



Elayne Marie Barlas

March 27, 1959 - June 23, 2016

ELAYNE BARLAS March 27, 1959 ~ June 23, 2016 Elayne Marie Barlas, 57, passed away June 23, 2016 in Camas, WA surrounded by family and friends after a year and half fight with Amyloidosis and Multiple Myeloma cancer. She was born on March 27, 1959 to Zachary and Mary Harris in Torrance, CA. Shortly thereafter, they relocated to Fresno, CA. Growing up here she graduated from high school and then beauty school, to work as a Hair Stylist. Years later, she met the man she would marry. Elayne and Harry Barlas got married on Oct 4, 1986 in Fresno, CA. They settled in Fremont, CA to raise their family in the home Harry built. After a family vacation to British Columbia, Canada and Washington State in 2000, Elayne was diagnosed with a rare form of Non-Hotchkins Lymphoma cancer; Elayne was victorious following a yearlong battle. The family then moved to Camas, WA in 2002. She was awestruck every day by the beauty this state had to offer and the peace of mind she had knowing her children were receiving great education. Eventually, Elayne sought to start her own business selling Greek Baklava, her mother-in-law's recipe. In the year 2004, that's exactly what she did. This was the start of what is now known as Getta Gyro, a very strong foundation to what already is a successful business venture. She created a family business that not only brought the family closer together, but was the glue that held it as such, which will still remain there even though she is gone. Elayne used this opportunity to not only help support her family, but also to give back to the community; giving young teenagers opportunities to work, giving scholarships

to those striving for further education, donating the company's services to certain events and functions, as well as any other place she deemed would be a worthy contribution. On top of giving to the community, she gave to many individuals as well. Many viewed Elayne as their second mother, whether meeting her once or multiple times her infectious smile, laugh, and loving nature drew them in. Naturally, in return she viewed them as her own children; an extension of her own family and treated them as such. This goes to show just how much influence she had and how many lives she touched. Before her second and final battle with cancer, she lived out her days frequenting walks in the neighborhood with family and friends, building her business, eating homemade popcorn and watching movies with her grandchildren, bursting out in dance at every opportunity, and enjoying all the other simple pleasures life has to offer. Among those fortunate enough to have lived among Elayne are her husband, Harry; children, Brianna, Adam, Lukas, and Philip; daughter-in-law, Mellissa; grandchildren, Nevaeh and Melodee; brothers, Tim and Denis; cousins, Desi and Barbara; her nephew, Aaron; and countless other in-laws, family members, loved ones and friends. She was preceded in death by her very dear niece, Alessandra and parents, Zachary and Mary Harris, whom lived their final days right next door to Elayne and family. A viewing will be held on June 30, 2016 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1101 NE 112th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98684. The funeral service will be held on July 1, 2016 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Cathedral, 3131 NE Glisan Portland, OR 97232. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at the following website:

<http://www.gofundme.com/elaynebarlas>. All proceeds will go towards cancer research and cure development. Please sign her guestbook at www.columbian.com/obits

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:57 PM

DH

“ Dear Harry...although I knew what your call was about this morning when I heard your message, we so appreciate you letting us know of Elayne's passing. I can't tell you how quickly Dean and I felt a "friendship" bond between us. You surely know Elayne and I shared some text messages back and forth and when I saw it was a message from her it always warmed my heart and made me smile. What a testament to a strong, strong woman she was. I will always remember her fondly. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. The obituary was very nice. Please take care! Blessings...

Dean & Marla Hills - July 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Barlas Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Elayne was such a wonderful mother and friend to all she touched. Always so positive and gave so much to the Camas community, both personally and professionally. She was definitely a bright spot in our lives ever since we met her and Harry through Dana and Kraig Carpenter. The last time we saw Elayne at Grace Church, she was still smiling, just like the beautiful picture in this guestbook. Such a beautiful spirit and gracious woman. I also had a chance to see your sons flourish at Camas High School and I know how proud of them she was. Elayne and Harry set such a positive example of how hard work and generosity can come back tenfold. We wish you peace through this difficult time and we will be thinking of you. The Barnes Family, Brad, Linda, Alex and Hanna.

July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *She always gave more than she took, with a continuous smile that radiated her love of others! She warmed my spirit when I was fortunate to be with her and has taught me more about life than I wanted to learn! She fought hard, loved her family beyond compare and emanated warmth! I always felt like I had a big hug when I was with her...I will really miss my hugs! She's embedded in my heart, and many other hearts, forever! Peace be with you Elayne!*

July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *R.I.P. Elayne. You will be missed, but never forgotten. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Marianne Spurlock - July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I knew Elayne for a relatively short time but she left a big impression on me. She made baklava for Christmas gifts for my friends, family & clients for the last 5 years. She called me last Christmas & was so apologetic that she was not feeling up to preparing the dozens of gifts that she usually prepared for me. I was so struck by how selfless & giving she was - thinking about disappointing me & those who looked forward to her wonderful baklava every Christmas. Elayne was a beautiful person - inside & out - and I treasure knowing her during her time here. I rejoice in knowing that Heaven is welcoming her.*

Cassie Crawford - July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Elayne was a great help to me when I first started working at Camas High School concessions. Season to season we would talk. Her love of family was profound. I wish for her to be remembered for her loving and giving spirit. My sincerest condolences to the entire Barlas family.

Pam Hagstrom - July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Dearest Ones (Harry and family), we grieve with you all in the loss of your loved one Elayne who touched our lives so wonderfully in the years that we knew her. She was truly a humble servant of the Lord who demonstrated her faith and love of Jesus Christ to all that knew her. She will be sorely missed. We look forward to that day when we will see her again in that new perfect body that Christ has adorned her with now. So we rejoice together with you in the knowledge that she is in His presence and that her earthly suffering has ceased. May Christ give His comfort to you all at this time. We love you dearly, friends.

Bob and Dacia Gillette - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Harry and family, on behalf of the Bakas family, our deepest condolences to you. We loved Elayne very much. We hold on to all the great memories we have of the Ranch years. We miss and love you! Andrea Bakas

June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Elayne, thanks for your friendship. You will be greatly missed. The time you shared with me at VFM, "POPS", will be cherished.

Murray and Candy Falk - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Harry & "kids": On behalf of the Berry family, I wanted to let you know how privileged we all felt to have known Elayne. From neighbors to fellow vendors, I always felt she was truly one of the nicest people I've ever known. Your whole family is. Please call on me if you ever need anything my friend.

Allan Berry - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ May God's loving touch be ever present with Elayne's beloved family. Family is a word that had no boundaries for Elayne, she embraced everyone she met and very genuinely loved all. You are so missed and ever shall be. May your memory be eternal.

Martha Andro - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ A bright light has gone out in our lives this week. It was such an honor to know Elayne Barlas! Her warm and caring personality radiated to family, friends and perfect strangers alike. Her capacity for empathy and kindness seemed boundless. She will be sorely missed! May her soul rest in the Peace of Christ!

Dave Kern - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ There are no words to express how heart broken we are to loss Elayne. May her memory be eternal.And,I pray God give comfort to her family. With Love Sophia

Sophia Stamatis - June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *My Dear Brother Harry and Family, Elayne was and is truly a beautiful soul in every aspect. She was a great blessing to us personally and to our entire family. There is no one in this world like her. You have been blessed abundantly by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to have her as you soul mate, companion, and wife. She is loved by many because she loved many. She is in a much better place and we will see her soon. We Love You and Your Family Bro!!! Claude and Cindy and family*

Claude & Cindy Garalde - June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Harry and children may you find comfort and strength in the Orthodox funeral hymn that states that Elayne is "know in a place where there is no more sickness, sighing or sorrow". Zoe se sas.*

Tim & Krisi Gong - June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *God rest her soul and may her memory be eternal. What a lovely lady. Our great pleasure to know her through the years. John and Bernice Marcoules*

June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Elayne will forever be in our hearts. Our prayers go out to Harry and family. God Bless, Mike & Mary Ellen Schultz*

Mike Mary Ellen Schultz - June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Elayne will always be in our hearts.*

Mike & Mary Ellen Schultz - June 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ For our sweet sister inlaw Elayne, her soulmate Harry, and their children and granddaughters. We were grateful to have seen and hugged you before your departure to Christ's Kingdom. Your love of family and friends is the legacy your life witnessed to all of us. Our children experienced your love and compassion, and you now join our sweet Alessandra along with all of our departed loved ones. Your faith in the Lord is the hope we share that you are restored and suffer no more Elayne. Your memory is forever enscribed in our hearts. "We love you and will sorely miss your beautiful spirit".
Memory Eternal sweet sister inlaw!

Deborah & Glen Barlas - June 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Dear Harry and family,

I am so very sorry to hear that you have lost your dear Elayne. While I knew her only briefly during our years together interacting through Holy Trinity Sunday School, I did capture her essence. And we are fellow Mid-Westerners. She was kind and effervescent, and I know that she loved her family greatly. I remember meeting her Mom, also. My prayers are with you, fellow Orthodox.

Katina

Katina Joannides - June 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Elayne. I haven't seen her in years, but have beautiful memories of her from high school, and other times after that when we got together. She was so very sweet, and so kind. I am so sorry for her family, and send many hugs and much love.

Pam Summerford (Bluem)

Pam Summerford-Bluem - June 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ For my loving family whom we are all beyond grief over loosing our very sweet Elayne Barlas Elayne I am missing you so very much and an having a very hard time dealing with you leaving us so soon. We talk always about how much fun we all had growing up together. All our camping trips and all our Sunday dinners after church at Grandma's house. We had a blessed childhood and that was because of you sweet lady. I love you with all my heart and will see you again in heaven, I hope you have your mom.dad, grandma,popo and all our other family and friends with you loving you , the only way I can deal with this is knowing you are happy, no sickness no more, have all your family with you. I know Harry will make you proud as he and your kids go on with life as I know you want them too. You my love was the most sweetest and kindest caring person I have ever known and this world has lost a very beautiful person way to early. I wanted to make it out there to see you but did not make it but I thought about you and all my family everyday. I know how much Denis and all your family are missing you and we will keep in touch as you watch over everyone. Please be happy in heaven and know you are missed and loved here always Love you Elayne my dear sweet cousin I love you forever

Debbie Harris waltersB - June 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM