



## Ellen Elaine Boykin

November 4, 1962 - October 24, 2014

With sincere sorrow, we want to inform you of the passing of Elaine Boykin on October 24, 2014. Her devotion and love for her husband, Michael and daughters, Elizabeth and Anna, as well as all of her extended family has been a gift that will forever be treasured.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at Memory Chapel with burial to follow at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 12 noon until the time of service. Rev. Robby Johnson will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Jason Lawson, Kimble Coats, Russell Clark, Rhett Anderson, Colby Reeves, Shelton Reynolds, Christopher Boykin, and David Boykin. Elaine battled breast cancer for the past ten years with remarkable courage and determination, along with a positive outlook and an appreciation of every moment with her family and friends. Michael truly considers her to be his inspiration and the backbone of his life and achievements, including the One Man Shoot as well as his successful family business. Although Elaine was fighting the disease for her own life, she provided unfailing support and love to her brother-in-law, Connie Mack, during his battle with cancer. Her strength during those years was gracefully unselfish and critically important to her family. And for her beautiful daughters, she proved that life and love are precious gifts that overshadow the most daunting challenges.

Elaine was a native of Laurel, Mississippi, and for the past several years, she patiently supported Michael's tireless efforts to develop a new "home" for her, in nearby Ellisville. As Michael's plans typically grew grander and more

elaborate, she gave him free reign to carry on. His screen porch addition for her RV grew into a 2700 square foot resort building, and his “pond” construction resulted in a beautiful lake, christened this spring as “Lake Elaine”, where she was recently proud to catch the first catfish. At Elaine’s retreat in Ellisville she and Michael were proud to host the wedding of her niece, Breanne Reeves on October 4, 2014. Elaine was thrilled and honored to serve as a beautiful matron of honor, full of the life and spirit that will always dwell within her friends and family when they spend time there.

Arrangements for Elaine will be handled by Memory Chapel Funeral Home, 3100 Audubon Dr., Laurel, MS 39440 <http://www.memorychapel Laurel.com> .

The family humbly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Tulane Cancer Center Research Fund, so that the fight against breast cancer can be fought more vigorously. For anyone who faces this disease themselves or through a loved one, the legacy of Elaine Boykin’s battle should serve as a source of hope, faith, and inspiration. She may have not defeated cancer herself, but she surely believed in her heart that it can be defeated, and her spirit will guide those who are continuing that battle to a successful end one day.

To make donations in Elaine’s memory for breast cancer research, please go the following webpage, and select the first option at the top of the page, “Tulane Cancer Center Research Fund”. Of course, you may also choose to select any of the other options for charitable giving as well: <http://tulane.edu/som/cancer/research/giving/index.cfm> or donations are welcome by mail at: Tulane Cancer Center, ATTN: K. Green, 1430 Tulane Ave., SL-68 New Orleans, LA 70112.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for the loss. Elizabeth I am thinking about you and all the family during thus time. I really loved Elaine... she was the sweetest person! She will be truly missed.

Alisha Todd - October 28, 2014 at 05:47 PM

BF

“ We are so sad for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Brylski Family - October 28, 2014 at 04:33 PM

KL

“ Ellen Elaine Boykin

Kyle and Cindy Lightsey - October 28, 2014 at 02:19 PM

RB

“ To the Boykin Family, We are so sadden by your lost. Our prayers are with your family. Boh Brothers Construction Co.

Ron Brylski - October 28, 2014 at 12:23 PM

JB

“ Michael, Elizabeth & Anna. My heart weeps for you in the loss of Elaine. She was truly an ANGEL walking this earth. I know she has touched lives everywhere she went and may have saved lives along the way with her fight with cancer. She will be missed but is now with her LORD and SAVIOR pain free and watching over her family till all join her someday.

Janice Bond - October 27, 2014 at 10:52 PM

AS

“ Did not know Mrs. Boykin. What a inspiration ! God bless the family!

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**Al Smith** - October 27, 2014 at 01:55 PM

LB

“ Elaine will surely be missed by all. She exuded strength and courage one could only hope to possess when facing such challenges. She was graceful and classy and managed to keep her quick wit and charm through it all. She is resting in peace now as God has welcomed her Home. Linda & Steve Ball

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**Linda Ball** - October 27, 2014 at 10:51 AM

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“ Since the first time I ever met Elaine I thought she was beautiful. Reading about her fight against cancer and her love of life and family proved she was beautiful inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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**Diane Bates Polson (NEJ 1980)** - October 27, 2014 at 10:04 AM