



Elaine Stonestreet

September 24, 1937 - October 22, 2019

Dodgeville - Patricia Elaine Stonestreet (Mitchell) of Dodgeville passed away on October 22, 2019 after a short illness. Patricia Elaine Mitchell was born September 24, 1937 to James and Katherine Mitchell. She was doted on by her older brothers Jim, Bob and Charlie. She was soon joined by a younger sister, Judy, and her brother Bill. Her eldest sister Rosemary gave her a new playmate with the arrival of her niece, Marsha. Keeping up with her family sparked an independent and spunky spirit. So much so that she declared she was Elaine, not Patricia, thank you very much!

While she loved her family and the farm, Elaine craved adventure. After she graduated from Dodgeville High School she was determined to be out on her own. She begged her parents to let her take a job in Milwaukee. They relented and Elaine found herself working in the big city under the watchful eyes of the nuns. But soon, that wasn't enough. She was invited to visit Rosemary and Marsha in San Diego. Once more, she followed the call, not knowing how her life would change forever.

While staying with friends, Elaine decided to go to the movies. Standing in line for tickets, a young sailor told her she was too pretty to pay for her own ticket and paid for her movie. After the show he walked her home and asked if he could take her out the next night. She promptly told him, "I don't date men with mustaches." He showed up the next night clean shaven...and never had a mustache again unless he was at sea, as his wife didn't like it.

Life with R.T. "Stoney" Stonestreet was just another series of little adventures. It brought travel, from San Diego to Pensacola finally back to Dodgeville. It meant learning to cook, something she never truly mastered unless it was baking and candies. It also brought challenges with deployments and the Vietnam War. Each year brought a new arrival so that their small family soon became a large one. First came Bill followed by Katherine, then Peg, Jim, Bob and lastly Joe. Together they opened a shoe store and Stoney became a police officer in her hometown. But like most adventures, this leg of the journey would end far sooner than anyone would have liked when Stoney passed away suddenly due to complications from a war wound in 1986.

Elaine's next phase of life saw her children leaving home, and starting families of their own. She was a consistent presence in the lives of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed her work at Bloomfield Manor as the activity director and co-founder of Balloon Fest and volunteering at St. Joe's school. She traveled parts of the United States, as well, mostly with Peg and Taylor. It also saw her traveling with her sister-in-law Pat to Ireland and Jerusalem. It meant holidays with her siblings, as well as the years marched on.

Through all of life's challenges and joys, Elaine never lost her independence, fighting spirit, and her faith even as her story came to an end.

Elaine is survived by her children Bill (Sue) Stonestreet, Kathy (Tim) Wubbenhorst; Peg (Will Young) Stonestreet; Jim (Rakhee) Stonestreet; Bob (Monty) Stonestreet and Joe (Lori) Stonestreet; her grandchildren Michael (Mike), Jeremy, Aaron (1979 – 2013), Taylor, Ryan (Jen), Megan, Adam, Jake, Kaitlyn, Lily, C.J., Jake, Andy, Lacy (Jeremy), Scott (Laura); her great-grandchildren Ethan, Elaina, Rylan, Jaxon, Violet, Fallon, Mollie, Kegan, Grayson, Chevy and William; her sister Judy (Delbert) Olson; her brother Bill (Judy) Mitchell; her sister-in-law Jimmie Stonestreet; her niece Marsha (Bernie) Haskins; many nieces and nephews other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Inurnment will be held in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville, where a Celebration of Elaine will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Friends may also call from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, where a Family Eulogy will be said at 10:45 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph's School Trust Fund or Bloomfield Manor – Balloon Fest Fund.

The family would like to thank the staff at Meriter Hospital and Agrace Hospice in Madison and a special thank you to Dr. Diane Anderson.

Cemetery

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Compassion Way

Dodgeville, WI, 53533

Events

OCT 28 Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM
Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street, Dodgeville, WI, US, 53533

OCT 28 Celebration of Life 07:00PM
Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street, Dodgeville, WI, US, 53533

OCT 29 Visitation 10:00AM - 10:45AM
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 S. Dacotah Street, Dodgeville, WI, US, 53533

OCT 29 Eulogy 10:45AM
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 S. Dacotah Street, Dodgeville, WI, US, 53533

OCT 29 Mass of Christian Burial 11:00AM
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 S. Dacotah Street, Dodgeville, WI, US, 53533

Comments



“ To the family of Elaine,
So sorry for your loss. I can still remember as a kid helping her with my mom at her house in her driveway putting together a float more than once for the parade for the Nuring home. Elaine was Always keeping busy in her life. You will always have great memories of her.
Tim

Timothy Holtzman - November 04, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ Tim. This was such a sweet memory to share with us. I totally forgot about that. Thank you.
Kat

Kat - November 05, 2019 at 07:49 PM



“ Timothy Holtzman lit a candle in memory of Elaine Stonestreet



Timothy Holtzman - November 04, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ So sorry to hear of her passing the old neighborhood will miss her so much. Brad and Sue Meudt

Brad Meudt - October 28, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ Thank u

Kat - October 30, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Stonestreet.



October 28, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Stonestreet.



October 28, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ Many memories of the times we shared will not be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Dr. Dave & Bonnie Downs

Dave Downs - October 28, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ Thank you

Kat - October 30, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ My sympathy and prayers for all the family.

Elaine was a wonderful lady and always so helpful to all.

Marin Steele

Marian Steele - October 27, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ Thank you so much

Kat - October 30, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elaine Stonestreet.



October 25, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ Mom
Enjoy your reunion with dad and old relationships and the start of new adventures.
Until we meet again,
Peg

Peg Stonestreet - October 25, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine Stonestreet.



October 25, 2019 at 01:40 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to Elaine's Family. Ken Pallzkill

ken palzkill - October 24, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ Thanks a lot

Kat - October 30, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ So sad to hear, your mom was such a great person, so many memories.....thinking about you all



marie lewis - October 24, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ Thanks so much, greatly appreciated

Kat - October 30, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ Mom, your new journey is just begun. You have been a blessing to more than we ever knew. We have been hearing beautiful stories about you. From your community which you loved.



Kathy Wubbenhorst - October 24, 2019 at 01:23 PM



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October 24, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ All my love, grandma



Michael Katzke - October 23, 2019 at 10:38 PM



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October 23, 2019 at 03:06 PM