



Elaine Davis

December 25, 1937 - July 30, 2022

She is clothed with strength and dignity and laughs without fear of the future.
Proverbs 31:25

Elaine Davis was born in Los Angeles on Christmas Day 1937 to Ruth & Erith Frantz, a much younger sister to adoring brothers Dick & Lynne. As a child she pulled her wagon around the neighborhood collecting scrap metal and rubber for the (WWII) war effort and amused her brothers with early precocious fame on Art Linkletter's hit show House Party. She grew into a remarkable person that loved Jesus, her three kids and grandson, friends that became family, teaching the Bible and nurturing & mentoring others to find their God-given potential. As a parent, Elaine was ridiculously proud of her children, Christy, Cher & Jim. The world shook on its axis in 2005 when grandchild Grady was born. Grammy was a cherished title she bore with great joy.

She was so much fun. She loved life and people and put those together over leisurely cups of coffee, witty conversation, uproarious laughter, theatre & music (Beethoven, Wynton Marsalis for starters), yummy food & wine, travel & adventure, and good books (once on a trip to Oxford, England, she practically cleared the Blackwell bookstore stock of CS Lewis books she hadn't seen in the US).

She was a loyal, boundless, generous, and encouraging friend. Need help, a favor, a hug, a prayer? Call Elaine.

She wrote wonderful letters and never missed a birthday (though sometimes those cards were a bit late from time to time). A tour de force, she lived life expansively, always said “yes” before “no”, was a problem-solver and “we’ll find a way” person. She never met an obstacle she didn’t manage to knock back or climb over. A time optimist by nature (a term coined by her son-in-law), she opted for ambitious time management: why fit just one task into an hour when you can try for three?

She was a sparkly, spirited, courageous, resilient, optimist person. She smiled and laughed easily and loved people. She is dancing in heaven, and our world is better that she was in it.

Elaine cultivated adaptability and creativity as she moved many times and lived across multiple states. She thrived in diversity of people, cultures, perspectives, and cuisines. She loved to travel and visited Asia and the Middle East multiple times.

After retiring with years in human resources, she fell in love with the children and families of inner-city Phoenix, serving as the Executive Director for Downtown Urban Community Kids (DUCK).

We will not be holding a service. For a remembrance, please honor Elaine’s memory in one of these ways that would thrill her:

- Contribute to an organization of your choice that tackles issues of inequity, poverty, or children at risk
- Undertake an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for someone in her name

- Contribute to Bright Stars over Bethlehem, a non-for-profit organization that promotes peace and justice in Palestine, founded by Pastor Mitri Raheb of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem

Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine Davis*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Christy, what a wonderful obituary for your amazing mother. It captured her spirit, courage, accomplishments, kindness, and her love of travel. I was blessed to have her as a friend for 47 years, beginning in 1975 at the YWCA in Bellingham. I was the beneficiary of her wonderful sense of humor, love and sense of adventure, always peppered with her deep intelligence and commitment to making lives better for everyone. She brought such joy to my sisters and their families as well as sharing in all the milestones of my life. I never understood what I had done right in my life to deserve her as a friend, but I will be forever grateful that she was. In addition to her gifts of love and generosity, she also gave me the joy of knowing of you, Jim and Cher from a young age. I will always treasure my last time together in Park City and Salt Lake City, with your mom, Jim and you, as I once again took joy in your accomplishments, kindness, and deep love of your Mom. Elaine, I miss you, yet I know you are in heaven, at peace, and likely sharing a good laugh. I am reminded of the quote, "Dying is hardest on the living", and it is so true. The tears are still flowing. Much love always, Susie*

Susie Markey - August 08, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Christy, what a wonderful person your mother was. She will be missed down here but there will be rejoicing in heaven!! Bruce Bemis*

Bruce Bemis - August 06, 2022 at 03:10 PM

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“ Elaine’s joy was abundant and I loved being in her company. We have been blessed to have had her with us but for a short time. What she achieved for the greater good will echo in the halls of time throughout eternity.

Anna - August 05, 2022 at 05:10 PM

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“ Elaine was an incredible person, a Jesus lover, a lover of life and always a learner. We are better for having been loved and supported by her! Gayle and Tom Parker

gayle parker - August 05, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ I met Elaine in Singapore and was enchanted by her enthusiasm, youthfulness, and the special relationship she enjoyed with Christy. How wonderful to move through life with that kind of familial kindred spirit.

Ricky Daly - August 05, 2022 at 12:21 AM

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“ Dear Elaine,

I can't write this without shedding tears - but I am trying to remember our time together in US and Japan. You have been such a loving host mom for me and American grandma for my kids I will never forget that you flew to WA from Arizona just to take care of me and my new born- it was the toughest time of my life and you were there with me. Your eternal optimism and can do spirit saved my life and my daughter's. I thought God sent you to me. Never thank you enough.

I only wish to dance one more time singing "Tea for two" together. But I know now you are in the place you feel most comfortable. Thank you and thank you for who you were, Elaine. My American host mother.

Noriko

Noriko - August 04, 2022 at 09:22 PM

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“ One day this attractive woman walked into The King's English bookshop asking about book groups. We could fulfill her wish with an international book group and she fulfilled my wish for a friend. For years we met and talked about her travels and family and shared a mocha frappe at McDonalds. She was the life of the party at book group Christmas parties where she made food from around the world. Both my husband and I miss her but know that wherever she is she will be laughing.

wendy foster leigh - August 04, 2022 at 09:16 PM