



Elaine Nasson Charter

April 6, 1934 - May 14, 2017

Elaine Nasson Charter, 83 of Northport, lived her life demonstrating kindness, unconditional love and courage. Surviving breast cancer for more than 45 years, she died peacefully on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 14, 2017 in Saline, MI at Arbor Hospice Residence.

A poet, teacher, seamstress, baker, and homemaker, each of her pursuits were carried out with the soul of an artist. An alumna of Western Michigan University, Elaine accepted a position to teach home economics in Northport in the 1950s. She was an accomplished seamstress and led 4-H sewing clubs throughout the 1960s. For nearly two decades, she and her husband owned and operated the Donut Shop, a summer business in Northport, where she decorated countless cakes for those celebrating life's milestones. In 1984, her passion for poetry culminated in a book of her original poems, Full Circle. For most of her life Elaine fought bipolar disorder through persistence, and treatment. It was her wish for her family and friends to know how much she loved them. Gentle in spirit, Elaine's greatest gift was this love, as well as her kindness. It is through these two things that she leaves her most indelible mark on her family and friends.

Elaine is survived by her three children, David (Lori) Charter, Caryn Charter (Patrick Lebert), and Michael (Janet) Charter; brother Norman (Connie) Nasson of Petoskey, MI; four grandchildren, Kylie Charter, Tyler Lebert, Bianca Canul, and Holly Charter.

She is preceded in death by husband of forty-nine years, Frederick L. Charter, twin sons, John and Paul, and her parents, Emil and Clara Nasson of Petoskey.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 12 p.m. at Trinity United Church of Christ, 103 N Warren Street, Northport, MI, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Reverend Phil Garrison will officiate services.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy may direct contributions to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or Munson Healthcare Foundation, c/o Munson

Cancer Patient Needs Fund, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Cemetery

Leelanau Township Cemetery

900 Mill St

Northport, MI, 49670

Events

JUN 17 Visitation for friends and family 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Trinity United Church of Christ

103 North Warren Street, Northport, MI, US, 49670

JUN 17 Memorial Service 12:00PM

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Comments



“ My condolences to Elaine's family. I won't say "for the loss of your mother", because we never lose our mothers. They are with us in so many ways, in our memories that pop up at meaningful times. I enjoyed sitting with her on her front porch with such a nice view of our lovely Northport, and wish I had done it more often. She was a sweet lady.

Cara Lee Paige, neighbor

Cara Lee Paige - July 20, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ Behind Elaine's gentle manner there was also a droll wit and spunky independence. After Fred died, I asked how she was doing. "Sometimes I miss having a second opinion," she said with a twinkle. "Sometimes I don't."

She was a fine poet and good friend. I will miss her. Karen Anderson, Traverse City

Karen Anderson - June 11, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ Aunt Elaine was remarkable for her intelligence, kindness and soft-spoken dignity. I have wonderful memories of times in Northport and Petoskey growing up, and she will always be an essential part of that experience. We wish all of her family and friends peace.

Scott & Rebecca Nasson

Scott Nasson - May 17, 2017 at 11:00 PM