



## Elaine Mary Schiff

February 21, 2017

Elaine Mary Schiff, born Sept 7, 1943 to the late Howard and Miriam Nielsen, passed away peacefully on Feb 21, 2017, surrounded by family. Resident of Milwaukee, Elaine graduated from St. Mary Catholic High School in 1961. She was married to Edward J. Schiff for 19 years. Elaine was a loving mother to Laura, Cynthia, Janet, and Joanne (d. 1981). She is preceded by her daughter Joanne and brother Kenneth Nielsen, and survived by three daughters, sister Carol Howard, grandchildren James Johnson and Juniper Banks. Other special family members include Karl Banks, Jennifer Nicholson, Timothy Johnson, and Andrew Johnson. She was known as ""Aunt Ellie"" to Jean Burns, Ann Schiff, Rick Schiff, Bill Schiff, Mike Schiff, and Margaret Schmalfelt and her children Stephanie, Kathryn, Anthony, and Matthew. Elaine will be dearly missed by her close friends Kris Logan, Jacaie Coutant, Gayle McCoy, Sherry Mayer, and many more. Elaine was a gifted pianist. She generously shared her musical talents at local churches, including Eastbrook, Eastside Baptist, Harvest Community, and Unity Evangelical Lutheran, where she was a member. She also taught piano for 3 decades. Elaine touched many lives. In 1981, she founded the Port Washington Food Pantry, which still exists today. She worked as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor, a compassionate care provider for frail elderly through her own group homes, and offered safe haven for runaways through Pathfinders of Ozaukee County. In 1995, Elaine completed nursing school at M.A.T.C. and subsequently worked at St. Mary's Hospital in the mother-baby and ventilatory care units. She worked in many

nursing homes in Milwaukee, including the Jewish Home and Care Center, Milwaukee Catholic Home, Luther Manor, New Castle Place, and Christopher East Health and Rehabilitation. There was room in Elaine's heart for everyone. Her love lives on. Service & Reception InfoFuneral services will be held at Northshore Funeral Services on Saturday, Feb 25 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Action Against Hunger [www.actionagainsthunger.org](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org) .

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I keep her in my heart and prayers for ever. Thank you Elaine for your live, we miss you very much*

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**Marie Elisabeth Lombaerts** - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Laura and family, Elaine sounds like she was an extremely loving and giving woman and a true inspiration to us all. Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss.*

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**Sharon Huigens** - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM