She Watched For Us

She always learned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late, In winter by the
Windows, In summer by the gate.
And though we mocked her tenderly,
Who has such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more safe
Because she waited there
Her thoughts were all so full of us -
She never could forget
And so I think that where she is
She must be watching yet.
Waiting until we come home to her,
Anxious if we were late -
Watching from Heaven's window,
Leaning on Heaven's gate.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Elaine Louise Haggerty

WHO WAS BORN
June 4, 1947
Wheaton, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
October 27, 2024
Britton, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Thursday, October 31, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Charles Catholic Church
Big Stone City, South Dakota

CELEBRANTS
Padre David Garza | Father Shaun Haggerty

READER
Terrin Haggerty

MUSICIANS
Amy Adelman, Organist
Anika Olson, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS
Elaine's Sons:
John Haggerty | DJ Haggerty | Keith Haggerty
Elaine's Three Eldest Grandsons:
Valdon Cassoutt | Jared Cassoutt | Graham Cassoutt

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS
All of Elaine's Grandchildren:
Lizzy, Erin, Grace, Gabby, Oscar, Kelly, Daphney, Paige, Nova, Maeve
Morgan, Brooke, Will, Amelia, Benson, Holland, Elaina, & Kynlee

INTERMENT
Graham Family Cemetery
Lac qui Parle County, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Elaine's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the Mass, please join the family for
a time of food and fellowship in the St. Charles Parish Center.

Elaine Louise (Graham) Haggerty was born on June 4, 1947, in Wheaton, MN. She was the daughter of John and Genevieve (Smithwick) Graham, part of a loving family of twelve children. After graduating from Milbank High School and briefly attending South Dakota State University, Elaine began her life's journey that would touch countless lives with her boundless love and creativity.

She was united in marriage with John J. Haggerty on July 8, 1967, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Browns Valley, MN. Their blessed union gave birth to eight children, and together, they built a life centered on family, faith, and community service. They made their home in various South Dakota and Minnesota communities throughout their years together, including Browns Valley, Garretson, Big Stone City, and Britton.

Elaine was a devoted mother who later became the owner of The Clay House in Big Stone City, SD, where she shared her artistic talents with the community. Her creative spirit found expression through sewing, painting, and ceramics, but her greatest joy came from spending time with her family, especially her beloved grandchildren. She was known for her extraordinarily loving and caring nature, always ready to drop everything to help friends and family in need.

As an active member of her local Catholic churches and American Legion Auxiliary, Elaine dedicated herself to serving others and supporting her community. She was a constant presence at school sporting events, supporting not only her children and grandchildren but all young athletes.

After a long illness, Elaine went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, October 27, 2024. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family.

Elaine was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John; her parents, John and Genevieve Graham; brothers: Bill, Dick, Jim, Johnny, and Mikey Graham; and sister, Ruth Miller. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy through her surviving family: daughters: Jackie (Derek) Cassoutt, Gennie (Kevin) Carruthers, Julie (Gabriel) Noyola, Shelley Haggerty, and Emily (Kevin) Schamber; sons: John (Jessie) Haggerty, DJ (Kristin) Haggerty, and Keith (Jenna) Haggerty; grandchildren: Valdon, Jared (Olivia), Graham, Lizzy, Erin, Grace, Gabby, Oscar, Kelly, Daphney, Paige, Nova, Maeve, Morgan, Brooke, Will, Amelia, Benson, Holland, Elaina, and Kynlee; four sisters; one brother; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will cherish her memory.

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Memories are stitched with love.