



Elaine M. Partyka

December 20, 1943 - February 20, 2018

Elaine M. Partyka, 74, was suddenly taken to heaven the morning of Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at her home in Chicopee. Elaine, the youngest of three daughters, was born on December 20, 1943 to the late Peter and Valentina (Michalek) Partyka, the most loving, caring and religious parents. A graduate of Chicopee High School, she received her Bachelor of Education degree from Our Lady of the Elms College in 1966, awarded by the late Bishop Weldon. Elaine was an outstanding teacher for thirty-eight years in the Chicopee Public School System. She gave 1000% to everything she did in life and made every holiday season a special activity for her students. For example, as Thanksgiving neared, and after scouring the Mohawk Trail for the proper articles, she and her students transformed their classroom into a Native American and Pilgrim village with costumes, tents, etc. She was delighted that Mayor Kos came to visit. Because Elaine was five years younger than her sisters, and with no other children her age in the neighborhood, her mother felt she should have her own activity and enrolled her at age four in the Hal Lally School of Dance, where she excelled in ballet/toe and Spanish dancing. She became assistant ballet instructor her last two years before college. She loved her years at the Elms and often brought foreign students home for dinner, which made for a delightful conversation and cultural learning experience for the family. Ever since her First Communion, Elaine was a devout Catholic, devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop &

Martyr, and knew most of the Priests, Brothers, and Sisters there, as well as the religious in Western MA and Maine, where she enjoyed spending a week's vacation at the Monastery in Kennebunkport. She traveled with church groups to the Shrines of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, and to Medugorje. On a visit to Poland Elaine found the original homes of her maternal grandparents. She also enjoyed a special vacation in Hawaii in her early years. For thirty years, she conducted a monthly all-night vigil to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Mary, Mother of Hope Church in Springfield. She was a friend of, and did work for Bishop Mitchell Rozanski, and Brother Terrence Scanlon, host of the Sunday "Chalice of Salvation" program on Channel 22, who has prepared a special remembrance to honor Elaine. She was a close friend of Father James McCurry, Franciscan Provincial, as was the entire Partyka family. She was a Secular Franciscan since 1979. Elaine was predeceased in 1982 by her father, in 1999 by her mother, and by her beloved sister, Irene Partyka, on November 22, 2016. She is survived by her loving sister, Blanche Partyka of Chicopee; her first cousins, Annette Gauthier and husband Kenneth of Singer Island, FL, Josette Otfinowski of Chicopee, Linda Strzepek of Hudson, and Virginia Guifford of W. Dennis, along with their children and grandchildren; and her special caring friend, Pauline Huettner and husband Henry of Springfield. Elaine was blessed with many wonderful friends throughout her life. After retirement, they were multiplied by dear and supportive friends from the church, for which she was so grateful. She loved them all. Hence, she was a great friend of the US Postal Service (letters, cards, etc.) She regularly made charitable donations in support of various missionary organizations throughout the U.S. Elaine loved her family, loved God and the Blessed Mother, loved her church and loved her friends. Her sister Blanche extends special thanks to Fr. Joseph Benicewicz, OFM Conv., Sr. Norberta, and all her supportive friends for the caring and goodness they brought to her life. Funeral services for Elaine will be held Wednesday at 9AM from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica.

Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4-7PM. Memorial contributions in Elaine's memory may be made to the St. Stanislaus Basilica Fund, 566 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013. (Good Nite, Elaine, my sweet "Honey-Bunny").

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
(413) 592-9256
kozikowskifh@gmail.com

Service

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ *I am sorry to hear about the passing of Elaine. She was a wonderful friend. I will miss our Sunday brunches and holiday get togethers. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. With Sympathy, Monica Daena*

Monica Daena - February 25, 2018 at 04:19 PM