years. Her kindness was only matched by her intelligence and strength, as she always worked hard not just for herself, but for all those around her as well. She was supportive and insightful, brilliant and brave. She will be remembered, cherished, and greatly missed.

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**Rose Rossi** - November 17, 2025 at 08:15 AM

SQ

“ I knew Jen from our time studying together at Oxford. From the moment I met her, she was warm, thoughtful, and full of life, and she embodied the idea that it’s never too late to pursue what you care about. We met almost every week on zoom for the past two years, and her dedication to her students and commitment to learning were truly inspiring. She was always up for a chat, whether we were sharing research papers, discussing exam questions, or simply catching up on life. Jen genuinely valued friendship and connection, and she stood firmly by her beliefs. I will miss her deeply.

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**Sonia Qin** - November 17, 2025 at 06:09 AM

HC

“ I was course director of the Master's degree at Oxford that Jen was studying for over the past two years. I remember interviewing her for her place on the course, and meeting a wonderfully bubbly and enthusiastic woman, who was seizing life by the horns and taking on the not inconsiderable challenge of returning to formal education in later life. This first impression stayed throughout every interaction I had with her. Her dedication to her students was obvious and her passion for doing the right thing by them was clear to all who met and interacted with her. She will be sorely missed.

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**Hamish Chalmers** - November 17, 2025 at 05:33 AM

EL

“ *Querida Jenn,  
Que descanses en paz en la gloria de Dios.*

*I was blessed with Jenn's presence in one of my Spanish classes at Truman College.*

*When Susan Pogash shared news of her passing I was heart-broken, yet not surprised.*

*My parents from Mexico always said that God wants pure of heart with Him. Jen was certainly that.*

*The semester that she was with me she blessed the class with some of her fiddle playing. At that time, Brigid, my daughter was also deeply into fiddling at the Irish American Heritage Center, and we shared stories of sessions and the beauty of Irish music.*

*I thank God that she blessed me with a bit of her boundless love in this world and pray that she will stay close to me in spirit in the rest of my journey on this earth.*

*Elia López*

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**Elia López** - October 12, 2025 at 08:58 PM

JF

“ *Jamie Phillips Mitchell and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jennifer Ingerson.*



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**Jamie Phillips Mitchell and Family** - October 09, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jennifer Ingerson.*



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October 09, 2025 at 02:51 AM



“ *In the 80s when JPUSA lived at the building on Malden, Jennifer told the story about how she was climbing mountains in Colorado, not sure what to do in life, and a man in a green suit and dress shoes climbed up to where she was and convinced her to move to Chicago.*

*Because of this man, I got to proofread alongside Jennifer at Cornerstone magazine several years. Our kids grew up down the hall from each other, and we too enjoyed her delicious mashed-potato bonbons at Christmas.*

*Jennifer, I look forward to seeing you again.*

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**Leah Grover** - October 07, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ *Jen Hamman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jennifer Ingerson.*



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**Jen Hamman** - October 07, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Debbie Baumgartner - October 05, 2025 at 03:40 PM



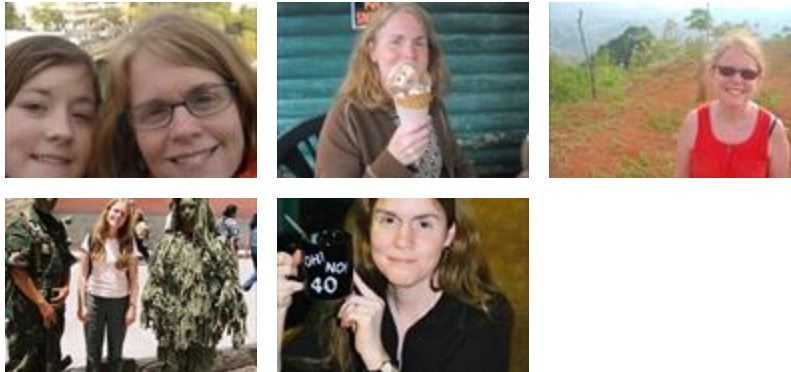
“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jennifer Ingerson.



October 04, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Scott Ingerson - October 03, 2025 at 03:31 PM

TC

“ Been thinking a lot about Jennifer since her passing. Mostly the conversations we had. Many were over coffee. Something we both enjoyed. Towards the end conversations looked a little different: hospital rooms, painful interruptions she felt in her body, and sometimes literal interruptions by staff needing to check on her. We talked about our kids, a conference I was attending, injustices that never seemed to let up, the state of the world, and other personal things.

*I'm grateful for the time we had. I'm thankful for a perspective on life, that was at times different from mine. But, isn't that how we grow and expand who we are?*

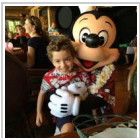
*These pictures are one way that I'll remember my friend Jennifer. Advocating for others and loving well.*

*"See you on the other side, Jen."*



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**Tiana Coleman** - October 03, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ Jennifer's departure from the world occurred way too soon. She made an impact on others with her displays of kindness and through the insight she offered during conversation. She was truly talented and will be missed by so very many. My deepest love and sympathies go out to her adoring children, siblings, nieces, nephews and numerous friends. Sending prayers for peace and comfort at this time

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**Karie Mullen** - October 03, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ Jennifer was one of the first people to welcome me into the JPUSA community when my family visited in the early 90s and also when I moved to the community for a short time in the late 90s. When I think of JPUSA, she immediately comes to mind. To say she'll be missed.. massive understatement.

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**Judah Stephens** - October 03, 2025 at 08:05 AM



“ Jennifer was such a wonderful person. Who i had the pleasure of knowing while being raised at jpusa. She always made me feel so loved and cared about. I remeber so many things about her but two of my favorite memories with her was when she would sit at the end of the hallway and spin her wool into yarn and I remember her beautiful Christmas tree during the holidays but especially during the 4th floor open house and she would have bonbons . She will be missed but never forgotten.

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**Anni Samara** - October 03, 2025 at 01:40 AM

MR

“ *It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Jennifer. On behalf of the entire team at Truman College, please accept our most sincere and heartfelt condolences during this incredibly difficult time.*

*Jennifer was a valued and dedicated member of our team for two years. We will always remember her for her kindness. She will be profoundly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of working with her/them.*

*Our thoughts are with you and your family as you navigate this tremendous loss. To provide support during this transition, Michael Roberts, Human Resources Director, will be your main point of contact and can assist you with any questions regarding survivor benefits or other company matters. Please feel free to reach out to Michael Roberts at [mroberts39@ccc.edu](mailto:mroberts39@ccc.edu).*

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**Michael Roberts** - October 02, 2025 at 02:45 PM

LJ

“ *In Loving Memory of Jennifer Ingerson*

*Beloved sister in Christ, mother, fellow JPUSA community member, co-worker, and dear friend.*

*Gentle. Tenacious. Compassionate. Beautiful. Smart. Gifted.*

*Jennifer, you will be sorely missed. I'll think of you every time I glance at your desk, still covered in those countless handwritten sticky notes. For years, we sat just feet apart—working, sharing, laughing, crying, praying. You were a constant presence, and now your absence echoes loudly.*

*I will remember you when I hear a Celtic fiddle tune—your love for that music always shone through.*

*I will remember you when I look at the little clay bird you brought me from Peru, a small reminder of your spirit of adventure and the joy you took in the world.*

*There are so many little things that will always bring you back to mind.*

*You will be loved.*

*You will be remembered.*

*Always.*

*“Those we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are.” -St. Augustine*

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**Lyda Jackson** - September 30, 2025 at 08:00 AM

HB

“ So many memories after 40 years ❤️. Her graduation when she got her Bachelor’s degree at University Without Walls in Massachusetts came to mind. I have always admired her ability and drive to continue learning. She was so close to getting her Master’s degree at Oxford in England before getting sick back in May. And of course I will always treasure our 35 years of playing Celtic music together in the Crossing 🍀. And more than anything I will miss her as my very good friend 😊



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Hilde Bialach - September 29, 2025 at 09:12 PM

DW

*Thank you Jennifer :*

*- being roommates back in the Single days in Chicago*

*Room # 227 was so special! You always asked so kindly if it was ok to practice the fiddle.. I still see you playing as if it was yesterday! What an honor to watch you play with so much passion and dedication!*

*-you were such an Example to me in sharing your honest emotions:*

*you were able to say : " I am angry right now but I don't really want to be angry..." you always strived for Peace and solving conflicts! Your smile and Joy was whole hearted. Your thoughtfulness and kindness touched my life!*

*Your beloved children Anna and Nathan shared same Kindergarten and elementary teachers with my Kids, shared playgrounds, sunday schools and so much more!*

*We connected in a special way before and after you brought back your peruvian treasure: Isaak! You learned Spanish so crazy fast and better than me ( having lived in Peru as an MK for 14years..)*

*you made sure Isaak has access to his roots, language, people ! I applaud you for that!*

*We shared many years being part of the Kaiser and Warne + Co family at JP, vacationed together..*

*Jennifer, your bravery during this last chapter on this earth cannot be titled with a scholastic Master degree! I call it " ultimate Courage and mastering pain, fear, uncertainties, so many tough hours, days, months in the Hospital bed... untill Jesus came and brought you Home, eternally - where you will be crowned with many jewels, dancing and fiddling away untill we join you there! And when we join you there : we all will worship the one and only true God, the one you surely reflected through your life and Person!*

*I Thank you dear Jennifer for letting me/us be part of your life!*

*With love, Debora and family (Germany)*

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**Debora Witzner** - October 02, 2025 at 11:42 PM