



Mrs Elaine McCallum

July 16, 1945 - December 1, 2016

Elaine Kay McCallum, 71 of Fairhope, Alabama passed at home with her family, on December 1, 2016

A memorial service will be held in Weatherford, TX in spring of 2017.

Elaine was born in Poteet, TX and while she later left Texas as an adult, Texas remained big in her heart. She loved everything western.

Elaine met Albert J. Portune at Ambassador College in Pasadena, CA and they married in Big Sandy, TX in 1966

They began a family together in San Jose, CA when their daughter, Vicki Lynn was born in 1967.

Elaine loved to cook and read, which may explain her extensive cookbook collection. She enjoyed time outdoors, and shared many memorable camping and hunting trips from Yosemite, Lake Tahoe to Montana and Idaho.

She loved to decorate and shop, and had a childlike love of Christmas. Her western Christmas tree, topped with a cowboy hat, is legendary.

As a protective mother, when her daughter Vicki announced her engagement

to John A. Hughes, she called the chief of police, to check up on him!

Apparently, he got a thumbs up, as she always referred to John as her favorite son-in-law.

After her only granddaughter, Chelsey Nichole Hughes, was born in 1989, she insisted on being called Mamaw, just as she had called her own dear grandmother.

She indulged her only grandbaby, helping to raise her as she grew, and making a million happy memories, writing down the funny things she said and did.

"Today Chelsey ate a dry pinto bean once we sorted them on the counter. After a minute she asked me, 'Mamaw, will I feel that in my foot when I walk?'"

In the spring and summer of 2016 Elaine was able to have several memorable visits with her sister Jan, who came to see her in Fairhope for some sister time, where they laughed and reminisced, as only sisters can.

Making memories and loving people and gratitude were Elaine's superpowers.

She loved her dog Reba, and sitting outside, looking up at the sky, counting her blessings.

She shared a very special bond with her long time friend, Nancy Longcrier who came from Tehachapi, CA for a recent, cherished visit, and her dear friend Mary Gluszek, whose daily texts and prayers brought her comfort and encouragement when she needed them most.

She is survived by daughter Vicki Hughes, whom she shared with her former

husband, Albert J. Portune, son-in-law John Hughes, grand daughter, Chelsey Hughes Saridemir, grandson-in-law, Erdem Saridemir, her mother, Juanita McCallum, sister, Jan McCallum Gresham, brother, Jack McCallum, aunt, Mona Hunter, aunt, Virginia Thomas and nieces Nancy Malnik, Amanda Johns and Alex Gresham.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation to a no-kill animal shelter in your own area, or to <https://www.heifer.org> to help less fortunate folks improve their lives, and share their good fortune with others.

That would make her smile :-)

Please go to www.casonfuneralservice.com to sign Memorial Book
Arrangements are by Cason Funeral Service Foley Al

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Mary Jane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs Elaine McCallum*



Mary Jane Williams - December 11, 2016 at 04:34 PM

MW

“ *Ms Elaine was a sweet and dear friend. I had the special privilege of helping with some of her needs once a week. Elaine had beautiful peaches n cream skin and a smile that made your heart sing! I will treasure a quilt and candle arrangement she gave me. Prayers and blessings for the family.*

Mary Jane Williams - December 11, 2016 at 04:32 PM

SP

“ *There are so many fond memories of Elaine. She was tiny and mighty. We had so many family times and shared so much good food and laughter. We will miss her deeply here on earth but know that we will see her again! She was full of faith and so encouraging even when she was battling her illness. Rest in Peace, dear Elaine. Thank you for sharing your life and your daughter with us. You were a good, good sister-in-law.*

*All our love,
Mike and Susie Portune*

Susie Portune - December 03, 2016 at 06:15 PM

CS

“ I didn't know her as Elaine until recently because to me she was simply, Vicki's Mom. She was the sweetest person who indulged Vicki and I, whether that day's adventure was, from writing a song sure to make us stars or deciding it was 1956 (in 1977) to have a sock hop on the patio. Cyberspace has its blessings as well as its curses, but it's been a blessing to see her in all her petite, loveliness again despite the miles between here and Fairhope. I'm so glad she was where she was supposed to be.

-Chrissy

Chrissy Shannon - December 03, 2016 at 12:00 PM

KG

“ Elaine was a very special and sweet soul. She loved her family and friends madly. She loved animals and all things Texas. I will miss her smile and her ability to love and engage us all. Her love and faith carried her to the end. I am thanking God for her in my life and will miss her greatly.



Kathy Goodman - December 03, 2016 at 05:45 AM

CB

“ Cheryl Booth lit a candle in memory of Mrs Elaine McCallum



Cheryl Booth - December 02, 2016 at 07:16 PM

 Gia
Bavone

“ *Gia Bavone lit a candle in memory of Mrs Elaine McCallum*



Gia Bavone - December 02, 2016 at 01:29 PM

SV

“ *Such a beautiful soul. May she rest in peace. Our sincere condolences from Akyuz Family.*

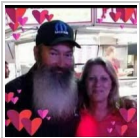
Silvia Verdial - December 02, 2016 at 11:20 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Cosco Courtenay lit a candle in memory of Mrs Elaine McCallum*



Lisa Cosco Courtenay - December 02, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ *Charlotte N Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs Elaine McCallum*



Charlotte N Wilson - December 02, 2016 at 09:15 AM

MS

“ I didnt know Elaine's condition had gone so far. I am sad for you all in so many ways. Such a lovely gentle soul Elaine. At the same time i feel balance and peace knowing that she knew great love , acceptance and time from her family. So much love in your midst. Thinking of you all. Thinking if Elaine, an artist ,a mother, a friend.

Melissa smith - December 02, 2016 at 07:35 AM

CB

“ Cheryl Booth lit a candle in memory of Mrs Elaine McCallum



Cheryl Booth - December 01, 2016 at 09:46 PM



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Carol Ackerman - December 01, 2016 at 09:21 PM



As a young teen in the 1960's I was Vicki's babysitter/nanny, and enjoyed sharing many special events and travels with their family. Elaine was a dear family friend, and one of my mentors. After moving away and losing contact, we did not reconnect until 30 years later. It was a joyous reunion when I visited the family in Fairhope in 2012, and I look forward to an even more glorious reunion with Elaine in the future. Her kindness, her sweetness, her devotion to her family will be remembered always. With so much love, and a heart full of wonderful memories, ~Carol (Shamus) Ackerman, San Jose, CA

Carol Ackerman - December 02, 2016 at 10:23 AM

BR

“ *To all those you've left behind, may they find comfort in the cool of the Fall breeze, the songs of the birds, and the sweet roar of the waves. You will be truly missed. Love, The Baileys*



bridgett - December 01, 2016 at 08:49 PM

 Vicki Hughes

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Vicki Hughes - December 01, 2016 at 06:42 PM

 Vicki
Hughes

“ *A long and difficult journey has come to an end today, as Elaine arrived safely and peacefully in heaven, joining her dad, Chet McCallum, and her grandparents, Jack and Geraldine Stoker. More than likely, there is peach cobbler and Texas steak on their menu tonight!*

We are heartbroken and we are grateful. Heartbroken for the pain of this early goodbye, and grateful that we know we will see her again, We know she is watching over us, cheering us on, and enjoying freedom from all pain and suffering.

As a family, we will be planning a celebration of her life that will joyfully celebrate her love of people, and family, in a way that will allow people from all locations to join in the celebration.

More details will be posted, after we spend some dearly needed time breathing in and breathing out, adapting to the idea of our lives here without her.

We invite you to post your own pictures, stories and memories here, and we encourage you TODAY to honor her memory by spending quality time doing things with the people you love, without delay.

Life, at it's longest is short. Get about doing what matters most.

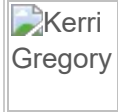
Vicki

Vicki Hughes - December 01, 2016 at 05:25 PM

 LM

My Heart throbs for you and your family. Continued Prayers going your way. ❤️

Laura Martinez - December 01, 2016 at 10:21 PM



We are so sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. Even though we were only with her a short time, we instantly fell in love. We know she is watching over you all from Heaven. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve your family.

Kerri Gregory - December 01, 2016 at 11:41 PM



We celebrate the life of Elaine by rejoicing for her reunion with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We are praying for strength for Elaine's family through this adjustment of their lives. Elaine is gone but shall never be forgotten. Rather than say "good-bye", We say, "We will see you later!"

Paul Gluszek & family - December 02, 2016 at 01:58 PM



Elaine will always remain in my heart, I loved her dearly! May God bless you here on earth as you move on without her. Just know she's watching over you with her big "Texas" smile! ❤️

Judy Davee - December 02, 2016 at 09:16 PM