



## Elaine "MissElaineous" Atkinson

June 18, 1940 - April 18, 2020

A celebration of the life of Elaine Atkinson, 79, of Lubbock, Texas will be 2:00 PM Friday, April 24, 2020 in Sanders Memorial Chapel with Rev Richard Grubbs and Selwyn Smith officiating. Graveside services will follow in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park. Please celebrate the life of Elaine by visiting [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com). A webcast of services will be available as well as our online guest book.

Elaine was born June 18, 1940 in Kilgore, TX to J.D. and Margaret Atkinson and passed from this life on April 18, 2020. She graduated from Corsicana High School in 1958. Elaine then moved to Lubbock at the age of seventeen to attend Texas Tech University where she earned her Bachelors in Advertising Art & Design in 1963. She would go on to work for Tech Press while completing her education with a Master's Degree in Fine Arts-Technical Theater in 1987. Elaine was a freelance illustrator and graphic designer for over 30 years.

Elaine was an accomplished illustrator of children's books; her lively characters and colorful pallet made children's books come to life. Many people knew her by her creative signature MissElaineous and have appreciated her work in a variety of settings.

Elaine is survived by sisters, Rita Barnes and husband (Bill) and Mary

Whitener and husband (Randy); nephew, Jerry Barnes and wife, Celeste and their children, Radlyn and Elijah Barnes; niece Toni Smith and husband (Selwyn) and their children, Mikayla, Mariah and Caleb Smith

Preceded in death by her parents, J.D. and Margaret Atkinson.

Elaine had an insatiable desire for learning and one of her favorite things to study next to art was the Bible. Her love for Christ guided her life and dictated how she conducted herself and treated her friends and family. Anyone who knew Elaine experienced her devotion for people, her heart for animals and giving spirit. Elaine loved to capture the beauty of God's creation through photography, vibrant sketches and watercolor paintings. She was often found cheering on her Red Raiders or the New York Giants surrounded by friends. Elaine will be remembered for her sharp wit and contagious personality.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Meals on Wheels or the Humane Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park

15602 TX-493 Loop  
Lubbock, TX 79423

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elaine "MissElaineous" Atkinson



Sanders Funeral Home - April 24, 2020 at 12:32 PM

RK

*Lord, hear our prayers for the Atkinson family as they celebrate and remember Elaine's life. She has been a valued presence in our family for approximately 70 years. We love all of you and we grieve along with you.*

*Rankin Koch and the members of the Harold and Onie May Koch family.*

Rankin Koch - April 24, 2020 at 03:27 PM

PF

*Beautiful Service. Selwyn's voice is beautiful.*

Pat Folwer - April 24, 2020 at 03:45 PM

BB

*A perfect celebration message for my dear friend, Elaine Atkinson, Amen. Thank you Jesus for placing her in my life. What a wonderful example she was! I'm eager to see her again someday.*

Barbara George Bush - April 24, 2020 at 03:50 PM

DT

*What a beautiful service. Selwin's voice is beautiful.*

Debbie Thompson - April 24, 2020 at 03:50 PM

DW

*Beautiful service. We cherished Selwyn's musical gifts. Our hearts and thoughts are with you all. We love you.*

*Dandy and Deb*

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**Debora Whitener** - April 24, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elaine "MissElaineous" Atkinson



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - April 23, 2020 at 10:03 AM

GP

*Beautiful tribute for such a special lady.*

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**Gladys Pettigrew** - April 24, 2020 at 08:52 PM

SK

“ *There will never be another... Always witty and wise. Will cherish my memories of her forever.*

*Love to you all -- Susan ELAINE King*

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**Susan King** - April 24, 2020 at 06:43 PM

LG

“ All of us at Lubbock Meals on Wheels have many fond memories of our friend Elaine. She had a great sense of humor and was always proud to wear her Big Wheels shirts. We were so sad to hear of her passing and will miss her regular visits to volunteer. She cared for those she brought meals to and clearly believed in our mission. Wishing her family and friends comfort during this difficult time. In sympathy, Lisa Gilliland and all of Lubbock Meals on Wheels

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**Lisa Gilliland** - April 24, 2020 at 06:33 PM

AM

“ Elaine and I became friends in the 3rd grade. We both loved sports, to play and to watch. She was always better at playing than I was! It was so great to have someone who loved football, baseball and basketball as much as I do. I notice that a lot of the remembrances that people have shared also involve watching sports! She opened her home to my sister, Betty, and me when we would visit my granddaughter, Kerri, in October for her birthday, since she was (and still is) going to Tech. I can't add any more to expressions of her kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity that other people have shared. We will all miss her so much and have been so blessed to have had her in our lives. Annabelle Duke Massé.

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**Annabelle Masse** - April 24, 2020 at 02:32 PM

BB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Barbara George Bush** - April 24, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine "MissElaineous" Atkinson.*



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April 24, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ *MissElaineous was a dear friend who used her outstanding artistic talents to create wonderful posters and program covers for the Music Theatre program in the School of Music at TTU--they helped enormously to enhance the public image of our productions over many years, We enjoyed many a basketball game together, and my wife and I will miss her friendship and fun spirit. We send condolences to all her family. With great affection, John and Mary Gillas*

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**John Gillas** - April 24, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ *GWENDA BARNES lit a candle in memory of Elaine "MissElaineous" Atkinson*



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**GWENDA BARNES** - April 24, 2020 at 09:10 AM

RB

“ Robby, Amanda & Gwenda Barnes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine "MissElaineous" Atkinson.

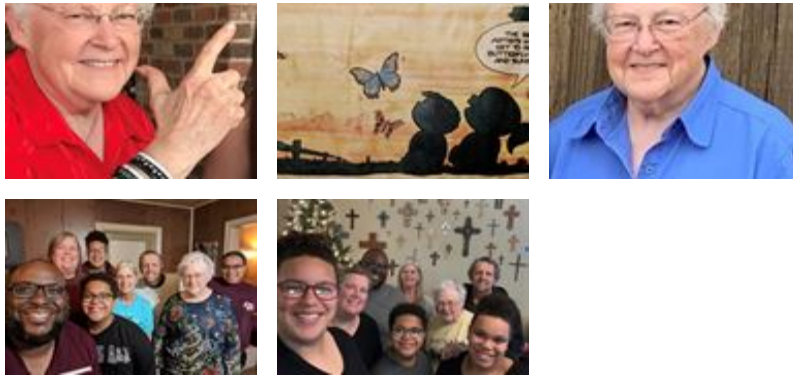


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**Robby, Amanda & Gwenda Barnes** - April 24, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - April 23, 2020 at 09:44 AM

KP

“ I was blessed to be in Elaine's life. Her quirky sense of humor was always entertaining. I will miss her and so will her sports buddy. Thanks for the memories Elaine. God Bless those that carry such a saddened heart.

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**Kathy Porr** - April 22, 2020 at 06:22 PM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy to Elaine’s family. I met Elaine at Bible Study Fellowship several years ago. I always loved seeing her and hearing her greet me with “Hey kid!” That always made this 50+ girl feel good! I loved her sense of humor. She will definitely be missed.



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**Sheryl Stephens** - April 22, 2020 at 06:06 PM

DT

“ I will miss Elaine so much. She was a good friend to me. She helped me after my surgery and cared for my cat when I was away. I can hardly imagine her not being in that house on the corner. My sympathies to her family in this sad time.

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**Debbie Thompson** - April 22, 2020 at 01:01 PM