



Gayle Elaine Underwood

September 20, 1943 - October 13, 2017

Gayle "Elaine" Adams Underwood, 74, of Sherrills Ford, NC, passed away on Friday, October 13, 2017 at Catawba Regional Hospice, Sherrills Ford following a two and one half year battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. She was born on September 20, 1943 in Charlotte to Charlie and Myrtle Adams. Elaine grew up in Charlotte and attended public schools before graduating from Garinger High School in its second year of existence. Four years later, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing. Elaine later earned a Master of Community Education degree from Appalachian State University. Following graduation from UNC-CH, Elaine worked for the Mecklenburg County Health Department in various capacities including generalized public health nursing, school health, epidemiology, disaster preparedness and Family Centered Care. Some of her most enjoyable work involved checking on infants newly arrived home from the hospital. Elaine resigned her supervisory position at the Health Department to work for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools as Director of Family and Community Relations. Her staff was active in the development and implementation of Student Services projects such as the Bright Beginnings pre-kindergarten program. Following her retirement from the school system, Elaine and her husband moved to Catawba County. It was there that she was employed by Catawba County Social Services as coordinator and facilitator of various projects. She was also Resident Evaluation Consultant with the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services working on programs related to senior

adults and adult care homes. Since her permanent retirement, Elaine has enjoyed reading historical fiction and fantasy novels, attending acoustic and Americana music concerts, visits with her grandchildren and beach trips to Sunset and Oak Island. Those of you who knew her or met her for even a short time were privileged to know a gracious, laid-back, beautiful lady who displayed a quick sense of humor. Her patience when dealing with any issue would have been the envy of Job. Elaine is survived by her husband of 52 years, Ron; son, Joel and his wife, Amy, and their daughters, Lydia and Julia. Their son, Shawn, his wife, Barbara, and their son, Joe; Elaine's brothers, Chuck and Rick and sister, Melanie Patterson. Elaine chose to be cremated. The family will receive family and friends at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 17 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Following Elaine's wishes, the family will celebrate her life privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society 1901 Brunswick Rd., Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28207-1897 or a charity of the donor's choice. We would like to thank all of the family and friends who comforted Elaine with their words and deeds throughout her illness. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Underwood family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle Elaine Underwood*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Gayle Elaine Underwood*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Gayle Elaine Underwood*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Ron I'm so sorry and sad to hear of Mrs Gayles passing. I always looked forward to her visits to the infusion center. I hope that in some way I helped her and you during her illness. She left an impression on me that I'll never forget. Praying God's blessing and comfort for you and your family during this time. I loved Mrs. Gayle please know that and I am so blessed to have known her. With love, Crystal Roseboro*

Crystal Roseboro - October 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *It's never easy to lose a loved one - may you find peace and hope in her memory. Deepest condolences to you.*

Brian and Sharon Fluet - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ I was a classmate of Elaine at Garinger and remember how delightfully gracious she was to all. I still can see her infectious smile that she readily shared! It is obvious that God loved many people through Elaine and we were all the better for it. I look forward to renewing our relationship around the Throne Of Grace. In His grip, Hugh Weiss, Matthews, NC

Hugh Weiss - October 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I had the privilege of working with Elaine at the Health Department. She was a joy to be around and I know the angels of heaven welcomed her into their midst. Elizabeth Payne

October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Ron & Family, We count ourselves very lucky to have been included in your circle of friends! Elaine was a class act, and there is music playing wherever she is.

Tom & Suki West - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ To Elaine's Family: I worked with Elaine at the health department, she was a joy to know. She was gracious, kind and a true lady. My prayers are with you and your family.

Connie Pressler - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Family, I am so deeply sorry. I loved Elaine and felt her support during my first Pastorate at Arlington. She embodied grace and love. A beautiful dignity which I always admired. We are all the better for her gracing our lives! My prayers for each of you

Stephen Smith - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Shawn, We thought the world of your mom. Every time I saw her, she was so full of life and easy laughter. I really enjoyed talking with Elaine during visits at y'all's home! Love you all, Virginia & Gary Lackey

Virginia Lackey - October 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Elaine's passing. I worked with her as a Public Health Nurse at the Mecklenburg County Health Dept. in a Maternal-Child Health Program. She was such a sweet, compassionate person, and I loved our conversations! I will never forget her and loved her as a friend, as well as a co-worker. Heaven has gained a very special lady.

Diane Gladden Barrus - October 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Ron, it is with heavy heart that I read Elaine's obituary in today's paper. I can share the path you all have traveled the past year. I will always remember the canoe and camping trips we took. Time goes so fast, it seems like it was only yesterday. I know we will be with Elaine and Juanita again. Maybe we need to plan another trip.

Lowell Hedrick - October 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM