



Elaine (Albicker) Lopata

May 28, 1943 - May 2, 2021

UTICA – Elaine (Albicker) Lopata was born on May 28, 1943 and died on Sunday, May 2, 2021. I wrote this obituary, obviously, prior to death and am using this opportunity to embarrass my family for the last time. I grew up the daughter of Mildred and Norman Albicker and sister of Richard Albicker. I am going to skip the details about schools, jobs, who I was married to, etc. because, let's be honest, no one cares and no one gets the paper anyway. I was blessed with wonderful parents and a great family. I leave behind my children, Dr. Christopher (Yvonne) Lopata, Brian (Betsy) Lopata, Jennifer (Jeff) Pilipczuk, and Jeffrey Lopata. They were a handful but worth every grey hair and wrinkle. I have learned over the years that they were much worse than I thought. They have given me the great gift of love, fun, generosity, laughter and everything I could possibly have wanted. I also leave my wonderful grandsons; Andrew Lopata, Gavin Lopata, Jeffrey Pilipczuk, and Alex Pilipczuk. They are fine young men and our time together has been one of my greatest joys. (Notice the number of Jeffs).

My family wishes to thank the doctors who stood beside me during my challenges, including Dr. Michael Kelberman who gave me an additional year of life!, Dr. Tatyana Antonevich who was so optimistic and hopeful, Dr. Alicia DeTraglia who had a kind and gentle soul; and the specialized medical professionals at the Roswell Park Cancer Center, an outstanding facility.

My wishes are for no public visitation and I will privately be seen by those closest to me from within an urn- pardon me if I don't greet you! In lieu of flowers, if anyone wishes to donate in my memory, please give to the Institute for Autism Research at Canisius College online at www.canisius.edu/support/AR or by mail to 2001 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14208.

Love to all.

P.S. The picture is from over 25 years ago because that is the last time I got dressed up.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Elaine's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary at www.EannaceFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Chris, Brian, Jeff and Jennifer,
I was just thinking of your Mother, Googled her and was surprised to
find this obituary.
I only played a small part in her life but I'm saddened by her loss
and I'm sure that you miss her.
Accept my condolences and be sure that I often smile when I think
of her.*

Tim Squiers - March 08, 2022 at 10:19 AM

DS

“ Dear Brian, Betsy, Jeff and family,

Sharon and I are very sorry for your loss of your mother. Although we did not personally know your mom, she sounded like she was “one of a kind.”

Sharon and I read your mom’s obituary and laughed all the way through it. She must have had a wonderful sense of humor.

One story I remember Brian telling me was about you boys outrunning the police on your mini-bike. Growing up you must have really tested her patience.

You all achieved much professional success. I am sure she was very proud of success that each one of you achieved. The love she had for you all provided the foundation for your achievements.

Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

All our best.

Love,

Dan and Sharon Stedman

Dan Stedman - May 16, 2021 at 08:49 PM

NG

“ Newly married, Elaine lived upstairs in my Folks Don & Lou Ryan's Fairfax home. Elaine was such a morale booster for Mom who was recovering from Cancer surgery. She cheered both my parents up with her smile, laughter, & keen sense of humor. Years later, when Mom was dying, I heard from Elaine (via Sheila Denn Beaton, a mutual friend). She, like Sheila found (made) time to babysit my 4 year old Katie while I was doing constant hospital visits. Families! Once again, Elaine gave generously, always down playing her efforts to help. She was a beautiful person---always to be remembered!

Nancy Ryan Gnan - May 15, 2021 at 01:00 PM

JG

“ Dear Elaine's Family,
We are deeply saddened by Elaine's passing, thinking she was successfully battling her illness with great courage and resolve. We shared a history together that was easy, warm and fun, both of us with four children to raise...I thank God you had the opportunity of family trips which she would tell me of, wistfully wishing our family could do the same, vainly trying to figure out the logistics of distance and grandkids' school schedules. She truly had a gift of wit, kindness and love for all people! Brian, your third grade teacher, my sister, Miss Kakaty, also sends her condolences.. May God bless you all and help you through this most difficult time...Sincerely,
Janet and David George

janet george - May 14, 2021 at 08:25 AM

LD

“ Your mom was a wonderful , fun loving and kind woman. I was fortunate to have worked with her many years ago. I am so sorry for your loss , but her obituary just tells her wonderful story on how she lived life to its fullest. She always had a great sense of humor and made everyone’s day a little brighter.

Lucille Duniec - May 12, 2021 at 07:24 PM

PD

“ Chris, Brian, Jeff and Jennifer,
Please know how sorry I am to hear of your Mom’s passing . South Utica has lost another good one. She truly was one of kind . I remember back to when we were young , and I can’t recall a memory with out your Mom having a big smile on her face . She would make everybody laugh . And she kept that up posthumously with her priceless obituary.

But please know that I also remember another side to your Mom . I remember the tremendous care and compassion she showed (along with Mrs Zap and Mrs O) my family when my Dad was hospitalized and I was a small boy. Your Mom helped my Mom and our family with all sorts of stuff . I can picture her and my mother sitting at the kitchen table and your Mom speaking encouraging words and coming up with a plan for us kids for the next couple of days. She was instrumental in helping us through that tough time. I just spoke about this with my Mom and she told me how helpful your mother was during that time . She was a very good person. She was a funny lady but to me she will always be remember best for her compassion and generosity. So please accept these heart felt condolences on behalf of the entire Dooley family .

Patrick Dooley

Patrick Dooley - May 12, 2021 at 03:14 PM

KC

“ *Jeff, Brian and the Lopata family,*

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and may your sorrow be somewhat eased through the expressions of sympathy from your many friends.

*Sincere condolences,
Ken Ciccarelli*

Ken Ciccarelli - May 11, 2021 at 07:36 PM

JC

“ *Elaine and I met at work and became friends. Then, for many years we shared family stories, joys and sorrows, children and grandchildren-always with love and pride. She made me laugh and I will miss that.*

Lately life became hard and God gently took her home. Peace Elaine, see you later!

Jane Collins - May 11, 2021 at 01:08 PM

RL

“ *Dear Jeff and Jennifer, Jeffrey and Alex,*

We want to extend our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your mother.

*God bless Elaine and her family,
Dave and Rita, Rachel, David and Renee*

Rita Lewis - May 10, 2021 at 09:50 AM

LH

“ I was so sorry to hear about Elaine. She was a wonderful neighbor when I lived in her building. She was so welcoming with a glass of wine and great conversation. We have continued to stay in touch and I will miss our telephone calls. Rest In Peace dear lady, you were truly one of a kind. My deepest condolences to Elaine’s precious family, she spoke of each of you with such love and pride. She will forever be one of my fondest memories.

Lois Hoyle - May 09, 2021 at 11:49 PM

JF

“ Dear Jen, Chris, Brian, Jeff and family,
We were so sorry to hear of Elaine’s passing. She was a character, and so much fun! Elaine was a wonderful neighbor, and we always enjoyed our “wine” get togethers! She was so proud of her family. She certainly will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Judy and Louie

Judy Franz - May 09, 2021 at 08:33 PM

RC

“ Chris, Brian ,Jennifer and Jeff
So sorry to read about your loss . Elaine was a friend and will truly be missed .
Ron Czepiel

Ron Czepiel - May 09, 2021 at 08:21 PM

LS

“ Linda Spratt sent a virtual gift in memory of
Elaine (Albicker) Lopata



Linda Spratt - May 09, 2021 at 04:51 PM