



Elaine Rilko

May 17, 1959 - December 7, 2007

ELAINE CANDICE RILKO, formerly Elaine Smith, of Centreville, Virginia died at home with family by her side Friday, December 7, 2007 due to melanoma cancer she had been battling for over 4 years. She was 48 years old. She was born at Andrew's Air Force base in 1959. The family had been stationed in Japan from 1959-63, Mississippi from 1963-64, California from 1964-66. They were then transferred to Fairfax in 1966. Elaine was 9 years old when her parents bought a new home in Centreville's Chalet Woods subdivision in the home next to where she lived with her husband of 16 years, David Rilko and two daughters, Amanda Long, 21 and Madeline Rilko 15. Elaine was a 1977 graduate of Chantilly High School. She is also survived by her mother, Wally Allen and Edward Allen of Haymarket, VA and her brother, Dane Smith of Hilo Hawaii. Elaine started working at the old (now gone) Centreville McDonalds at age 15. She would ride her bike to work down the old Braddock Road. Then she got a job at Giant Foods in NewGate Shopping Center. Elaine worked as a produce manager for 22 years and then retired in 1998 to be at home for her kids. Her love for sewing occupied a lot of her time. She was a quilter with the Quilters Unlimited of Centreville & APQS quilters group. Her family enjoyed 3 cross country camping trips over the years; pulling a 19' travel trailer along with their golden retriever Jessie, from California to Alaska.

Memorial services will be held 10:00 A.M. Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street (RT28) Manassas, Virginia 20110. Phone

(703)257-6028 followed by a celebration of Elaine's life from 12:00-3:00 P.M. at the American Legion Post #10, 9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110. Phone (703) 369-4900. Any questions, please e-mail Dan Rilko at rilkdapilk@hotmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions be made to Virginia Education Savings Trust (VEST) in the name of Madeline Rilko and sent to 14926 Kamputa Drive, Centreville, VA 20120 or at the memorial service.

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dave, Mandy and Maddy,*

I have so many memories of your mom! Mandy, I always remember when you and mom moved in when you were a baby and she was planting flower bulbs on the side by Pruitts. That was the day I met you. The other time was I guess when you, Dave, were leaving for work really early or were still in the Coast Guard. She called at like 6AM and said something was in the garage. I told her to put the door up a little and it would find its way out, she was still leary of it. So John went over and went into the garage, it turned out to be someone's cat that apparently got closed in at night. Maddy, she brought over your "pie quilt" and we played with "pie" fabric one day for an hour! We did her Santa quilt and the Reindeer one too! I'll cherish all my "Elaine memories" and miss her so much.

*Love,
Janet*

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“ *Wally,*

I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter, with time the loss is a little more bearable. Elaine will always remain in your heart.

Jennie

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“ I'm saddened to hear about Elaine's passing. We grew up together on Kamputa Drive, attended school together from Elementary school through High School, and also worked together at Giant Food.

Elaine always had a kind heart, and she was truly a good friend. I'm sure that she is smiling down upon us now.

I will always remember Elaine fondly, and I'll keep her and her family in my prayers.

Gregg Hunt

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