



Elaine Kay (Fehnel) Zartman

June 18, 2022

Elaine Kay (Fehnel) Zartman, 67, of Lancaster was born on April 15, 1955. She was the daughter of Rev. Richard and Arlene Fehnel. She navigated a happy, humble childhood alongside her younger brothers. From an early age, she was an avid reader and music lover. In her teenage years, that meant Nancy Drew mysteries and Diana Ross and The Supremes on vinyl.

Graduating from the Washington Hospital Center School of Nursing (1976) and earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Millersville University (1984), Elaine dedicated her life to caring for others. As a Registered Nurse, she helped patients in the Lancaster General Health system for over 40 years, until her retirement in 2019. She was rarely the loudest in the room, but with a strong and measured presence, her character spoke for itself. She brought out the best in others, making her an excellent preceptor for new nurses later in her career. Elaine was recognized with the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses in 2015.

During her time in nursing school, Elaine fell in love with Carl Zartman, and they began a relationship that would develop into a wonderful marriage of 45 years. They were married in 1976 and raised two children.

Elaine was a steadfast advisor to and supporter of her kids at all stages of their lives. Their wide-ranging hobbies and experiences over the years became her interests, and she was always ready to share her informed perspective. As “Nan” to her grandchildren, she was the queen of activities, perpetually ready with a new craft, puzzle, or outing that would make the kids squeal. She was a full-contact, hands-on mother and grandmother.

Elaine was always planning her next adventure. There were countless trips to Stone Harbor and Disney World and explorations everywhere from Amsterdam to Alaska. While travel was her passion, she was happiest when she could simply sit around laughing with her family over a home-cooked meal, a fierce round of Rummy, or a New York Yankees game.

Elaine treasured the holidays and the family gatherings and traditions that went with them: hosting Thanksgiving Day, watching holiday Hallmark movies, baking Christmas cookies, decorating the tree, and helping to wrap gifts in support of the United Disabilities charity. Ever the thoughtful gift giver, you'd be lucky to find a square inch of empty space under the tree on Christmas morning.

Elaine died on June 18, 2022 after a heroic battle with pancreatic cancer. Following her diagnosis in January, she was met with an outpouring of love and support. She leaves her legacy in the lives of all who loved her, most especially her husband, Carl Zartman; children, Kristin (Matthew) Fenty and Matthew (Emily) Zartman; father, Rev. Richard Fehnel; brothers, Glenn (Laurie) Fehnel and James Fehnel; and grandchildren, Charlotte and Jack Fenty. Elaine was predeceased by her mother, Arlene (Hershey) Fehnel.

Family and friends are invited to Elaine's Memorial Service to be held at the Church of the Apostles UCC, 1850 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 2:30 PM. A visitation will be held at 1:45 PM until the time of service. A memorial reception at the Farm at Eagle Ridge, 465 Long Ln. Lancaster, PA 17603, will follow the service.

Elaine loved the color purple. She used to say that she liked purple before it was cool. We encourage you to honor her by wearing something in her favorite hue from lavender to violet.

The family asks that you support an organization important to Elaine in lieu of flowers. We will update this site with that information in the coming days.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Church of the Apostles UCC
1850 Marietta Ave
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine Kay (Fehnel) Zartman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I will always remember Elaine for her kindness, caring and soft spoken words and that warm smile. She was truly one of LGH's outstanding nurses and she will be truly missed. Deepest sympathies to Carl & the family.*

Deniese Myers - July 12, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay (Fehnel) Zartman.*



July 04, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay (Fehnel) Zartman.*



June 29, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Dianna, Allison and the Sanofi team purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Elaine Kay (Fehnel) Zartman.*



Dianna, Allison and the Sanofi team - June 29, 2022 at 01:52 PM

JH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Elaine's passing. I know she was very brave and fought hard to live. She was a wonderful person and a very special nurse who cared deeply for the patients. She taught me so much over the years especially in LGH's PACU which was my first love in my nursing career. We most blessedly were brought together again at WBH, my second love. I'm sorry your most deserved retirement was cut short and time spent with your beloved family was as well. I will always think of you, Elaine. Rest in peace.

Jennifer Horst - June 27, 2022 at 08:34 PM

KW

“ What a beautiful tribute to Elaine in her obituary, capturing her caring, warm and compassion personality. It was such a pleasure to work with her. My sincere condolences to her family.

Kathy Walton - June 27, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay (Fehnel) Zartman.



June 27, 2022 at 02:22 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear this. I will pray for strength for all of you.
Janice Reick

Janice Reick - June 27, 2022 at 12:26 PM

GA

“ What a beautifully written obituary. It captures Elaine perfectly. I loved working with Elaine and will miss her. Peace to her family.
Gail Burgess

Gail - June 26, 2022 at 06:07 PM

JB

“ Carl, Kristin & Matt,
Lynn and I extend our deepest sympathy upon Elaine's passing. Her obituary captured her life and personality beautifully. It was a blessing for us to know her and your family through Kristin.

May God keep your memories fresh and provide a peace to each of you in this difficult time.

John Boyer

John Boyer - June 26, 2022 at 06:00 PM

HK

“ I am so sorry about the loss of your mother, wife and daughter. We often caught up with each other in Stauffer's, usually the produce aisle. She loved sharing all the latest news of her children and grandchildren, as well as hearing all about our family. Matthew and Kristen, you have lost her way too soon. I hope the fact that she was able to be there for your weddings and to know her grandchildren brings you some comfort. You all have our deepest sympathy and love. Holly and John Kleimo

Holly Kleimo - June 26, 2022 at 10:29 AM

MW

To the children & Father of Elaine. My heartfelt sympathy to you on the passing of your dear Mother! She was 'special'!
I knew your grand-parents, Arlene and Rev, Richard Fehnel from St. Paul's UCC and Church of the Apostles! Rev. Fehnel presided over my Mother & Father's funeral services!
My brothers & myself would have breakfast with your Father, occasionally! We enjoyed his company. Went on a trip or two with him!
My prayers are with you! God bless you and your family!
I will be at the service at Apostles!

Mildred Musser Wimer - July 02, 2022 at 02:11 PM