



# Elinor Gail Kaplin

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## Elinor Kaplin Obituary

Elinor Gail (Payne) Kaplin, 66 died at St. Francis Hospital Hospice Center on June 7, 2021, surrounded by her husband and three children. She was born on December 14, 1954 to Robert and Josephine Payne in Wichita, Kansas. Elinor attended school in Wichita and graduated from Wichita Heights High School in 1972. She met her husband Randy and they married on October 19, 1974 in Wichita, Kansas. After getting married, the couple moved to Great Bend, Kansas where Randy had recently taken a job with Texaco. The couple resided in Great Bend for 4 years until being transferred to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where the couple made their home for the next 43 years.

Elinor is survived by her husband, Randy, of the home, daughter Jessica D. and her husband Chris Nalley of Tulsa, son, Jared D. and his wife Ann Kaplin of Tulsa, and daughter Jada D. Stiner of Washington D.C. Elinor has four grandchildren, Olivia Nalley, Carter Nalley, Sophia Nalley and Harrison Kaplin. She is survived by her brother Tim Payne and his wife, Rosario of Ormoc City, Philippines. She is survived by her brother-in-law, Gary Kaplin and his wife, Joanne of Ruskin, Florida, and by her sister-in-law Roxy Montague and her husband Steve of Reed City, Michigan. She is also survived by many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Elinor devoted her life to her family, which was top priority in her life. She was for the most part a stay at home Mom with her kids. She had a business that catered to residents at nursing homes need for clothing and apparel and brought these items directly to the residents. She had a part time modeling career where she appeared in numerous television commercials, print ads and video promotional material. These various work ventures were all secondary compared to the time she devoted raising and molding her children into the loving and caring individuals they have become. Her daughters were continuously chauffeured to their dance lessons starting at the age of 4 (which they both continued through college dancing and performing). She chauffeured her son to various sports and Karate training during his childhood. She was always active in PTA



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and volunteer work at her children's school, so she could stay continuously involved in their life, even when they were away from home at school. She was also active as a Campfire Leader for her daughters during their developmental years. Elinor loved to bowl, was in two bunco groups, and was an avid scrabble and Words with Friends player. She loved shopping and finding a good bargain, which her daughters inherited. She was her husband's soulmate that made him complete for their 46 years of marriage.

Elinor especially loved Christmas and would host extravagant Christmas parties at her home in Tulsa. Her Christmas decorations dominated the attic storage and every year she would spend weeks decorating the house and preparing for the parties where her friends and family could come to celebrate the Holidays. Elinor also enjoyed hosting parties for all her friends in the local Porsche club.

Elinor's true passion that she excelled at was interior design. She would transform seemingly dull boring rooms into exciting dramatic rooms that reflected her elegant good taste. She loved arts and crafts and would go through her craft room with her children and grandchildren looking for the perfect craft project to build together. This brought her so much joy, to be with her children and grandchildren, throughout her life.

Elinor enjoyed traveling and after the children left the nest, she and Randy spent weeks on end traveling across America visiting friends and attending various national Porsche car events and vintage auto rallies across America. She would travel across the hottest spots in the nation in vintage cars without air conditioning and never once complain.

Elinor's outward physical beauty was obvious to anyone, but her inward beauty was known to all that she met; always caring and inviting to all who came to know her. She was the personification of inward and outer beauty.

God has called his angel home.

The family will be holding a private Celebration of Life service in Elinor's memory. The family would love to hear your memories of Elinor on the above tribute wall. Donations in her memory can be made to the PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) Foundation at:

<https://support.pkdcure.org/elinorkaplin>



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MM

**Margee Moore-Morse** posted:

Our heart goes out to Elinor's family. My husband Leslie Morse and I always loved seeing her and her husband at Porsche Palooza. She was beautiful inside and out.

June 22 at 6:30 AM

JS

**Julie Sumner** posted:

Randy and family, Ron and I are so saddened by the news of Elinor's passing. We remember her inner and outward beauty, her gracious hospitality, her devotion to family and her friendly and cheery disposition. She will be missed and we extend our condolences to all of you. Julie Sumner

June 17 at 10:17 AM

DE

**Debra Roberts Estes** posted:

Elinor was a grand lady! We traveled many a mile together in the PCA, at Fleet Feet, scouring garage sales, thru Words with Friends. My heart is broken for your sweet family. I know how mighty her love was for you all; may that sustain you in the days to come. Bountiful blessings, prayers and heartfelt love.

June 15 at 6:21 PM

SH

**Sharon Hays** posted:

Elinor was such a lovely, lovely woman. I'm so grateful the family (and the PCA family) have so many wonderful memories with her. It will give us so many happy times to remember going forward. I also understand them wanting to lay her to rest in private

June 14 at 4:07 AM



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GP

**Georgia Paul** posted:

Elinor always made the Porsche group feel welcome at the events Randy and she held. At times, Randy would forget to give her some important details and Elinor would, angelic like, just do what needed to be done to make the event successful and all of us feel welcome. I could feel her love for Randy and her desire to make the event successful for him and us. What an example for us to emulate!!! I loved her attitude and approach and hope I can adopt them. All of us appreciated her organizational skills and beautiful decorations. What an angel, fantastic hostess and special down-to-earth person Elinor was. We all have been blessed to have been associated with her. Special memories of Elinor will be with us and we will miss her. Georgia Paul's reflections

June 13 at 6:27 AM

PP

**Pam And Greg Petzet** posted:

Elinor was a gentle and genuine woman. She was a role model for all of us: friend, wife, mom and grandmother. With a smile on her face, she was an eager participant and supporter no matter the activity. Her passing leaves a void in everyone's life who knew her. Our wish, as she is now watching over us, is that we become better people while showing the kindness, concern and involvement she portrayed. We are thinking of your beautiful family and the great loss you have experienced. We hope you feel comfortable contacting us for any reason. We love you guys.

June 12 at 2:12 PM

VB

**Vicki Bonner** posted:

Elinor was so generous with her time and talent. She was such a help with the church summer outings for the 4th through 6th grade students and with the activities of the UMW. Of course my favorite memories are at DLC, where I got to know her wonderful daughters (and grandchildren) better. My prayers for the family.

June 11 at 5:47 PM

CC

**Carolyn Marler-Conner** posted:

What a blessing to have been a part of this beautiful woman's life for so many years, so many memories of us sharing amusing family stories while I was doing her hair, she will be missed....

June 11 at 2:21 PM



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JF

**Jennifer Fugate** posted:

My very first Porsche event was at Waterfront and we sat across from Randy, Elinor, Jared and Ann. The first thing I noticed was Elinor's kind eyes. She had such a welcoming demeanor. I met a lot of people that day, but the Kaplin's stood out. Elinor was such a gracious host to many events and always outdid herself. She will be sorely missed by all that knew her. Sending my love to your sweet family.

June 11 at 2:05 PM

CS

**Camillia Swart** posted:

Elinor and many others all went to high school together. She was always friendly and had an amazing sense of humor. I pray for you all to have peace in your lives and a good relationship with God. She did and I'm sure she wants that for you.

June 10 at 6:11 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elinor by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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