



Mrs. Elaine M. Steinert

March 28, 1934 - June 13, 2022

Elaine Steinert, 88, of Lenox passed away peacefully on June 13, surrounded by family at Berkshire Place in Pittsfield where she lived for the last 5 years.

Born on March 28, 1934 in Philadelphia, Elaine was raised in Bay Ridge Brooklyn, NY where she was extremely proud to have graduated from Fort Hamilton High School, a member of the Arista Honor Society. She then attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and worked for Panagra Airlines in Manhattan.

In May of 1955 she married Thor W. Steinert (Predeceased in 1986) and soon after relocated to the Berkshires where she lived in Lenox for 57 years. Elaine was very active in the Lenox community serving on various boards and committees and at the Church On The Hill. She had the honor and pleasure of working for the author and war correspondent William L. Shirer in Lenox as a personal assistant and then finished career in real estate with Cohen & White. Elaine had a passion for cooking and entertaining, especially around the holidays and was happiest with a house full of people, holding court and telling amazing stories that she knew everyone had heard a million times. She was fiercely proud of her Basque heritage and somehow managed to squeeze it into her cooking and conversation whenever possible. There was never a wedding, funeral, reunion or family party where there wasn't the raucous singing of Spanish folk songs by Elaine and her equally proud Spanish cousins. Elaine was also a huge fan of the arts. She loved going to

Tanglewood, Jacob's Pillow, all of the Berkshire theaters and the opera. After retiring from real estate, she wrote and self-published a children's book named "Henry" based on the adventures of the family piano.

Elaine is predeceased by her son Kurt (1967) and her sister Marie Morton (1995) She is survived by her son Erik, his wife Donna of Lenox, daughter Kari and her wife Renee of Yardley, Pa, four grandchildren Kayla Grosso of Houston, TX, Brett Grosso of Centerville, Ma, Tristan Steinert-Colon and Zander Steinert-Colon of Yardley, Pa, one great grandchild Giovanni Grosso of Centerville, Ma. and many, many cousins.

There are no calling hours and Elaine will be buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Lenox in a private service. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Church on The Hill in August, date to be determined. The Steinert family would also like to extend a very fond thank you to the third-floor team at Berkshire Place, from the nursing manager to the nurses CNA's cooks and housekeepers for the amazing care and compassion they provided over the last five years.

In Lieu of flowers please feel free to make a donation to the BERKSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY through the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME in Lenox.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

Housatonic Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

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“ To Eric Kari, wives and kids,

I am so sorry about Elaine's passing, although she would have been relieved at this point, I am sure. I missed her after she fell ill and I was so sorry not to be able to visit during covid . Elaine was lots of fun and so interesting with all her wonderful stories. We looked forward to her Christmas parties, and my grandkids loved her books, that she was so proud of.

We wish you all the best, our sympathy and love from Phil and Ammy. Mamolito

Ammy - July 17, 2022 at 02:50 PM

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“ Just learning of Elaine's passing and am saddened that I lost touch with her few years ago. She was a wonderful, caring woman and I will always remember her fondly. We often sat together during my church days and she invited me over to her lovely home many times. I've missed those days with her and send my heartfelt condolences to her family.

Rita Willey

Lenox

Rita Willey - June 28, 2022 at 01:24 PM

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“ we have warm memories of times with elaine please accept our synpathy marilynnand nabih nehaime

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