



## Elaine Marie Berry

March 10, 1940 - September 28, 2024

Elaine Marie Berry, 84, of Naples, FL, died on September 28, 2024, at the Frances Georgeson Hospice House after a brief illness. Formerly of Rochester, NH, she had been a resident of Naples since 1999. She was born in Pueblo, CO a daughter of the late John and Mae Colacino.

After graduating from college in Colorado, Elaine became a reading specialist and then a kindergarten teacher at Maple Street School in Rochester. She would spend more than 30 years teaching and serving as the principal at the school.

Elaine was an artist. She was a painter, a pianist, and an interior designer and painted silk scarves that she sold at markets in Florida. She was a singer and a dancer, a creator of art, whether it was her amazing handmade greeting cards or flower arrangements, she had an eye for beauty and the talent to create and share it with others. She was passionate about cooking, especially Italian and Mexican dishes. Her stand-alone traditional Italian red sauce was well-known around the neighborhood.

Elaine's finest works of art were her husband, Bob; son, Shay; daughter-in-law "Misti," sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews; and the countless lives she nurtured and changed as an educator. Her students will remember her playing the piano and leading them in songs that brought joy to the classroom and

made learning fun. She was very proud of the playground she helped build at Maple Street. She taught with her heart and was light years ahead of her time as an educator and administrator.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert H. Berry, her brother, John Colacino, and her sister-in-law, Anita Philbin.

She is survived by her son, Shay Robert Berry, and her daughter-in-law, Eleanor Martin Berry of Sharon, VT; her niece, Wendy Cockerell (Buster) of Dublin, TX; sister-in-law, Alice Cartier (Rod) of Ocala, FL; nephew, Allard Baird (Julie) of Miami, FL, niece, Vicky Tracy (Blair) of Wasilla, AK; niece, Michelle Mealy of Indianapolis, IN, niece, Monique Cooney (Mike) of Manhattan Beach, CA and 4 grand nieces, Alexa Mealy of Indianapolis, IN, Kaitlyn Cooney of Santa Monica, CA, Kristen Cooney of Santa Monica, CA and Kendall Cooney of Berkeley, CA and 5 grand nephews, John Paul Cockerell, Matthew Cockerell, Justin Cockerell of Dublin, TX and Troy Tracy of San Diego, CA and Zack Tracy of Aumsville, OR,

Elaine has requested no flowers, but please consider donating to Maple Street Magnet School, C/O SAU 54 150 Wakefield Street, Suite 8, Rochester, NH 03867, in her honor.

Services for Elaine will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 12, at the Holy Rosary Cemetery, 133 Brock Street in Rochester, NH. A Celebration of Life luncheon will follow at 12:00 PM at the Rolland Estate at the Governor's Inn, 78 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH. Elaine encourages all to wear white or bright colors to her celebration of life service.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family  
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# Cemetery Details

## Holy Rosary Cemetery

133 Brock Street  
Rochester, NH

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Rosary Cemetery  
133 Brock Street  
Rochester, NH

## Reception

OCT 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rolland Estate at the Governor's Inn  
78 Wakefield St.  
Rochester, NH

# Tribute Wall

GC

“ *To Elaine's Family,  
So sorry to hear of Elaine's passing. Spent many a fun filled holiday  
with Bob, Elaine and Shay, at my brother Rod and Alice's home, in  
Rochester.  
May the Good Lord Jesus help see you through this difficult time  
and May He Bless you all.*

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**Gil Cartier** - October 13, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for  
the family of Elaine Marie Berry.*



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October 10, 2024 at 11:27 AM

VJ

“ *Vonnie & Judy purchased the Peaceful White Lili  
es Basket for the family of Elaine Marie Berry.*



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**Vonnie & Judy** - October 03, 2024 at 07:06 PM

AS

“ To Shay and family,  
We send our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in the passing of your dear mom. She was such a delight to be around and sooo talented and friendly. When she moved to Naples we always said we would get together for lunch for a good Rochester "chat." Unfortunately, that never happened and I feel bad for that but time flies by so fast when you age. We know she is with the angels now and lighting up the heavens. May God bless you and peace be with you.  
Chan and Ann Sanborn and the boys Naples, FL

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**Ann Sanborn** - October 03, 2024 at 04:45 PM

JC

Shay and family, Jim and I were so saddened to hear of your Mother's death. Some of our happiness moments were spending time with her and your Dad. She always made us laugh. May her memory be eternal



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**Jim & Elaine Collins** - October 13, 2024 at 08:13 AM

NL

“ To Shay and Family!!!  
What a beautiful obituary Shay!!! Elaine was definitely a valued friend and colleague to me as a result of being long time teachers in Rochester, NH. I am still in shock and disbelief that Elaine has passed, but I will always remember her kind heart, fun ways , and great sense of humor. We sure did share lots of fun times together. Please know my positive thoughts are with Elaine's family and friends during this sad time. ❤️ Nancy Loud

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**Nancy Loud** - October 03, 2024 at 07:22 AM

EC

“ Shay so sorry to hear of your Mom’s passing. She was a beautiful lady who was loved by many. May she rest in peace 🙏❤️🌸

Elaine & Jim Collins - October 02, 2024 at 08:31 PM

LS

Shay your mom was at many fun parties at my home!!! Fond memory... she playing the piano at my house and Lucinda singing. What fun the 3 of us had. I will miss her greatly 💕🙏

Lynda lou Sherrill - October 07, 2024 at 10:06 PM

MC

“ Shay, you wrote a wonderful obituary. Exactly how I knew Elaine to be. Please accept my condolences. Her humor, ( usually of the self deprecating sort) endeared to us all. She was my mentor for Early Childhood first jobs. I did a Christopher Columbus , “living history” lesson each year and it always made me remember Elaine. We will all keep a warm place in our hearts for her.

Michael Case - October 02, 2024 at 02:54 PM

SL

“ I met Elaine in Carlton Lakes and I have very fond memories of her. We spent time dining out and also admiring her beautiful and kind personality.

*Elaine had so many talents and has touched many individuals in her 84 years.*

*Shay, thank you for sharing your appreciation for your mother's talents and love of life.*

*My sincere condolences to Shay, her son, and to her family and friends.*

*Elaine, may you rest in peace.*

*Suzanne Langlois Morcos  
Naples, Florida  
Newmarket, Ontario*

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**suzanne Langlois** - October 02, 2024 at 01:23 PM

SL

“ What a wonderful lady! Sorry for your loss. Thinking of you Shay and Misti.

*Stewart and Natalie*

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**Stewart Langley** - October 01, 2024 at 08:14 PM