



Elaine Stolarz

February 19, 2024

Elaine Clara Stolarz (née Benell) passed away on Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, at the age of 87 years old in her adopted hometown of Teaneck, New Jersey. Elaine was born in the Bronx on May 30, 1936, to Clara and Joseph Benell. Elaine was one of four children: Joseph, John, and Claire. Her family moved to Teaneck in 1953 during her senior year of high school. It was that same year that Elaine met her soulmate, Richard Stolarz. Elaine and Richard met at a malt shop on Upper Greenwood Lake that summer, where both of their families owned summer bungalows. They were married five years later. They went on to have three daughters, Nancy, Marie and Lisa. In addition to being a devoted mother and wife, Elaine worked at Fairleigh Dickinson University as an administrative professional for 25 years. During that time, Elaine completed her Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. Elaine and Richard raised their girls on Kipp Street in Teaneck and lived there until they retired. Decades after they first met at the malt shop, they moved back to Upper Greenwood Lake, where their love story first began. Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and her husband, Richard. She is survived by her three daughters Nancy Merrigan, Marie Stolarz (husband Neal Oliver) and Lisa Stolarz (husband Cameo Rodriguez), her six grandchildren, Desiree Heard, Megan Merrigan, Andrew Merrigan, Blake Oliver, Chloe Rodriguez and Richard Rodriguez, and her great granddaughter Ava Stolarz. Elaine is also survived by her sister Claire Goodlin and many loyal friends, including her best friend of 82 years, Dolly Corsini Carbone. Elaine had a quick wit, a sharp tongue, was loyal and generous beyond comparison and had unending love for those she held close. She will be forever missed. Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral service honoring Elaine's life at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 1 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 118 Chadwick Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: <https://mealsonwheelsnorthjersey.org/donate/> and/or The Bergen County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. To make a monetary donation in-memoriam, please mail your check payable to Bergen County to 100 United Lane, Teterboro, NJ 07608 and include the name of the person you wish to be remembered as well as the address where you would like a letter sent. Letters should be sent to Lisa Stolarz, 947 Columbus Drive, Teaneck, NJ 07666

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
118 Chadwick Rd.
Teaneck, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine Stolarz.*



February 27, 2024 at 12:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elaine Stolarz.*



February 26, 2024 at 07:31 AM

TV

“ *One of the finest, Mrs S. you will be greatly missed, rest easy and thank you for being you.*

Tracy Vogel - February 24, 2024 at 09:10 PM

KB

“ *My Mom (Audrey Marshall) and Elaine had a long friendship, going back more than 60 years to when they met as young women at work in NYC. As a child I remember visiting Elaine and her daughters in Teaneck. Throughout the years our Moms remained good friends and got together often to catch up. Their favorite place to meet was at Bischoff's for lunch and ice cream where they would spend hours talking. Elaine was a good and loyal friend who will be missed.*

Kay Bucek

Kay Bucek - February 24, 2024 at 05:34 PM

CG

“ *Claire and Robert Goodlin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elaine Stolarz.*



Claire and Robert Goodlin - February 23, 2024 at 11:27 PM

JC

“ Jon Cillick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine Stolarz.



Jon Cillick - February 22, 2024 at 07:25 PM

SU

“ Your mom was such a kind, loving and strong woman. I envied the friendship she had- 82 years long- with my mom. Your mother was such a loyal and patient friend. She stood by my mom through it all! My mother always said Elaine was like a sister to her and she could never live without her. I remember stories of them cutting school to go to Palisades Amusement Park. From there to Timber Oaks so many years later, those two were really the original Bronx Bombers! Tough, sassy, and very opinionated they were quite a team. They certainly shaped us to be the women we are today and I wouldn't trade it for the world. Rest in peace, Elaine. You will be greatly missed.
Susan Demitriou

Susan - February 22, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ The Talarico family shared alot of fun with the Stolarz family growing up at Kipp St. Teaneck, lots of fond memories. Our parents were good friends and all of us as children went to school together. We always had alot of fun, lots ot stores to be told. God Bless our families.

Lucille Brule' - February 22, 2024 at 06:06 PM

LY

“ So many memories of her standing in her kitchen, with a cup of coffee, shaking her had and saying, "You girls!" to all of us. My earliest memory of this was when I was about 5... and I think she said the same thing to me last time I saw her in the spring! "You girls!" She loved her girls and loved her grandkids!

Lynn - February 22, 2024 at 03:19 PM

LJ

Elaine was such a caring aunt. My mother adored her. She was so kind to invite my mother to stay at her lake house after my mom sold her house. Elaine was always so nice and invited us to come see my mom at her lake house. When I was much younger Elaine, my mom, and the rest of our family spent either Christmas or Thanksgiving in each other's houses. Elaine was funny, punky, and a carbon copy of my grandma Benell. She was so loved and she will be missed greatly. I know she is in heaven enjoying her reunion with Uncle Richie, uncle John, and her mother Clara Benell.

Laura Jeffer - February 22, 2024 at 07:06 PM