



Elaine Josephine Ventresca Zabel

February 25, 1943 - September 26, 2021

Elaine (Josephine) Ventresca Zabel, aged 78, died on September 26, 2021 at her home in Windermere, FL. She was the daughter of Lawrence (Larry) and Marguerite (Marge) Ventresca. And sister of Helen (Ventresca) Nagy.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Raymond Zabel Jr. She is survived by her children: Suzanne Zabel Freyaldenhoven, Sandra Zabel Fleishman, Raymond Michael Zabel, and Sheridan Zabel Rawlings; her grandchildren: Kathryn (Adams) Young, Ryan Adams, Kyle Adams and Rebecca Adams, Emily Fleishman and Ashley Fleishman, Faith Zabel, Jos Rawlings and Samantha Rawlings; and her great-grandchildren: Rosalyn Adams and Elaine Adams.

Elaine was raised in an Italian family in Abington, Philadelphia, PA where she graduated from Melrose Academy and began working as a secretary soon afterwards. She and Raymond met in 1961. They were married in 1963 and began a life and family soon after in Youngstown, OH. They moved to Forest Park, then Hamilton, OH and then later to Keene, then Westmoreland, NH. It was in New Hampshire that she and Raymond became the owners of the Rentorium, and were active members of numerous business groups and associations. Their home was always filled with Elaine's delicious cooking, extended family, friends, and laughter.

After retirement, they lived in Georgetown, SC where they were both highly involved volunteers at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet.

After Raymond's death in 2017, Elaine moved to Florida where she could be close to daughter Sandra. She loved her life at Azpira Assisted Living community in Windermere, had many valued friends, and developed a passion for painting.

Elaine was a much loved matriarch and her presence will be hugely missed by all the family, including those listed, her sons-in-law, grandchildren-in-laws, her nephews and their families, and her friends. She was very loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Brookgreen Gardens, Murrells Inlet, SC <https://www.brookgreen.org/>

The family of Elaine Josephine Ventrasca Zabel invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her loving memory.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
5125 South Apopka Vineland Road
Orlando, FL 32819

Tribute Wall

MF

“ We have great memories of getting together with your mom and dad in New Hampshire. Elaine invited us for dinner, once with my mom and we had such an enjoyable time. They visited at our cottage, as well. Each time we drive by Poocham Rd, Ray and Elaine are on my mind...such warm, welcoming family and friends. The photo really captures who Elaine was. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. In Sympathy, Love, and Peace,
Bill and Michele (Guion) Feller & Family

Michele Feller - October 21, 2021 at 03:14 PM

BB

“ What a wonderful person and friend. We have enjoyed knowing and loving her for many years. Many great memories. We will be praying for you on the 15th. All our love to all of you. All the Bryan Clan

Bettylu Bryan - October 11, 2021 at 11:26 AM

TF

“ The Bryan Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elaine Josephine Ventresca Zabel.



The Bryan Family - October 11, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elaine Josephine Ventresca Zabel.*



October 08, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *I had the utmost honor of meeting Elaine while working at Azpira. She was always so sweet and encouraging to me and her words and prayers towards me gave the confidence I needed as I left Azpira to attend college. I will miss Elaine's warm heart and beautiful paintings that she always created. I am sending all my love and prayers to her family and loved ones. The Azpira community may have lost an amazing being, but heaven gained an angel.*

Zikora Mbadugha - October 05, 2021 at 12:23 PM



Thank you Zikora for sending such a good memory of our mom. She did care about others and hoped for their success once they found a path to follow. The idea of her as an angel in heaven is comforting.

Fifleishmans - October 07, 2021 at 06:49 PM

PK

“ Elaine and Ray made many contributions of time and talent to Brookgreen Gardens. They were an important part of our extended Brookgreen family and are missed by many staff and volunteers. We are honored for the family's selection of Brookgreen Gardens to honor Elaine's memory and extend condolences for their profound loss.

*With sympathy,
Page Kiniry
President and CEO
Brookgreen Gardens*

Page Kiniry - October 04, 2021 at 04:54 PM

FL

Brookgreen was their extended family after relocating to SC after retirement. Days there were always joyful for them being surrounded by the sculptures and nature.

Fifleishmans - October 07, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CR

“ When I brought my parents to Azpira (Sheridan at the time), Elaine and I struck up a conversation. After spending just a few minutes with her, I knew she would be my moms best friend. Elaine, Thankyou for being such a good friend to my mom. All will mis your humor and love of friends.

Caroltn Rossman - October 04, 2021 at 06:56 AM

FL

Thank you Carol. My mom thought you were so fun to be with and enjoyed when you would come visit your mom and she could share in the laughter and fun you two conjured up.

Fifleishmans - October 07, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Josephine Ventresca Zabel.



October 02, 2021 at 11:47 PM



“ Hugs, Terri Passig purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Elaine Josephine Ventresca Zabel.



Hugs, Terri Passig - October 01, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ My first memory of Elaine was at her wedding to my cousin, Ray. That was my introduction to the light of his life. I remember her infectious laugh and her love of living life to the fullest. She will be missed by her family but also by an army of friends she gathered around her where ever she was living. Sending my prayers for strength and comfort to her children and their families. Judy (Guion) Gregory Hardy

Judith Hardy - September 30, 2021 at 06:11 PM

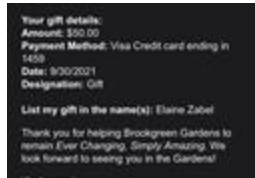


Your description as the "light of his life" is so wonderful to hear. They had a special connection. You are also correct about having friends around her wherever she went. She enjoyed getting to know people, hearing their stories, and sharing in laughter.

Fifleishmans - October 07, 2021 at 07:00 PM

FE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Friend of Elaine - September 30, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Josephine Ventresca Zabel.



September 30, 2021 at 01:49 PM

IC

“ Dear family of Elaine, I was friends with Elaine and Ray for many years when they lived in Hamilton. I remember all 4 of you kids -- actually we were in a bridge club together when their youngest was born! Great friends and many good memories. So sorry to hear of Elaine's passing at such a young age (I am 91 !!) I have really treasured memories of both Elaine and Ray for many years, and do extend my sympathy upon the death of your Mother.
Sincerely, Ida Crouse

Ida B Crouse - September 30, 2021 at 01:01 PM

FL

Hi Ida. I remember you from their bridge nights when we would come in to say goodnight, but it was really to grab a handful of the tasty snacks on the table. The next morning while my parents slept in, we would raid the kitchen for leftovers. :)

Fifleishmans - September 30, 2021 at 03:45 PM

DB

“ I will be forever grateful to Elaine taking me in, treating me as her own child, giving me advise I didn't know I wanted and smelling her delicious cooking. She was a force to be reckoned with and will alway hold a special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are will all those who knew and loved her.

Deb Barrett - September 30, 2021 at 01:00 PM