



Elaine Kay Spaur

August 21, 1944 - January 31, 2023

Elaine Kay Spaur, age 78, of Albia, IA, passed away on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, surrounded by her family at her home in rural Albia, under the care of EveryStep Hospice.

Elaine was born on August 21, 1944, at home in the Brushy Neighborhood of Appanoose County, Iowa to George D. and Jean (Sulser) Curtis. She grew up attending Pleasant Hill Country School until graduating from the 8th grade. She then attended the Moravia High School, graduating with the class of 1962. On June 16, 1962, she was united in marriage to Carl Spaur at the Chariton River Baptist Church. To this union 3 daughters, Jeanne, Rosemary and Rebecca, were born. Elaine and Carl shared 60 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Elaine was a homemaker before graduating from college as a nontraditional student in 1989 at Indian Hills Community College where she received her degree in medical transcription (ART). She worked as a transcriptionist in Albia, Hamilton, IL, and Keokuk.

Elaine had a very strong faith and was a lifelong Christian. She was a past member of the First Baptist Church in Albia and Keokuk and most recently, the Albia Baptist Temple. She was a talented oil painter and pianist. She loved her pets and spending time at home on the farm. Elaine enjoyed being outdoors,

gardening and feeding and watching the birds. She also enjoyed reading and playing dominoes and wahoo. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing meals for family dinners. Above all else, Elaine loved her family and cherished all of the time spent with them.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Carl Spaur; her 3 children, Jeanne (Dave Whitehead) Spaur, Rosemary (Ashish) Tiwari and Rebecca (William) Sanford; 7 grandchildren, Laura (Chris) Mart, Elizabeth (Mike Douglass) Ballanger, Mariah Ballanger, Anupam Tiwari, Ravyn Sanford, Sophia Sanford, and Elijah Sanford; 3 great grandchildren, Tristan Mart, Harleigh Ballanger, and Sebastian De Leon; 2 siblings, Anita Snyder and John (Rayanne) Curtis; 2 sisters-in-law, Peggy Ann and Phyllis Spaur; and a brother-in-law, Ray (Jan) Dittmer. Elaine is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, George and Jean Curtis; a brother, Dean Curtis and a brother in infancy; brother-in-law, Jack Snyder and a nephew, Jeffrey Snyder.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Elaine's family present throughout to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Todd Ratliff officiating. Burial will follow services at Brushy Cemetery in Appanoose County.

A memorial has been established to the Albia Baptist Temple.

Cemetery Details

Brushy Cemetery

Plano, IA 52581

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay Spaur.*



February 06, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ *James, Nicole and Chris Spaur purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Elaine Kay Spaur.*



James, Nicole and Chris Spaur - February 05, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Carl an daughters ! I enjoyed getting to know her at your church senior dinners ! It was quite evident she was a great cook an cared deeply for family an friends ! Will cherish the memories playing dominoes together !*

Evelyn Sharpe - February 02, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay Spaur.*



February 02, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay Spaur.*



February 02, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ *Leonard and I are so sorry for your loss. Leonard speaks of the cousins. May she be Welcomed to Paradise. Leonard and Inez Rath*

Inez Rath - February 01, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Carl, so sorry for your loss, sending prayers to you and your family. Class mate Phyllis Robinson Whitson.*

Phyllis Whitson - February 01, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about aunt Elaine. Glad we got to spend time with her at the lake and then at her home last summer. you are all in our prayers*

Joe & Pam

Joe Curtis - January 31, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ *Jeanne, so sorry to hear this about your mom. I,m sending my love and prayers..*

Karen R Coatney - January 31, 2023 at 10:45 PM

CP

“ *Elaine was an excellent cook. One never forgot a meal she prepared. She was a good friend for over fifty years. She will be missed by many. There are so many happy memories to be shared!* ”

Colleen Putnam - January 31, 2023 at 09:11 PM

MG

So Very Sorry For Your Loss :(Sending Thoughts & Prayers To The Families ! Elaine Was A Class A Class Mate! Graduated in 1962 With her!

Marge Grogan - February 01, 2023 at 01:30 PM

CK

Thoughts and prayers going out to your family during this sad time. May your memories bring you some peace during this difficult time. Bless you all.. carol kephart- Mankato Mn

Carol kephart - February 01, 2023 at 09:50 PM

JO

Sorry for your loss. Bill and the Lindberg's are visiting I'm sure.

Jolette - February 02, 2023 at 02:47 PM