



Elaine Taylor

July 19, 1945 - December 1, 2008

Elaine Darlene Siedschlag was born on July 19, 1945 in Edgeley, ND, the daughter of Leon and Alice (Ness) Siedschlag. Elaine grew up near Berlin, ND on the family farm. She attended school in Berlin and LaMoure, ND before moving with her family to Valley City, ND in 1955. She graduated from Valley City High School in 1963. In 1964, she graduated from St. Joseph's School of Practical Nursing in Dickinson, ND.

On September 19, 1965, she was united in marriage to Donald Taylor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Valley City. They made their home in Valley City. She worked for Mercy Hospital as a candy striper in her youth and continued working there as a LPN. She left Mercy Hospital in 1999 to work at the Sheyenne Care Center. Elaine retired in December of 2003.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and was their organist for 45+ years. She served as the secretary of the Lutheran Women's Mission Society for several years. Her hobbies included music, reading, travel, and bowling. Some of the things she enjoyed most were spending time with her family and friends, making and sharing food, and being a caregiver. She was past president of the ND LPN Association for many years. Elaine also shared by being a cornea donor thru the ND Lions Eye Bank.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Donald of Valley City; children, Dedriene (Bradley) Mills of Jamestown, ND, Marcia (Adam) Faul of Valley City, and David (Jody) Taylor of Valley City; grandchildren, Amber Mills and Jon and Kirstin Rambow; and brothers, Ronald Siedschlag of Hastings, MN and Doug

(Marlene) Siedschlag of Valley City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Georgine; and a brother, Richard.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND

Service

DEC 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
202 NW 3rd St.
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Elaine Taylor



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We, of the ITC Department at VCSU, are so sorry to hear of Elaine's passing. We extend our deepest sympathy. May the Lord of Peace be present with you during these trying times.##imported-begin##Jan Clark Klein##imported-end##

December 11, 2008 at 10:06 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Donald and family.
All our love,
The Mark Siedschlag Family Casper, WY##imported-begin##Mark Siedschlag##imported-end##

December 09, 2008 at 04:14 PM



“ *I was touched by Elaine this past year.
My Sister Lahna & I were in Valley City to be with Della. We often
saw Elaine at the hospital. She did have a wonderful smile & calm
demeanor. I'm glad I got to know her. Keep her close in your hearts.
With sincere sympathy & caring,
Carol Larson##imported-begin##Carol Larson##imported-end##*

December 06, 2008 at 08:51 PM



“ Here is an email to a friend of mine that I felt may be pertinent to what we've all just experienced. Please forgive any misspellings as I am a poor speller. The following is a copy email I sent to a friend that has recently lost a loved one to cancer.

Its all good. I just had a similar experience with my best friend's mother who lived only 1 house away. My friend and I shared all the weirdness that we could muster and exploratory intrigue with each other and still do this day. I attribute his mother's life to his acceptance as a friend to me and thus I was as full of mourning as I could be, yet it was his mother and my friend. She was also a nurse and validated my choice of going into nursing with one word when we shared a mutual experience of what nursing gave us both in feeling. She told me it was an awesome feeling and I was floored cause it was exactly the same for me when helping others. It opened a new coral for us both in our relationship and we ended the visit by hugging for the first time and telling each other that we love one another.

Tomorrow is the day we bury her remains as I am just now going through this. I was honored to be a pall bearer or carrier of the coffin at the funeral for lack of my spelling abilities. It was an honor that I was eager, ready, and prepared for to handle and on the opposing side was an honor for the family and my friend's mother to have me do. This floored me when I heard it. She was so much more than me or that I could ever be. It was her ever present smile that comforted me when I was having teenage angst with my own home life that gave me a sense of home, and until the memorial service I didn't even realize that whenever I saw her she was in a perpetual smile. She also had a passion for lighthouses, thus I conclude that her smile was like a beacon for those of us who may be in times of struggle would see it and realize it was a beacon for home, beckoning us all to where we needed to be and feel warm and loved again.

Sorry about that lack of context above, Elaine Taylor died of cancer.

When I spoke to her last she was on her death bed in the hospital and that is when she validated my choice of careers through the word "awesome." She told her son and my friend that she saw a calling in me as my eyes lit up in our conversation. Until that day we had never discussed anything other than superficial levels of appreciation for each other towards one another, yet she openly told her son, my friend what I meant to her and how she felt about me as a friend to her son. In some ways, looking back at the last paragraph a feel in my heart that I am a knight rising to the call to aid her and her family in this time of need so that they can mourn the finality of her loss of life as I accept the duty of carrying her body into the hearse and thereby they never seeing her flesh again. I was heart broken to see them suffer their loss and at the same time honored to carry their loss with dignity and witness it for I love each and every one of them.

New grounds were broken as a result of this endeavor. I use the word endeavor heavily because for anyone that has went through it shall not forget this experience, nor shed it lightly again when they hear such a word that they now can so readily available and even so recently recall that has weight upon their hearts so dearly. Elaine Taylor's death was a coming together, an honoring of her wishes, and even a challenge to each of those that she loved and yet beyond that, those that loved her unknowingly. This challenge called upon us all to come together in this life and make peace with all our fears between each other and let them go. It was a wish so far sighted, so simple, and so faithful, that even now I struggle with it, yet at the same time embrace it cause I know it is so right. Personally I reached out to the oldest sister Deidi, whom I respected and thought oh so beautiful, yet when I knew her many years before was the saddest, loneliest, and most jaded person I knew. When I met her in these last few days

December 06, 2008 at 04:48 AM



“ *DeeDee and family-
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. May
the special memories that you have of your mom give you strength
and peace.*

*Beth Lewellyn Thune##imported-begin##Beth Lewellyn
Thune##imported-end##*

December 05, 2008 at 11:47 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Taylor family.*

*Jeremy and Shandi Puhr, Valley City
Buster and Donna Eckart, Jamestown##imported-begin##Shandi
Puhr##imported-end##*

December 04, 2008 at 02:48 PM



“ *You will be dedply missed by many people!##imported-
begin##Jennifer Heim##imported-end##*

December 04, 2008 at 02:01 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy during this time of loss. Elaine was a
caring,wonderful person who will be sorely missed by many. You
are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Susan Slone-
Opp##imported-end##*

December 04, 2008 at 01:48 PM



“ Dear Family of Elaine,
None of you probably know me. I worked at Mercy Hospital in 1970-72 with Elaine. She was a dear friend then and have faithfully exchanged Christmas cards and letters every year since then. I saw her a few times at nursing conferences and thoroughly enjoyed the hugs and conversations we exchanged. I was looking forward to her Christmas card again this year, but will have to be satisfied that she is joyfully in heaven. Luckily, I saw her name in the Bismarck Tribune, but had many tears in my eyes. My sincere sympathy is extended to you all and my prayers and thoughts are with you. Take care.##imported-begin##Angie Ross##imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 12:47 PM



“ A picture of Elaine and her best friend Judy Anderson can be found in the photo album. These two ladies wanted to go on a cruise together and due to their health were never able to. This is a cruise on lake Ashtabula on a pontoon to replace the cruise.##imported-begin##Dawn##imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 11:39 AM



“ Jody, Dave and all of Elaine's Family, My deepest sympathy to all. Elaine had a wonderful glow about her, with an amazing smile. If there is anything you need please feel free to let me know, I will be there for you for that extra hug or anything you may need, remember it was not that long ago, you where there for us too. May you keep your memories close, and your prayers constant. Be strong, for she is at peace and free of pain. Hold on to each other as that is truly the strengh you will need in the days and weeks ahead, when it seems that all is normal, and you realize that "mom" is just a wisper away, listen close, you will have the answer in your heart. Peace, Love and our deepest sympathy. Rest in Peace, Elaine.##imported-begin##The Perry Tibke Family##imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 10:08 AM



“ My sincere sympaties to Elaine's family at this sad time. I met Elaine for the first time when I started high school in Berlin, she was in the 3rd grade, she was always such a happy and caring person, always so upbeat and friendly, all the qualities needed to be a caring nurse. Sincere sympathy to Doug, Marlene and all of Elaine's family, she will be missed.##imported-begin##Joan Rausch Studebaker##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 11:42 PM



“ Our dear family,

The miles may separate us but you are so with us in thought, prayer and love.

I once saw a card which said: "If only all the hands that reach could touch"- she did and will continue through all of you.

Elaine always held you all so dear in her heart. You kids were her smiles, so proud of all of you. Don, you gave her a warm safe place in your heart and life. She cherished all of you.##imported-begin##Tom & Lahna Taylor##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 11:18 PM



“ *Elaine had such a big heart and she cared for so many people. I have great memories of her as we (my sisters and I) grew up 3 houses away. She always looked out for all of us and gave us snacks or bandaids when we needed one. She is a blessing to all of us and we will miss her! You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Nancy Maresh Melo##imported-begin##Nancy Maresh-Melo##imported-end##*

December 03, 2008 at 10:20 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Elaine's family. I too am an LPN and worked nights on 2nd floor of the SCC. I retired shortly after Elaine. I'm so sorry I did not even know Elaine was ill. I was at your house when Elaine hosted a wedding shower for one of our co-workers. I was shocked when I read of her death in the newspaper. She was a very friendly, kind wonderful lady and a great Nurse. Sincerely, Brenda Rood##imported-begin##Brenda Rood##imported-end##*

December 03, 2008 at 07:01 PM



“ My most heart felt prayers go out to you David and Jody and Marcia and Adam, along with the rest of the Taylor family during this time. God bless all of you and may he carry you through these hard times.##imported-begin##Dane Grebel##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 01:04 PM



“ I was priviledged to work with Elaine at Mercy Hospital. She was a dedicated and compassionate nurse and a truly kind hearted lady. She will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Lisa McCulloch##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 12:44 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Elaine, friend, colleague, sister in Christ. Elaine will be greatly missed by many. She has been a blessing in so many lives. May God Bless you in your time of grief and always! Rosana R. Torgerson & Annette B. Russell(Torgerson)##imported-begin##Rosana R. Torgerson##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 10:55 AM



“ Marcia and Family,
So sorry to hear about your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Lori Quick##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 10:43 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Donald and Elaine's family in this difficult time. I will always remember Elaine's thoughtfulness, selflessness, steadfastness and good humor, especially in supporting her late mother-in-law, Della, when Elaine herself was not feeling well; and in the care and support she provided for her granddaughter, Amber. The Lord truly has another angel by his side.##imported-begin##Anita Taylor Nelson and Family##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 09:57 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to your family at this difficult time. Elaine was a wonderful, caring, and gracious lady.##imported-begin##Linda Leick##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 09:54 AM



“ Sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family at this time in your life.##imported-begin##Corri Lang##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 09:33 AM



“ I never had the chance to get to know Elaine as well as others. My mom Lois spoke very highly of Elaine. She seemed to have been a very inspiring, strong, caring, and whole hearted woman. She is in an amazing place that we all one day hope to be. She is in our hearts, and with us every day. God is lucky to have such an amazing woman by his side. I have no doubt that she is an angle who will be watching out for her loved ones as she did when she was in arms reach.##imported-begin##Kimberly Jo Albers##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 10:13 PM



“ Elaine will be missed by many. she was a role model for us to follow always putting everyone else first and never judging. She saw the good in everyone. My brother Mark and I went to see her a few short weeks ago to express to her how much we appreciate all she has done for everyone over the years and try to say our goodbye. It was hard to find the words to express but she told us she knew what we were trying to say and said she did not do anymore than anyone else would do. I think she was wrong she was an amazing women that I will never forget. I bet she is glowing in heaven with the loved ones that were waiting to greet her at the gates. We will never foget you Elaine.##imported-begin##Lois (Siedschlag)Albers & family##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 09:21 PM



“ I will always remember Elaine as one of the most compassionate and caring nurses. I worked the shifts opposite of Elaine most of the time, but even in those brief encounters, I could tell that if I had to be in the hospital, I would feel safe and well taken care of by Elaine. She always had a smile, and a calm manner that could make things better. My sympathies go to you, her family.
Bonnie Gassmann###imported-begin###Bonnie Gassmann###imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 08:00 PM



“ Dave and Jody and family, We are thinking of you and share your sadness. I remember the first time I met Elaine. We were at the Christmas Tea at the AmericInn just a few years ago. It was a fun afternoon. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days ahead. Much Love, Jon and Lori###imported-begin###Jon, Lori, Kayla and Lucas###imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 07:55 PM



“ Donald, DeDe, Marica and David We are all so sorry to hear of Elaine. She was a very caring and a beautiful person. She will be missed by many. You are in our prayers.###imported-begin###Betty Dallmann###imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 05:32 PM



“ Dave, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. You and your family are in our prayers. Hold your mothers memories close to your heart and remember your coworkers and friends are here if you need anything.

DPG Valley City##imported-begin##Drug Plastics and Glass##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 05:30 PM



“ Scott Siedschlag Family
Casper, WY##imported-begin##Scott Siedschlag##imported-end##

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