



Elaine Bryant-Day

November 28, 1946 - May 29, 2016

Elaine Bryant-Day was one of those rare individuals who became fascinated early on in life by a whim that, later on, could be a means of making a living. She was born on November 28, 1946 and was one of two daughters born to the late Mason Elbert and Mabel Irene Pate Bryant. From childhood, Elaine was entranced by the possibilities of enhancing one's looks with makeup and hair styling. As a young person she delighted in styling hair for any of her aunts who were willing to let them be her guinea pigs. That love for style set the course for the rest of her life. As fate would have it, marriage and the birth of her son delayed her achievement of these goals for a short time. She took a job with McCalla Insurance during the day, but would travel to Forest Park for beauty classes. Managing her lifestyle as a wife, mother, office worker and student presented many challenges- more than many would attempt. Elaine was a Bryant woman, though. They are known for their strength of character, tenacity, and work ethic. The opportunity of a lifetime landed in her lap when a friend of hers offered to let Elaine buy her shop. She convinced the bank that loaning her the money for the purchase was a good idea. From that day forward, she never looked back and took the greatest joy in running that business for 43 years. Elaine was a woman for the times. She was one of the first to honor both her own family and the name of her son in the manner of her legal name, Elaine Bryant-Day. She would introduce modern concepts into her styles at the shop and even added tanning beds. In fact, it was a tanning bed customer who became smitten by her charms. Ed Williams would soon

become her life partner for the next 18 years. Elaine relished the good times and endured with incredible strength the bad times including a bout with breast cancer and her own terminal diagnosis of respiratory illness and heart disease. She, like her predecessor in business, was able to pay forward when she offered for sale her business to a new owner. Elaine was a woman of great compassion, brutal, at times, in her honesty, but in the end the best friend one could ever find. She identified with the songwriter who penned the phrase "I Did it my Way". She is survived by Ed Williams; her greatest joy and son Reginald Mason (Brenda) Day and Brenda's daughters Stephanie Ford, Kasey (Drew) Harvill. She was a devoted sister to Connie Bryant (Mickey) Posey. In her own words, "I have more Bryant and Pate relatives than you could shake a stick at". Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street where the family will receive friends on Tuesday evening between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Her life will be remembered on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 2:00 PM in a service in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home to be led by Frank Guest. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Coweta Veterans Club P.O. Box 71006 Newnan, GA 30271 or to The Providence Baptist Church Summer Reading Program 918 Providence Church Rd. Newnan GA 30263 Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Oh, Ed....I am a bit behind with life having lost my Mother.

I just found out about Elaine and my heart is broken for you, Reggie and all of her family and friends.

Sending you love and prayers from Lisa Haney and my Dad, Bob Haney - you all use to eat breakfast together each day !



Lisa & Bob Haney - August 24, 2016 at 11:21 AM

RW

“ Mr Ed , Reggie and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I am just reading about my friend Elaine's passing. She was such a confidant to me in that chair whichever shop I was at. From Sargent till her last one on Temple Ave. I remember the last time I was at her house she gave me a token to have. She cut my hair for many many years until she was not able to. I loved her and her wit. I will miss her again I'm sorry I wasn't at the funeral but I just now am hearing about her arrangements. Take care
Royce Williams

royce williams - June 02, 2016 at 10:30 PM

DS

“ Elaine and I all the way back to Sargent school, the wooden building, we shared many school memories. She was my barber for a long time, and I will miss her

Davis Shirley

David shirley - June 02, 2016 at 09:07 PM

LT

“ Reggie I am so sorry about your mom. She was one of a kind! Great memories from Pine Acres! Elaine was always so sweet to me!! Sending prayers and hugs!

Leigh Dutton Trisler

Leigh Dutton Trisler - June 02, 2016 at 06:58 PM

LT

“ Leigh Dutton Trisler lit a candle in memory of Elaine Bryant-Day



Leigh Dutton Trisler - June 02, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ When you're happy you enjoy the music. When you are sad you understand the lyrics. I find pieces of you in every song I sing. I know you'll understand. Love ya, Herb

Arelia Bartlett - June 01, 2016 at 06:58 PM

CM

Nice! She would have loved that.

Caroline Maloney - June 15, 2016 at 09:37 AM

LA

She is great lady . Lord amen 🙏🙏

laurenbell - July 14, 2016 at 09:39 AM

KA

“ Elaine was my neighbor for a while and I even babysat Reggie now and then. I remember her as a strong spirited and stylish woman. So sorry for your loss. God bless you all.
KathyDixon

Kathy - June 01, 2016 at 12:20 PM

RM

“ Elaine was one of my many beloved cousins; we were raised by siblings who were quite close. Therefore, we were quite close. My earliest memories include Elaine. She helped raise me! I learned many things from Elaine, including tenacity, kindness, and perseverance. She also taught me everything from riding my first bike to learning how to water-ski. I recall her telling me that until I could get up on skis, I couldn't get back in the boat. She knew that in the situation, I would definitely learn to ski! I will miss her greatly.



Rhonda McClendon - June 01, 2016 at 11:08 AM

MK

“ Elaine was a beloved cousin; she loved sharing childhood stories. She also enjoyed spending weekends with her Pate cousins, Ronnie, Melanie, Myra, Jane & Beverly. Mom's, Geneva Pate, biscuits & gravy were her favorite. I especially loved how Elaine always did it her way! Always a lot of laughs with Elaine. Heartfelt sympathy to all the family.

Myra Kelly - June 01, 2016 at 08:17 AM

HB

“ *Herb & Arelia Bartlett lit a candle in memory of Elaine Bryant-Day*



Herb & Arelia Bartlett - May 31, 2016 at 07:48 PM



Thru all the smiles and all the miles. Thru the tears and thru the music and laughter. (More music and laughter than anything). We had some really good times together. You were a good and true friend to Arelia and me. We miss you and we love you Herb & Arelia

Arelia Bartlett - June 01, 2016 at 06:40 PM



“ *one fine lady she was always smiely good memories i had of elaine. wayne story*

Wayne Story - May 31, 2016 at 05:47 PM

PC

“ *Pamela F Clemons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine Bryant-Day.*



Pamela F Clemons - May 31, 2016 at 04:58 PM

PC

“ Pamela F Clemons lit a candle in memory of Elaine Bryant-Day



Pamela F Clemons - May 31, 2016 at 04:04 PM

LJ

“ Elaine was a very kind and wonderful person. She rented her home to me, the one she called *The Money Pit*, which she gutted. Thank you, Elaine, It was the *Happiest Time in My Life*, living there. You will be missed
Linda Janik

Linda Janik - May 31, 2016 at 03:59 PM

PE

“ Patricia & Marcus Eidson lit a candle in memory of Elaine Bryant-Day



Patricia & Marcus Eidson - May 31, 2016 at 03:50 PM

LB

“ She was a very special lady. I have a lot of gratitude to her for passing on the salon to me. As I would tell her.... They broke the mood when they made her... One of a kind person. Will always remember the stories she told me...love her always. Friends forever.....Lisa Bartley

Lisa Bartley - May 31, 2016 at 01:57 PM

SF

“ So sorry about Elaine. She was a very honest person. I love honesty
She told me once I would never be able to grow my hair long because it is so fine. She was right. It gets really stringy. She was a wonderful dresser to. She was always in style.

Shelia Reese Freeman - May 31, 2016 at 01:52 PM

RM

“ 1 file added to the album Elaine Bryant Day Obituary



Rhonda McClendon - May 31, 2016 at 12:39 PM

MT

“ Marie & Anthony Taylor lit a candle in memory of Elaine Bryant-Day



Marie & Anthony Taylor - May 31, 2016 at 12:03 PM

MT

We will miss & always remember the good times that we had. Especially our trips to Biloxi gambling. She took delight in telling about our trip to see (my idol) Englebert H. It was always so much fun just be around Elaine as she kept the conversation going full speed. I did not get to see her very much lately but we talked on the phone when she felt up to talking. And, we always had a good laugh about something. I loved Elaine & I will miss her, she was a wonderful friend. Rest In Peace Elaine.

Marie Taylor - May 31, 2016 at 12:13 PM

AH

“ Angel Horsley lit a candle in memory of Elaine Bryant-Day



Angel Horsley - May 31, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Elaine Bryant-Day.



May 31, 2016 at 10:27 AM

CM

“ 29 files added to the album New Album Name



Caroline Maloney - May 31, 2016 at 10:02 AM

CM

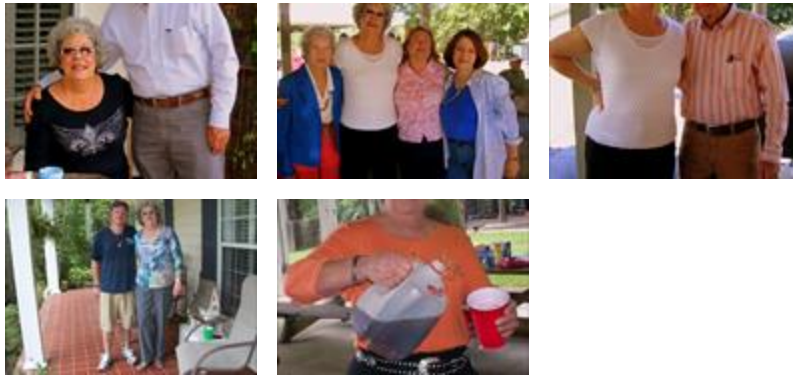
“ She was a special soul that life dealt some tough lessons. Through it all, she could find the good in people and turn each situation into a positive. Her laugh was infectious and her wisdom profound. The last 18 years of her life were filled with joy and happiness as she had found her true love in Ed Williams. During that time, her life journey brought new lessons about her ability to love and be loved in return. For me, she was like a mother giving me praise when I needed it and scolding when she wanted better from me. She was my everything. Her passing will leave a hole in my heart but she leaves me a better person for having had her in my life all these years.

I love you Mylaine.

Caroline Maloney - May 31, 2016 at 09:39 AM

CM

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Caroline Maloney - May 31, 2016 at 09:08 AM

CS

“ Elaine was one of my closest friends and I will miss her more than even I can realize right now. We had known each other all of our lives and we shared many good times - wonderful adventures and heartfelt secrets. For the last few months we visited mainly by phone since she was not feeling well enough to get out and neither was I. Elaine loved to remember the "old days" - times we spent together in Whitesburg - especially times at "Black Dirt" and our days together at Newnan High. Elaine worked so hard 2 yrs. ago as we planned our 50th High School Reunion. I dare say, I don't think anyone enjoyed that reunion more than she did. Elaine was a very honest plain spoken person and I respected this about her whether I always agreed or not. Every conversation we had on the phone or in person always ended with us saying "I love you", as did our last conversation the day before she had to go back into the hospital. In my opinion, Elaine was one of Newnan's most outstanding characters.

My sincere sympathy goes out to all of her family, especially Ed and Reggie.

With much love, Camilla Stevens-Cooper

Camilla Stevens-Cooper - May 30, 2016 at 08:38 PM

GC

“ If Elaine was your friend, then you had a friend for life. You always knew where you stood with her because she would tell you. Elaine had a heart of gold and helped many people with gifts of money for education, personal needs and many other things that no one ever knew about. She adored Ed and never mentioned his name without telling me what a wonderful person that he is and how much that she loved him. And of course Reggie was the best thing that ever happened in her life. She was so proud of him and her eyes had a special light when she spoke his name. The ladies at Salbide will miss her visits because she always had us laughing when she came in. And, by the time she left, we had had a lesson on her Whitesburg Family tree. Elaine, we will miss you and the big "Cadillac"!! Gail Carnes

Gail Carnes - May 30, 2016 at 03:40 PM

PW

So sorry to hear this news. I have been out of town and just found out. Only took one trip with she and Ed but we laughed and had such a good time. She was one of a kind and it was a special one. Thoughts and prayers for Ed and Reggie.

Peggy Wilder - June 07, 2016 at 11:21 AM