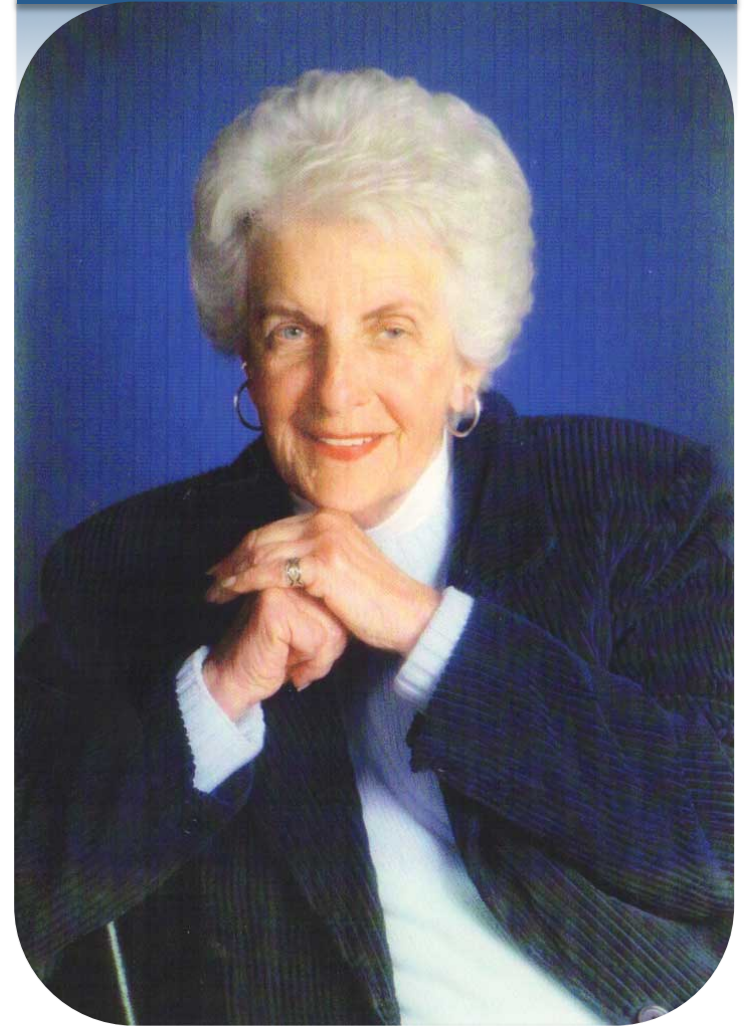


"Thus shall you think of all
this fleeting world:
a star at dawn, a bubble in a
stream,
a flash of lightning in a summer
sky,
a flickering light, a phantom, a
dream." ~ from The Diamond Sutra



Lovingly written for my Mom by Dianne McKenzie

MAY 4, 1921 - DECEMBER 7, 2014



Elaine Jacob

In Loving Memory

THE DASH POEM

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears. But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real. And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more.

And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

FINAL THOUGHTS

"There are four questions of value in life... What is sacred? Of what is the spirit made? What is worth living for, and what is worth dying for? The answer to each is the same. Only love."

Elaine gave of her time, her financial support, her wisdom, but most importantly, she gave her love.



She Is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or
you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



Celebration Meal at The Halley's House

Elaine and Linda celebrating at the Halley house. Combined families, celebrating the joy of being together!



Mother's Day Card

Mother's Day was an important celebration day. I usually made a special card, which had to have some blue. You are the best mom! I will always celebrate Mother's Day and think of you!



Birthday Celebration in our Live Work Loft 17

Elaine & Linda celebrating the May birthdays together in Santa Fe at our Live Work Loft #17. Special cake with raspberries, another food item we had in common.



Birthday Celebration

I enjoyed making unique and special birthday cards for Elaine. Showering her with love was the best gift I could give her.



Elaine and Dianne in Santa Fe

Elaine was the mother I always wanted. I was the daughter Elaine never thought she wanted, until I adopted her as my mother. We met in 1986 when I first moved to The Sea Ranch. We shared an interest in the arts. Elaine loved to watch me weave the tapestries that I worked on in my rental studio. Later Elaine became involved in helping me get my own house and art studio built. We shared many meals, celebrations, discussions, and our hearts. Elaine loved my standard poodles: Iona, Yogi and more recently Aeowyn. She loved John, my husband, and often said if she married, she would have wanted a husband like John. We, Elaine, Linda, John, & I, enjoyed each other's company and we became family, not by birth perhaps, more by choice. I will always be grateful for the love, support, friendship and generosity that Elaine gave me. I am a better person for having her as my mom. You are missed, but live in my heart. I send love & gratitude daily to you.



Elaine's 80th Birthday

Elaine was a true patron of the arts. Her generosity leaves an amazing legacy to the Coastal community.



Art Gallery Event

Elaine was involved with many charitable projects from the art center to the medical center. Her donation of time and funding helped build the community.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Elaine loved taking part in events. Here she is cutting a ribbon at the art center. Her patronage will effect generations to come. You are my role model!



Dianne's Shepherd's Close House

We shared many meals & celebrations at my home & art studio. Elaine was involved throughout the construction through the living & celebrating. 1988-1993.



Lunch at Sea Ranch Golf Course

While Elaine did not play golf, at least not with me, we enjoyed lunching at the golf course as we could sit outside surrounded by greenery!

Elaine & Dianne at Sea Ranch. My adopted mom! We shared so many things that we had in common, from food to design.



Aldea Plaza during the Winter Holidays. Views from our windows. Elaine loved the lights!



Our completed building on Aldea Plaza in Santa Fe. 6 years in the planning, design & construction.





One of the Many Birthday Fiestas

It seems everything we did centered around food, drink and celebrations! Cooking wonderful meals that required lots of prep made the event into a fiesta!



Rainbow Vision Condo

The 3 bedroom condo conveniently located across from El Centro, the center of activities.



Rainbow Vision Back Yard

The garden at Rainbow Vision was a nice respite from the warm summer days. Drinks & snacks on the patio before partaking in the many wonderful meals at El Centro.



First Meal at Rainbow Vision Condo

The first meal in Rainbow Vision. Elaine is toasting here in the photo with John & Linda. Elaine supported the Rainbow Vision retirement development for the LGBT community by buying the condo.



Rainbow Vision Condo

Elaine loved the process of having the condo built for her, picking the lot, the layout of the condo and selecting the color palate & materials. We had a great time shopping for furniture for the condo, fast, efficient, & decisive!



Elaine's 80th Birthday Celebration



Elaine getting ready for a winter Holiday Party. So many dinner parties shared with love, good food and wonderful company. Making memories that enriched our lives.



Dining at The Halley House

One of then many meals at the Halley house with Dick, Sonya, John Linda & Elaine. Always great smoked meats, yummy snacks and sweet treats and of course champagne.



Another Meal at the Halley House

Another event at the Halley's. Elaine loved the house that John designed for his parents. She was a fan of John's creativity & loved to discuss architecture with him.



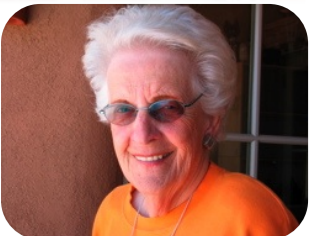
Visiting in Santa Fe

Sitting outside Cafe Pasqual's, Santa Fe, waiting to eat lunch at one of our favorite restaurants. Eat, drink, celebrate, eat & drink some more, add more celebrations until the next day, when we start all over again!



Birthday Fiestas in Santa Fe

Yet another fiesta in Santa Fe with friends visiting from the Sea Ranch. Several tables were moved together to accommodate the guests. Food, drink & good company!



Watching the Clouds in Santa Fe

I remember when this photo was taken. John & Linda went for a hike around Aldea, while Elaine and I watched the clouds from the portal where she napped.



Elaine in Aldea, Santa Fe. Elaine loved Santa Fe & visited several times a year. Yet it never seemed long enough & I always wanted more time with my mom.



Elaine & Dianne sitting in the Aldea Plaza during the construction of our live work building. Elaine and Linda were great supporters of John's design of the building from concept through completion. Elaine loved construction projects!