



Elaine Mildred Shipley

July 4, 1930 - October 24, 2013

Elaine Mildred Mittelsteadt Shipley, 83, passed from this life peacefully at home on Thursday, October 24, 2013. The oldest of three daughters, she was born at the family farm in northeastern Nebraska on July 4, 1930, to Louise Kent and Henry Mittelsteadt. She graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Norfolk, NE, received an Associate's Degree from Norfolk Junior College, and worked as an operator for Bell Telephone. She met Dale F. Shipley in Norfolk, NE, they married on Christmas Day 1951, and embarked on their life travels when Dale joined the Air Force in 1952. Dale's military career took them to Missouri, Wyoming, Texas, Alaska, Colorado, Virginia, Canada, and back again to her beloved Colorado. Elaine made strong and lasting friendships wherever life took her, and loved keeping people close to her heart with visits and frequent phone calls. Her interests and hobbies included a lifelong commitment to volunteering, playing bridge, and golfing with her husband and friends, forays to the Moose Lodge, adventures with the Red Hat Ladies, and traveling to visit friends and family. She still enjoyed skiing when she was 70 and mentioned this to many people in her last few weeks, wanting people to know her zest for life. Elaine will be dearly missed by her daughter, Susan Lamb, son-in-law, David Lamb, grandsons, Andrew and Matthew Lamb, daughter-in-law, Priscilla Dressen and grandson, Alex Dressen Shipley, all of Fort Collins, her sister, Marian Zingg, of Portage, MI, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, Lois Mittelsteadt, and son, Michael

ShIPLEY. Visitation will be at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. A funeral mass is being planned for late November in Ft. Collins, CO and inurnment will be at a later date in Norfolk, NE. Contributions may be made in her memory to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 West Olive St. Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Elaine, you and Dale were wonderful neighbors and friends. You will be dearly missed by all of us in Oakridge. Rest in Peace.* ”

Maureen Schaffer - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Susan, David, and all, Our hearts and prayers are with you in this time of loss and reflection. May your memories and your own character help you find strength and solace in the coming days, weeks, and years. ~ Annie and Joe* ”

Annie McCarthy - November 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Susan and David-- I am really going to miss her. What a sweet, yet powerhouse of a lady. Seeing you in May of next year will be bitter sweet. May God rest her soul and comfort yours. Linn W. Erickson* ”

Linn Erickson - November 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Susan and family, sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Thinking about you.* ”

Jennifer Oliver - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *We will all miss you so very much dear Aunt Elaine. Loved all the precious memories you shared with each and everyone of us nieces and nephews. May HE comfort and give you all peace that only HE can give in your times of need. Love all of your cousin's. XOXOXO* ”

Adele Gallop - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Dear Susan and family, Your Mom will be so dearly missed. I can remember sitting with her at so many family gatherings and having such wonderful conversations. I will miss her. Love and HUGS to you all! Diane Shipley Bouwens

Diane - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Elaine and Dale were great friends to my parents - comforts and helpers following a near-death accident, and good company at all times. Elaine's friendship was a source of joy for my Mother after their husbands died and her care and concern for my Mother during these last years during which Mom has suffered from blindness and dementia have been solace for me. May she be remembered for all the good she did and all the love she felt.

Janice Fricker - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I regret only meeting her a few times but remember her as a sweet, vibrant, warm lady. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends who will greatly miss her. RIP Elaine!

Diane Sawczyn - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Susan, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Elaine was a great lady and she will be greatly missed.

Laura Grueber - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ So sorry to hear that your mother passed away. I am sure you miss her very much. I hope your memories of her help you deal with your sense of loss. I know she influenced your life in many, many ways and will continue to influence your life the future. While many of the ways she will continue to influence your life are deeply felt things about what kind of person you are, I like thinking about all the Lambs aspiring to match her benchmark of skiing until your seventy.

pat bonner - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ Elaine, it was a pleasure to know you and to work with you during your last life journey. Godspeed, Nina Elledge RN

Nina Elledge - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We share your sense of loss with the passing of Elaine. It was a joy to have her as an extended member of the Lorenz family -- so cheerful, lively, a good listener, and an intelligent conversationalist. She will be missed.

Randy & Sally Mainquist - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Elaine was a loving and dear friend to me. Her smile would light up the room. We shared many moments of just plain girl talk. I will miss her sense of humor and kind demeanor. Words can not express the sympathy I feel for her family May God grant you peace in the difficult days ahead. God Bless, Eileen

Eileen HEARD - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Hi Susan. I am so sad to think about your mother's passing and will pray for you often. I personally believe in an everlasting life -- beyond this one. And I believe in a loving God that is central to the teachings of Jesus. I hope that you and your mother are united together again within the promise of everlasting happiness. Take comfort in your relationship and memories of your mom. Love, Tom H

Tom Hartmann - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We are all so sorry about the passing of your Mother and will be holding you in our hearts and prayers. Love, The 5 J's

Julie Maier - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My love and sympathy to you and your family. Elaine was my friend from the Moose Lodge, and the "Red Hats" We had a lot of laughs together and good memories. I will truly miss her. I hope she is still enjoying the music from the CD's I made for her. Bert

Roberta Rumley - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM