



Elaine K. Backer

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Elaine K. Backer, age 74, passed away January 15, 2020 in Muskegon. She was born on December 14, 1945 in Muskegon to Jesse and Margaret (Ferrier) Doyle and resided in the area her entire life. Elaine worked in the classroom for Muskegon Public School for 26 years, prior to retiring in 2005. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. On August 15, 1999, she married her loving husband Tom Backer, and he survives her along with her grandson, Ryan Valero; extended family, Thomas (Michelle) Backer, Tony (Erica) Backer and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren; three sisters, Shirley (Lee) Gomez, Rhonda (Rock) Howe, and Wanda Finkler; many nieces and nephews; and in-laws, Richard and June Backer. Elaine was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey Taylor; daughter, Angela Taylor; her parents; brothers, Bruce, Denny, Terry, David Doyle, and brother-in-law, Mark Finkler. The MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be 11AM Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Fr. Douglas Braun presiding. VISITATION with the family will be one hour prior to the service, from 10-11 AM. Memorial Contributions in Elaine's name to the Muskegon Humane Society (<http://muskegonhumanesociety.org/donate>), ALS Foundation (<https://secure2.convio.net/alsa/site/Donation2>), or the Lupus Foundation of America (<https://support.lupus.org/site/Donation2>) will be appreciated. Share memories with the family online at www.sytsemafh.com. Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 737 Apple Ave. Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 726-5210.

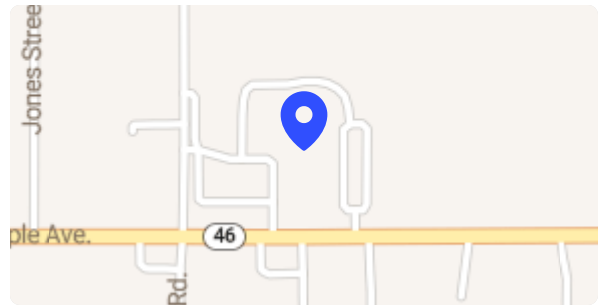


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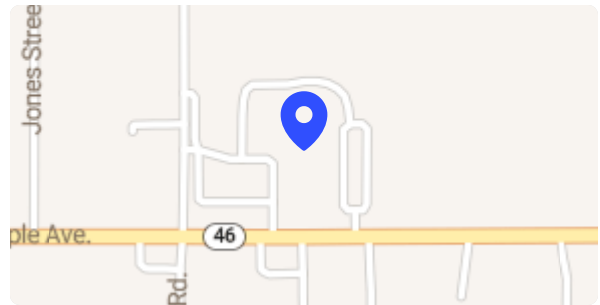
Visitation

- Tuesday**, January 28, 2020
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**
3252 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon MI 49442



Mass of Christian Burial

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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Backer family.



January 27 at 11:21 AM



Kim Powell Black posted:

I was so saddened to hear of Elaine's passing. Having known her family my entire life, she felt more like a sister than a friend. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during these difficult days ahead. Much love and hugs to all of you.

January 24 at 8:11 PM



Gilda Wilson posted:

So sorry to hear if Elaine's passing she was a wonderful person so caring for the children she worked with. She was very professional in her job. I've known her for over 25 years. She will be missed by many. God needed another angel to work so he picked her. Rest in his loving arms. Love you for kind loving person you we're Gilda Wilson

January 23 at 8:35 AM



Melissa Alger Carden posted:

To Tom and the family. I only knew Elaine a short time. She was very nice to me and I enjoyed talking with her. Prayer you find peace.

January 21 at 1:21 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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