



Elizabeth Anne Reynolds Fenton

October 26, 1942 - February 16, 2012

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Bloomington- Elizabeth Anne Reynolds

Fenton, 69, of Normal passed away at 3:15 a.m. on February 16, 2012 at the University of Maryland Medical Center-Shock Trauma.

Private funeral services will be

held at 11:00 am on Friday, February 24, 2012 at

Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Memorial Home in Bloomington with Rev. John McIntosh officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to

services at the memorial home. Burial will follow in Park Hill

Cemetery in Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made

to The Humane Society of Central Illinois or to The Baby Fold of Normal, IL.

She was born October 26, 1942 to Mary

Brunskill Reynolds of Pontiac, Illinois and LaVerne Reynolds of

Cornell, Illinois. As a small child during WWII, she lived in

Florida while her father trained. After he deployed to the

South Pacific, she lived in Swygert, IL on a farm and with her

maternal grandparents in Pontiac, IL until his return.

Elizabeth (Liz) was the first of eight

children, and helped care for her younger siblings and worked at

the family business, Brunskill and Reynolds, until she went to

college at ISU and met Paul Fenton at the Wesley Foundation on

campus. They were married in 1963. They had two sons who

survive her, Luke and Mark Fenton of WI. Liz and her family moved

to Menomonie, WI where Paul taught at UW Stout and where Liz attended.

Liz was devoted to her husband, who died in 2002. She became an extraordinary wife, supporting her husband in his professional efforts and interests. They enjoyed travel, bird watching, hunting, fishing, camping, and food. Liz was an extraordinary cook. She loved painting and pottery and puzzles and reading voraciously. She considered her pets her family and loved each in turn.

As a mother, Liz made sure her sons grew up with a sense of respect for all people. Together with Paul, Liz taught her sons how to swim, fish, garden, have respect for nature, and to appreciate family. She was active in many volunteer efforts and organizations throughout her life including LadyBugs, the Hospital auxiliary in Menomonie, WI, and The Dunn County Senior Center. Liz continued to travel after Paul's death, enjoying many visits to the Fenton Glass Factory in West Virginia, Sackets Harbor in Upper New York, and Baltimore.

Liz moved back to Illinois in 2008, where she became very active at Blair House. Though the calendar may have said "69", she was 29 in her heart and mind. She was well-loved, and her visits and thoughtfulness will be missed by family, neighbors and friends. She especially loved and was loved by the two special children in her life, her grandson, Gabriel Fenton, and her niece, Clare Buchanan. She is beloved by all her surviving nieces and nephews.

Local survivors include sisters, Virginia Simmons, Bloomington, and Margaret Gambardella, Pontiac, Illinois and a brother, Phil Reynolds, Saunemin, IL, and a niece, Sherri Simmons, Heyworth, IL. Siblings Martha Buchanan, Mary Fury, James Reynolds, and Steven Reynolds as well as many nieces and nephews also survive.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at kiblerbradyruestman.com.

Comments



“ Mark, Luke and family, our sincere sympathies!! We have so many special memories of Liz. She was a wonderful woman and we were blessed to have known her. She and Paul are together now, as they should be, and both will remain in the hearts of so many their lives touched! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Sandee & Jim Byrd - October 28, 2014 at 11:28 AM



“ My thoughts are with you at this time. I have fond memories of knowing Liz thru her work with the hospital voluteers and then my most recent interaction of attempting to learn bridge :-)

Lanna Laird - October 28, 2014 at 11:28 AM



“ Luke and Mark I wanted to come down but I am not going to make it. I will miss Liz and remember the times deer hunting and all the help your parents tried to give me. I'll miss seeing the two of them drinking their coffee and smoking their cigarettes with that little brown dog that looked like a rat. I rcently had bypass surgery and peripheral artery replacement and I am not back up to snuff yet. You are only on this ball one time enjoy it as much as your parents did.

Jim Reynolds - October 28, 2014 at 11:28 AM



“ To Mark and Luke and the rest of the family,

I had the honor and pleaseure of knowing Liz through Mark. She was one of the warmest and nicest people you could ever hope to meet. I was always amazed when I was younger that someone "older" could welcome teenaged kids into their house and make them feel so welcome and respected.

She gave so much warmth and kindness to everyone that knew her. We are all so much more lucky to have had her in our lives even if it was a brief time.

Scott Hughes - October 28, 2014 at 11:28 AM



“ Mark and Luke,
My sincere sympathy to you on the loss of your mother. I will always remember her as being with Paul at Psychology Dept events.....with big smiles both!

It was my pleasure to know them both, and the two of you, too!
Donna

Donna Weber - October 28, 2014 at 11:28 AM