



Mrs. Elaine L. Braunfels

September 18, 1947 - September 27, 2021

Elaine L Braunfels, a lifelong resident of Litchfield, died Monday, September 27th, 2021 after a courageous eighteen-year battle with Parkinson's Disease. Elaine was born on September 18, 1947. She was one of thirteen children born to Roger and Jeanette Turcotte. Elaine attended Litchfield Academy and graduated from Monmouth Academy. Not a traditional student, Elaine started her first year of college when she was 38. While both working and raising a family, Elaine earned a bachelor of science in art education from the University of Southern Maine where she received High Honors. In January of 1970, Elaine walked into the Chuck Wagon restaurant in Brunswick where she met the love of her life and her best friend, Richard and they were married for fifty-years. Elaine worked many different jobs prior to her teaching career. She started at Woolworths at the age of sixteen and later worked at Pioneer Plastics, Depositors Trust Bank, and Johnson Associates in Auburn, garnering the affection of her coworkers every place she worked. Elaine shared her passion for art when she took a job in the RSU#4 school system where she touched hundreds of lives teaching K-8 art for seventeen years. Elaine loved an adventure. She always jumped in the ocean, and swam out further than anybody should, no matter how frigid the water. Her quest for sand dollars was a tribute to her mother, and she acquired a massive collection. Elaine climbed and painted almost every inch of coastline in Maine. She was especially fond of Pemaquid Point as showcased in her

watercolor
paintings.

Elaine's true joy in life came from her grandchildren. She often joked with her daughter's saying,

"I wish I could have skipped you girls and gone straight to the grandkids." The grandkids enjoyed their adventures with Gram both in Maine and at Gram and Grump's winter home in

Venice, Florida.

Elaine enjoyed playing card games and poker, painting and sculpting, reading for hours at a

time, riding her bike, and above all else, shopping at TjMaxx.

Elaine will always be remembered for only knowing the first three lines of every song, breaking

into song at a second's notice, her perfect apple pies, and her favorite saying, "This is a day for

making daydreams."

She was predeceased by her brothers Robert, and Micheal, and her parents, Roger and Jeannette Turcotte.

She is survived by her husband Richard, her daughters Kate Reagan and husband Michael,

Jennifer Braunfels and husband Richard Wardwell, four grandchildren, Alex, James, Maxim, and

Mackenzie, her two surrogate children Jeannette and Jimmy Schram, sister Jackie Barrett,

brother Bert Turcotte and his wife Pat, sister Alice McPeake and husband Mac McPeake, sister

Judy Schram and husband Bud, sister Susie Poppish and husband Dave, sister Janie Connors,

sister Denise Sweet and husband Gary, brother Tom Turcotte and wife Pam, Roger Jr. Turcotte

and his wife Becky, and the baby of the family, Peggy Veroneau and husband Steve. She is also

survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as great nieces and nephews, and great-great

nieces and nephews.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.lynchbrothers.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation in

her honor. If you'd like to offer condolences, please join the family at the American Legion

Post

181 at 235 Plains Rd. in Litchfield on Sunday October 3rd from 11-1

Previous Events

Reception of Fellowship

OCT 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post 181
235 Plains Rd.
Litchfield
Litchfield, ME 04350

Tribute Wall

HM

“ Mrs. Braunfels was my art teacher in elementary school. She would often sing this song to me "Oh I'm just wild about Harry and he's just wild about me" (my name is Harry). Rest in peace Mrs. Braunfels and have fun flying with the angels! I remember her bright spirit fondly.

Harry Mickalide - October 04, 2021 at 10:36 PM

MG

“ So many memories and so much joy every time we were together. Always call me you beautiful Mari and made me feel so special. I can remember when I was young we were saying our evening prayers and Dad said and a Happy Birthday to Aunt Elaine. I was so upset and didn't know it was your Birthday and I hadn't gotten you a gift or saw you. I was crying, Dad said it's just up the road, Make her a card and we will bring it to her and we did. You were so happy and it made me feel better. There was never a time you weren't at an important event in my life. From helping Uncle Dock take me wedding pictures to sharing holidays. I will truly miss you my Godmother. I love you so.

Mariann Elaine Gowell - October 01, 2021 at 07:15 PM

ST

“ Elaine was a talented artist and beloved teacher. Our school community loved her. She was a colleague, friend, mentor...people tended to wander into her room after school or between classes. just to chat. She brightened our days...always smiling, welcoming, radiating kindness. Always ready with a joke and sometimes a friendly word of advice. She will be missed and always in our hearts. My condolences to her family and all who loved her.
Sharon Thibault

Sharon Thibault - October 01, 2021 at 06:19 AM

AT

“ Aunt Elaine and Vivienne Elaine ❤️



Allysha Turcotte - September 30, 2021 at 06:26 AM

JB

“ 17 files added to the album Memories Album



Jennifer Braunfels - September 29, 2021 at 01:45 PM

EF

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Jen & Kate and the family.

Earlene Fraser - September 28, 2021 at 05:23 PM

FS

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Funeral Staff - September 28, 2021 at 04:01 PM

TB

Hello All.....I am so Sorry to learn the passing of Elaine.....truly a pillar of the Turquett family....I am so sorry for your loss....

Teresa barrett - September 28, 2021 at 10:54 PM

EA

Dick, I am so so sorry of your wife's passing . My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Ed Achorn - September 29, 2021 at 04:43 PM

JC

Dick, sorry for the loss of you wife. My condolences and thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family. May she RIP my friend.

Jeffrey Cottle - September 29, 2021 at 05:14 PM

PF

Elaine was a gem and she will be missed. Elaine, thank you for your time in RSU 4 we all loved you.

Phil Ferguson - September 29, 2021 at 08:43 PM

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*Please know Mr. Braunfels and Mrs. Braunfels' children how much we cared for Mrs Braunfels (Elaine). She was a much loved teacher and endeared herself to many of our children, mentoring them in art, as well as, being there just to talk. Please know that God call one of his most beautiful flowers and cherished "children" home this week.. The memories of seeing her at school when we were there with our children will never be forgotten. Our community was blessed by having Mrs. Braunfels teaching "our" children. Elaine was beautiful. We love your family and Elaine's extended family.
Anne and Roland Morin*

Anne Morin - October 03, 2021 at 10:41 AM