



## Elaine Kay Kelsey

November 17, 1946 - November 29, 2024

Elaine Kay Kelsey beloved mother, wife, sister, and friend passed away peacefully with her family by her side in her home in Liberty, MO on November 29th at the age of 78. Elaine's family will be hosting a Celebration of Life at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Hampton, Iowa. There will be a reception with a light meal in the church basement following celebration.

Elaine was born November 17, 1946, in Perry, IA to Fred and Virginia Marshall. Elaine graduated from Perry High School in 1965 and then studied Home Economics at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. On August 26, 1967, Elaine was united in marriage to Paul Kelsey at the First Christian Church in Perry, IA. From this union they had four children Tim, Kahlea, Abigail and Erin.

Elaine spent her early years of marriage in Dawson (Perry) as a home maker and mother. The family later moved to Guthrie Center and in 1978 settled in Hampton, IA for 46 years.

Elaine's passion has always been childhood development and bringing out the creative side of an individual. She was able to share her gifts raising her children and grandchildren, working with kids in her church, Girl Scouts, consumers at Access, Inc. and Hampton Public Children's Library.

Elaine was dedicated to the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ. She taught all levels of Sunday School and Bible School. She served on both the Christian Education and Women's Fellowship committees, secretary and contributing writer to the monthly newsletters.

A lifelong Girl Scout and 4H member, Elaine served many roles including Hampton's neighborhood chairman, troop coordinator, and troop leader for all ages. Elaine really enjoyed cookie sales, day trips, Camp Gaywood, crafts and developing future leaders.

As her children got older Elaine went back to work. She worked many years at Access, Inc. in Hampton for people with disabilities where she loved teaching them painting. When her dream job at the Hampton Public Library opened, she again was able to share her love of storytelling and puppetry as the children's librarian. She loved the summertime reading program and would spend countless hours making set decorations and picking out just the right story! She brought storytelling into the Hampton community by recruiting volunteers to read at the daycares and elementary schools. She donated and delivered books to children all over town. She could literally recite any children's book!

Elaine always had a presence in her children's lives whether it was 4-H, enjoying the outdoors at Beeds Lake, watching for wildlife, or taking road trips with her family and friends. She was always up for an adventure!

In her later years she enjoyed sending popup cards, watching women's basketball, playing friendly card games at the Hampton Senior Center. Elaine and Paul moved to Liberty, MO in February of 2024 to be close to family.

She was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Virginia Marshall.

She is survived by husband Paul Kelsey of Liberty, MO, son Tim Kelsey (Jimmy) Lee's Summit, MO, daughters Kahlea Green (Sam) of Liberty, MO, Abigail Judge (David) Kansas City, MO, and Erin Sherman (John) of Prairie Village, KS; grandchildren Blair Dennison (Aaron), Jake Green, Cole Green, Katherine Judge and Edward Judge; great grandchildren Aiden Dennison and Elizabeth Dennison; a sister Deb Rueber (Dale) of Jesup, IA, brother Steve Marshall Perry, IA; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hampton Public Library's summer Reading Program in her memory, 4 South Federal Street, Hampton, IA 50441.

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

DEC **14.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

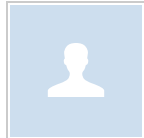
First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ  
605 4th St. NE  
Hampton, IA 50441

# Tribute Wall



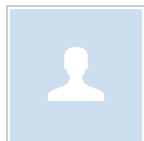
“ Phyllis H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Kay Kelsey.

Phyllis H. - December 14, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elaine Kay Kelsey.

December 13, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.



December 13, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ Stacy Davidson purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.



Stacy Davidson - December 13, 2024 at 06:52 AM



“ Stacy Davidson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Kay Kelsey.

Stacy Davidson - December 13, 2024 at 06:52 AM

YF

“ Your Table Games Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.



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**Your Table Games Family** - December 12, 2024 at 11:40 AM

SR

“ Stacie Radloff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.



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**Stacie Radloff** - December 11, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.



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December 11, 2024 at 02:20 PM

MB

“ Mary B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Kay Kelsey.

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**Mary B.** - December 11, 2024 at 10:45 AM

SM

“ *Elaine will be missed. Her laughter was contagious and she never hesitated to include all. She always showed up to family gatherings or when someone was in need. She was beautiful. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

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**Sandy Marshall** - December 10, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.*



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December 10, 2024 at 11:05 AM

MS

“ *Miriam and Scott purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.*



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**Miriam and Scott** - December 10, 2024 at 10:47 AM

MS

“ *Miriam and Scott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Kay Kelsey.*

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**Miriam and Scott** - December 10, 2024 at 10:47 AM

AL

“ Amy LaPietra purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.



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**Amy LaPietra** - December 10, 2024 at 05:27 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.



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December 09, 2024 at 08:42 PM

SA

“ I loved the times Elaine would come to school and read to the class. She had a way to make the stories come alive and was one of the sweetest literacy advocates they could ever have.

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**Susan Kay Anderson** - December 09, 2024 at 11:32 AM

KW

“ Paul and family please know you are in our prayers. Elaine was such a sweet lady and always shared a smile.

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**Karen and Vern Wirtjes** - December 07, 2024 at 02:57 PM

VN

“ So sorry to hear of Elaine's passing. My sympathies to the family! She was such a nice lady!! Hugs to all of you!!

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**Vickie Naber** - December 06, 2024 at 08:20 PM

SD

“ My deepest condolences to the family. May your memories bring you comfort during this time.

Stacy Davidson - December 06, 2024 at 01:16 PM

RM

“ I remember taking my kids to the library Larissa Spencer they loved having reading time with her. She was always so good with the kids and Larissa and I went a couple times to the senior center and playing games and cards and had lunch with her and a lot of the other people She's always friendly smiling and loved what she did she will be missed

Renee Marlette - December 06, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elaine Kay Kelsey.



December 05, 2024 at 09:58 PM



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