



Elaine Buel

April 26, 1942 - January 21, 2020

Elaine Eleanore Buel passed away on January 21, 2020, at Accura HealthCare. She was born to Bertha (Testroet) and John Buel, Sr., on April 26, 1942, in Carroll, Iowa.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2021 at St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Kathy Halbur and Sherry Loughran. Lector will be Stan Buel. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery in Halbur.

In lieu of flowers contributions in Elaine's memory may be made to New Hope Village, Carroll, Iowa, or to the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences can be left for Elaine's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Elaine was a special needs child and learning did not come as easily to her as it did to her classmates at St. Augustine's School, Halbur. Today we would call her early education "home schooled". However, Elaine was blessed as a young woman when New Hope Village was established and she could take the bus to school every day where she learned new skills and expanded her social world.

Over time, New Hope became Elaine's permanent home where she was able to live in a group setting, learn life skills, and enjoy many friendships. She was also able to develop work skills and held jobs in such things as office cleaning and sorting recycling. She showed an artistic side in painting holiday ceramics and other works of self-expression.

Elaine enjoyed life. She loved wearing costume jewelry, lunching with a friend and taking mini vacations to various locations around the Midwest. Elaine was a Christian and appreciated the opportunity to attend Mass with friends and family.

Elaine did not take up much space in this world, but she brought a big smile and lots of love to the place she occupied. She was quiet and more content to listen than lead the conversation. But she could ascertain and point out some basic truths that those around may have overlooked. And she did it with the assurance that any thinking person would agree with her.

Elaine is survived by her brothers Norman, Olatha, Kansas, and Allen (Barb), Omaha, Nebraska, and sisters, Lenore Lodge of Sioux City, Carol Riesenberg, Moscow, Idaho, and Mary Johnson, Tucson, Arizona. She is also survived by brother-in-law Ron Ensley, Great Bend, Kansas, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Elaine was preceded in death by her parents and by her brother John and sister Diane.

Elaine and her family appreciated the kind and thoughtful care she received from New Hope Village, Accura HealthCare, and Kindred Hospice staff.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM.

St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I was blessed to work at New Hope Village many years ago. I worked in cottage 2 and that is where I met Elaine. Elaine was truly a happy person. She shared her wonderful smile with all she met.

maria mahoney - October 18, 2021 at 11:17 PM

DI

“ I worked at the home she was at when she was at New Hope. She was always a very interesting person to talk with and she would let you know when she needed help with certain things she needed. But she liked her independence also to do what she wanted and to get her own things when she was able to get them.



Dianna - January 28, 2020 at 05:39 AM

LD

So sorry for your loss, my sympathies to the family. Lynann Daniel

Lynann Daniel - January 29, 2020 at 01:39 PM

DO

So sorry to hear about Elaine. She was a kind, quiet soul. She cared about others. She was definitely a gift to all of us at New Hope.

Donna - February 13, 2020 at 06:58 AM

PO

Elaine always had a smile on her face Ned a kind and quiet soul. My prayers to the family.

Pat Ortner - October 19, 2021 at 12:11 PM

SF

I knew Elaine when her sister Diane and I were friends many years ago. What a special and touching obituary this is to read. I'm so happy she was able to find such joy in life.

Sharon (Koenig) Fleece

Sharon Fleece - October 21, 2021 at 01:48 PM