



Elaine B. Pinette

March 15, 1937 - August 23, 2015

Elaine Barbara Pinette, born March 15, 1937 passed away August 23 at Androscoggin Hospice House surrounded by her loving family after courageously battling cancer for two years. She was the daughter of Forrest and Helen (Barnes) Potter. Elaine attended Auburn schools and graduated from Edward Little High School with the class of 1954 and was a member of the Beta Alpha Gamma Sorority. She married the love of her life, soul mate, and best friend Bruce Pinette on November 26, 1955. Together they raised their three children June, Michael, and Jon. Although she answered to Elaine, she was most affectionately known as Nin not only by her family but by her cherished extended family and friends too. Elaine worked as a long distance operator for AT&T (formerly New England Telephone) prior to having her children, took respite to be home with them, then resumed her position until her retirement in 1990. She had been active in her church as part of the Calvary United Women's Group and continued on the committee to organize and even host her high school reunions. She still lunched with her sorority sisters regularly. While in high school she was a cheerleader and later carried on that cheering tradition as the number one fan at her sons' athletic events as well as her daughter's dance recitals and baton competitions. This passion extended to this day by attending her three grandson's sporting events. Although football was her favorite, she was an ever present icon at events from football to karate, track, skiing, hockey, soccer, baseball lacrosse, bowling, and most recently even her grandsons' men's softball and hockey games. In earlier days her grandsons recall her huge cowbell resounding loudly as affirmation that Nin was there! She was also surrogate mom to many of the boys on the Midget hockey team with son Jon, organized and coached by Bruce while on their many bus trips to Canada. Elaine loved to travel. In addition to her many trips throughout the country for karate and bowling competitions, she enjoyed Caribbean cruises, Caribbean island resort destinations, Hawaii, Mexico, and a cross country road trip visiting important US landmarks. She, along with Bruce, was also a gracious hostess of several family Florida vacations that included Disney World, Sea World, Bush Gardens, and more. On one particular family vacation she became affectionately known for her Grammy and Two Golden Globes. Her family was her passion but Elaine also loved her garage saling where she would find as many treasures for others as she would for herself. She enjoyed

shopping at Kohl's, going out to eat, taking care of her ubiquitous plants, hot humid days taking a dip in her pool, hosting parties under her tent by the pool, reading, crossword puzzles, solitaire, and life. Elaine was always thinking of others with her kind words and gestures. She put a positive spin on life and always said, "When you get lemons, make lemonade." The family would like to extend thanks to Dr Michael Bergeron and staff, Dr Pandey and staff, as well as, although briefly, The Androscoggin Home Health, Hospice, and Hospice House staff for their excellent and compassionate care. A special thank you to sister-in-law Barbara Caron for being at her side each day while she was still at home. Elaine is survived by her husband Bruce, daughter June and husband Robert Richard of Lewiston, son Michael of Greene, son Jon and wife Sue Smart of Portland, grandsons Christopher Richard and wife Amy of Hebron, Nicholas Richard and wife Jessica of Lewiston, Tyler Richard and partner Kaitlyn Defilipp of Cape Elizabeth, great-granddaughter Olivia Mae, great-grandson Gavin Zenon, sisters-in-law Barbara (Pinette) Caron, Diane (Pinette) Prock, Susan (Pinette) Leeman and husband David, several nieces and nephews, and extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her mother Helen, father Forrest, brother Thomas, and sister Charlene. Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com . NOTICE Pinette-Died in Auburn on Sunday August 23, 2015. Mrs. Elaine B. of Greene. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 1:00 PM at the Calvary Methodist Church corner of College and Sabattus Streets. Burial will be private. Those wishing may make donations in Elaine's memory to the Dempsey Center 29 Lowell Street Lewiston, Maine 04240. Visitation will held on Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway, Lewiston 784-4023.

Comments



“ LAINE BABY, I LOVE YOU DARLING. TILL WE MEET AGAIN. BRUCE

BRUCE - April 09, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ Bruce, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Lauren Rollins

Lauren Rollins - August 31, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ Bruce and Family, Very sorry to see the passing of your wife--may God be with you in this time..... John

John D'Amour - August 27, 2015 at 05:59 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sending love from Oklahoma.

Tyson and Amy Hendrix - August 27, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ She fought her battle like a trooper. What a loss to the Pinette family.

Hollis and Nadine Bates - August 27, 2015 at 10:32 AM



“ To Bruce and family, We are so sorry for your loss. We didn't realize Elaine was so ill. She was always friendly towards us and always had a smile. Wanda and Cliff

Wanda/Cliff Smith - August 27, 2015 at 09:30 AM



“ Hugs to you all!! Aunt Elaine will truly be missed. Loved the idea that both she & Uncle Bruce loved coming to my house on the 4th of July, even though my yard wasn't anything like theirs. Such a wonderful lady. Sending Uncle Bruce, June, Mike, & Jon great big hugs. Love you all!! Lisa

Niece, Lisa - August 26, 2015 at 09:48 PM



“ Mr. Pinette, “Big Bruce”.....Sir.....friend, my heart is heavy with your loss. Please find comfort in knowing I have always considered it an honor to have shared your family, your home and the wonderful woman you called “wife”, Mrs. Pinette. Jon,... brother, be proud that your mom was the such a giving person who effortlessly opened her life and home to her son’s friends and made us all feel part of the family, I thank her for that kindness. June and Mike, my condolences and thank you for sharing your mom with your brother's friends. “Mrs. Pinette” is how I knew her first, when Jon....sitting by her side in the driver’s seat of the Blazer, would drive to my house and pick me up. As the years went on I knew her as “Lanie” when she would tute her horn coming up Main St. until she stopped in the driveway to have the small army of boys come out to help her with groceries. She was a gracious host who didn’t mind a playroom full of sleeping hockey players (every weekend) and feeding them breakfast, lunch and supper. Then she became “Nin” as her family grew, something she cherished dearly. The years have passed but the memories remain, Mrs. Pinette: THANK YOU for having for having and sharing such a wonderful family! THANK YOU for being our #1 hockey fan as we traveled throughout those years! THANK YOU for opening your home to me! THANK YOU the celebrations: Graduation, 21st Bday and countless others! THANK YOU for your kindness, my life was touched by you! Bruce

Croteau's: Bruce, Angie, Emily, Eric - August 26, 2015 at 08:00 AM



“ Bruce and family so sorry for your loss thank you for all the memories God bless

Danny Jean - August 26, 2015 at 07:15 AM



“ Expressing my condolences to the Pinette family. Thank you for the memories!

Joey Morin - August 25, 2015 at 06:32 PM



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August 25, 2015 at 06:22 PM



“ Bruce, June, Jon, Mike, (Bobby, Nick, Chris, Tyler,) Please know that we are thinking of you all. Our hearts are heavy with the passing of Elaine. We always looked forward to seeing all of you when we go to their house. We think the world of Elaine and the family. I will cherish her in my heart and memory forever. We love you all.

Tina, Ron Nadeau - August 25, 2015 at 03:37 PM



“ So, so sorry for your loss Mr. Pinette, June, Mike and Jon. I will miss seeing your mother and her great smiles and stories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Rhonda Martin (Webber)

Rhonda L. Webber - August 25, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ Bruce and family\ Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Elaine. She was an outstanding lady who gave so much to life. Warm wishes Janet Gibson

Janet H. Gibson - August 25, 2015 at 01:39 PM



“ Bruce and family, We offer our deepest condolences, and hope the memories eventually bring some comfort.

Judy Paul Josh and Eric - August 25, 2015 at 12:39 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Bruce, John and Mike. She was a very kind and thoughtful person. She always smiled and talked to me. She will be sadly missed by everyone. Blessings to you all. God Bless Mike

Michael Bourget - August 25, 2015 at 07:28 AM



“ Uncle Bruce, Junie, Mike and Jon, I cannot express to you how numb I felt hearing your news. Uncle Bruce, I know you worshipped the ground Aunt Elaine walked on and rightfully so. Junie, Mike and Jon, my chest hurts and the lump in my throat pains me for you all. I cannot imagine and don't want to know how that feels. My only wish is that someday we will all be together again and distance is non-existent. My children, Gretchen and Sophie have grown up believing they know Aunt Elaine because Mom (your Aunt Diane) always told the sweetest and funniest stories about your mother. All I can think about is "the banana lady," I guess she felt she needed a banana everywhere she would go. Then I think about her red lipstick and how she put it on like it was chapstick. Yes, that story traveled here, 2,000 miles away. Uncle Bruce, your wife was loved by so many near and also by so many far away. I want you to know we love you and you and your family are talked about with love and laughter as if you were here. My only wish is that you will all receive the needed strength going forward. I pray for your peace at heart. We love you Aunt Elaine. With tears, Sha-Sha, Gretchen and Sophie

Niece Sha-Sha - August 24, 2015 at 11:45 PM



“ Aunt Elaine although Ive been out of pocket for years, There's something I can always hear when I think of you, A laugh that only you could have, I will miss you But your laugh will be with me forever Love always Donnie

Nephew donnie - August 24, 2015 at 06:17 PM



“ My precious sister in law was one in a million..really the best s-i-l anyone could ask for...more like a sister to me. We laughed, we cried, we could act really foolish together, but it was a 60 year friendship I will cherish forever. I'm already missing you Elaine. Big love. DiDi

Sister Diane - August 24, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ My heart is brokenshe was a great lady and will be missed immensely by all .

Sister Susie - August 24, 2015 at 05:13 PM