



Elaine Rankin

May 14, 1939 - January 24, 2022

ELAINE RANKIN

Elaine Sue (Campbell) Rankin, age 82, passed away Monday, January 24, 2022 at the Laurie Care Center in Laurie, Missouri.

Elaine was born on May 14, 1939, at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, to Wallace Ross Campbell and Gladys (Williams) Campbell. May 14th was also her mother's birthday which happened to be Mother's Day that year, and this was mentioned in the Kansas City Star newspaper as it was an unusual occurrence.

She graduated from Southwest High School in 1957 and attended the University of Missouri for 2 1/2 years before going to work for Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company from 1959-1978.

In 1978, Elaine married Lewis "Lew" C. Rankin. Their jobs took them from the Kansas City area to Des Moines for five years and then ending their careers after 10 years in the Chicago area.

Upon retirement in 1993, the dream of having a home on lakefront property at the Lake of the Ozarks became a reality. There they enjoyed fishing, swimming, boating, gardening, and graciously entertaining. Their door was

always open to family and friends, and the grandkids were always eager to visit their Granny and Pappy at the lake for lots of adventures.

She was a long-time member of the Gravois Arm Lions Club which is active in fighting blindness and volunteering in projects to help the community. She served as secretary and received numerous awards for her service. She was a faithful member of the Gravois Mills United Methodist Church, using her gifts of caring, compassion, and calligraphy to the fullest by volunteering her time in a card ministry, not only for church members and their extended families but to anyone in need of prayer. She touched so many lives with beautiful cards and notes of remembrance and encouragement.

Elaine was a proponent for staying physically active which, over the years, involved regular workouts at the gym, line dancing, swimming, and water aerobics. An important part of her life was the Westside Senior Center which was her go-to place to spend time with friends, have lunch, take part in various activities, and help out if needed. She also was an avid KC Chiefs fan who never missed watching a game and cheering on her team.

With her outgoing personality, contagious laughter, and generous spirit, she brought joy to others and will be truly missed.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lew; and step-son, Mike.

Elaine is survived by her brother, Ross (Pat) Campbell; nephew, Wally (Lara) Campbell; niece, Kathy (Nate) Severson; grandniece, Elliott and grandnephew, Hunter Severson; step-daughter, Julie (Mark) Daignealt; step-daughter-in-law, Shelley Rankin; step-grandchildren, Kory (Jackie) Rankin, Kelsey Rankin, Cody (Amy) Daignealt, Jeremy Daigneault, and step-great-granddaughter, Quinn Rankin and many dear friends and neighbors who

brightened her life.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Gravois Mills United Methodist Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gravois Mills United Methodist Church or the Westside Senior Center.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gravois Mills United Methodist Church
437 Valley Rd.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037

Tribute Wall

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“ *She was a wonderful kind lady! Lived the Lord! We lived as neighbor's her favorite treat was lemon pie & pineapple upside down cake! Missing her but she home in heaven! Love n hugs*

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