



Elaine Rissell

February 9, 1953 - September 23, 2023

Elaine Rissell passed at home with her family on the morning of Saturday, September 9, 2023. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 9, 1953 at St Anne's Hospital, the second child of Kenneth Rissell and Anna Rissell (Geu).

Elaine packed a lot of living into her life. Over the past number of years she resided and around the Peoria area. Previous to moving to Washington she resided at GateWay at River City where she made and maintained friendships with many other residents and staff.

Over the final 18 months of her life, Elaine resided in Washington with her friend and caregiver, Crystal Koontz. Elaine's life was enriched by Crystal and her daughters Faith and Addison and other friends. Elaine loved her adopted family very much, and she also loved her friends from Vitas Healthcare who assisted in her care. To the very end she continued to create freehand drawings and well-executed adult coloring book pages for her friends, carefully dating and signing each one. She also enjoyed sending kind little notes of concern and goodwill to her friends. She will be missed.

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation services are handling final arrangements. A private gathering of friends will be held at a later date.