



Elaine Ola Raleigh

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She is survived by her sons, Byron Raleigh and wife, Beverly and Joseph Raleigh and wife, Jo-Ellyn; 6 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; sisters, Linda Sue Hummingbird and Johnnie Hillis; brothers, Reverend Ivan Casteel and Ron Casteel. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Raleigh; daughter, Paulette Raleigh-McGrew; granddaughter, Kerry Ann McGrew; parents, John and Etta Casteel; and sister, Joann Kester.



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MG

Mary Gregory posted:

I can remember when Elaine and Paulette would come for Summer visits to Aunt Linda's. I was the Summer babysitter for her children Kim, Darron and Teresa. Your mom was always smiling and laughing as she came in the house. She and Linda would always tell us beautiful stories about when they were young. I will always cherish those memories about your mom. My deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

January 17 at 3:09 AM

TS

Teresa Self posted:

This picture is of the Aunt I love and remember. I know she is in Heaven laughing and smiling with the loved ones that have gone home before her.

January 16 at 1:21 PM

PK

Paulette Kuykendall posted:

I would just like to add that the last time I was at Elaine's, my dad had taken me to visit. It was a beautiful summer day filled with friends and family. As we arrived that day, my dad Glenn Casteel, told me that I was named after his favorite cousin, Elaine's daughter Paulette. I have always felt that I had a very special and unique name, and I am proud to have shared it with the cousin my dad was so fond of.

January 15 at 9:59 AM

KH

Kim R. Hummingbird posted:

I just love the picture you have chosen. It is just the perfect one. I have always loved my Aunt Elaine or Annalane as I often ran the two together. I was going to have a daughter and name her Annalane... but just had my Joe Alex. Byron & Beverly and family, Joe & Jo-Ellyn and family I will always cherish my memories of your wonderful mom. She loved me unconditionally and that is the kind of love and acceptance that one never forgets. As sad as I am in some moments I am happy that she is really with her momma and daddy now. She was so lonesome for them. Please know that we are all with you in spirit and in prayer. Love from here,

January 14 at 1:43 PM



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CK

Carol Kester posted:

Aunt Elaine, such a women. Her hugs were so inviting, she could squeeze tighter than a girdle. She always smelled of her rose scented avon products. And she laughed so that if you had any laugh at all in you, it would definatly surface. My Granddaughters love the stories Grandma Jody would tell about Elaine. They especially loved the one about Aunt Elaine waking up with bubble gum between her toes, whether true or not it always made them laugh thinking that Grandma Jody would put bubble gum between her sisters toes while she slept. Such good humor she must have had. She will sure be missed. Prayers for the family.

January 13 at 7:56 PM

PK

Paulette Kuykendall posted:

What a beautiful and joyful smile. I hadn't seen Elaine since I was a young girl, but I am looking forward to the day when we will visit again. What splendor she is resting in. She is in the arms of Our Lord and our loved ones.

January 13 at 7:54 PM

TH

Terri Hillis posted:

I remember going to her house and seeing all the records she had. She loved music too.

January 13 at 6:31 PM

MB

Mona Kester Brewer posted:

I have very fond memories of our trips to Tulsa and the days we had visiting Uncle Paul and Aunt Elaine. I was always amazed at the many Avon items she had. I thought it was her own personal store. I remember visiting their church. I remember her infectious laugh. I loved hearing her and my mama tell stories. It is a very difficult time losing a parent but God is gracious and gives peace to the child of God. We become even more thankful for Calvary and our eternal life and home in heaven. We have God's promise that we will see them again. "For we know that if our earthly house were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5:1. Thinking of you and praying for you. Love, Mona

January 13 at 4:20 PM



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Janice Casteel posted:

Aunt Elaine was always so sweet to me when I would see her. I will be praying for the family during this time.

January 13 at 1:37 PM



Linda Hummingbird posted:

This is indeed the way folks will remember Elaine. She loved to laugh, and did so right up until God called her home. We'll miss her but I can just imagine the laughter she is enjoying with her precious family members who've gone on earlier.

January 13 at 11:43 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elaine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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