



Elaine F. Rideout

July 18, 1939 - February 23, 2023

Elaine F. (Colthart) Rideout, 83, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at Holyoke Medical Center, with loving family at her side. She was born in Fall River, MA on July 18, 1939, a daughter of the late Thomas and Frances (McMellon) Colthart. She moved to Holyoke at a young age and attended Holyoke schools, graduating in 1957. She moved to Granby in 1963 and lived there until moving to South Hadley in 2008. Elaine focused on raising her children, Alison and Ethan, before entering the workforce. She then worked for Providence Hospital Health and Human Services for 26 years, retiring in 2001. After 18 years with the company, she won employee of the month in June of 1992 where she received a letter of recognition. It reads, "Being described as delightful to work with, always willing to assist anyone, always a positive lady, and someone you can have 'all the confidence in the world in' - these indeed are attributes of a most special person." Elaine loved her family, and spending time with her grandchildren were her happiest moments. She loved the Red Sox, a good game of Scrabble or cards, listening to the police scanner, and always remembered to send extravagant greeting cards for every occasion. She will be missed by her long-time companion, David Hurley of South Hadley, her daughter, Alison Spencer and husband Philip of Estero, FL., her daughter-in-law, Teresa Rideout of Ludlow, her five loving grandchildren, Christian, Jack, and Jesse Spencer, Benjamin Rideout, Erin Rideout and partner Emily, her two brothers, Glenn and wife Joan, and Thomas, and her two sisters, Gail and Heather. Besides her

parents, Elaine was predeceased by her beloved son, Ethan Rideout, her sisters, Jane Halcott and Cynthia Gagne, and her brothers, Alan Colthart and Donald Colthart. Burial will be at the convenience of family and will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, SPCA, or charity of choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Alison and family, so sorry to hear about your mom/grandma. Elaine and I often chatted on Facebook but was shocked when I saw this post. May your wonderful memories sustain you through the difficult days ahead. Rose Rideout Chagnon

Rose Chagnon - March 03, 2023 at 05:08 PM

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“ I am a friend of Elaine's daughter, Alison. After reading Elaine's obituary and the wonderful letter from her employer, it is clear that she raised Ali to be just like her! A life well lived!



Pam Pollack - March 02, 2023 at 02:59 PM

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bc - March 02, 2023 at 11:16 AM

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“ I wish I'd met her, but I've been gone from Massachusetts to Texas for a long time. She must have been an admirable and good natured person to know. I'm very sorry for her family that has lost her. Jim Colthart

James D. Colthart - March 01, 2023 at 10:39 PM

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With the passing of my sister Elaine society has lost a loving and wonderful mother,grand-mother and friend to all people she met. she will be missed by all. I loved her,God loved her. May he take her in his arms to his heavenly home for all eternity.

glenn colthart

glenn colthart - March 03, 2023 at 03:36 PM