



## Elaine Crosby Murphy

December 12, 1924 - August 8, 2020

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Online Live Stream Information: for those social distant or for your health and safety, arrangements have been made for the Celebration of Mass to be broadcast live on the YouTube Channel of the Church of St Ann, please click this link or copy and paste into your browser for access to the live stream:

<[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6G\\_0qRmFtUandfeature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6G_0qRmFtUandfeature=youtu.be)>

Elaine Crosby Murphy, 95, of Pennington, NJ, died on August 8, 2020. The third child of Emilie Morris and John Francis Crosby, Elaine was born in Great Neck, NY and reared between Chevy Chase, MD and Spring Lake, NJ.

She was a graduate of Georgetown Visitation Convent in Washington, DC and Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart in New York, NY.

After her marriage to Henry Brown Murphy in 1950, Elaine moved to Trenton, NJ, where she quickly became committed to her adopted city. She was the founder of, and primary donor to, the Mercer County Food Bank and, along with her husband, was the inspirational founder and primary donor of The Village Charter School in Trenton, NJ. Over the years, she was a volunteer at many other community organizations, including the Junior League of Trenton, Martin House, Mt. Carmel Guild and Morris Hall.

Elaine was predeceased by three brothers, John F. Crosby, Peter F. Crosby and James M. Crosby, and her beloved sister, Suzanne Crosby Murphy. In addition to her brother, William M. Crosby, she is survived by two daughters and three sons: Rosemary (Rusti) Murphy Kitts and her husband Stephen of Yardley, PA; Elaine Murphy Arnold and her husband Mark of Yardley, PA; Henry B. Murphy, Jr. and his wife Eileen of Princeton Junction, NJ; John C. Murphy and his wife Marcia of Coronado, CA; and Stephen M. Murphy of Coronado, CA. She is also survived by ten grandchildren: Stephen R. Kitts (Jill Simeone), Emilie Kitts Ricker (Aaron), Kathryn Kitts Ghent (Stephen) and Elizabeth Kitts Catino (Brian); Suzanne M. Arnold (Soadad al-Obide) and James M. Arnold; Kathleen B. Murphy (Yonatan Gat), John F. Murphy and Patrick H. Murphy; and John (Jack) C. Murphy, Jr. Four great-grandchildren also survive her: Ava and Stella Kitts, Declan Ricker and Lila Gat. She also leaves behind many adored nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 at M. William Murphy Funeral Home, 935 Parkway Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08618. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on August 12 at 1:00 PM p.m. in the Church of St. Ann, 1253 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. A private burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. Please visit [www.murphyfh.com](http://www.murphyfh.com) for additional information.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Village Charter School Fund, 101 Sullivan Way, Trenton, NJ 08628 or The Foundation of Morris Hall/St. Lawrence, 1 Bishops Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Murphy Funeral Home, 935 Parkway Ave., Ewing, NJ 08618  
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**AUG** **Mass** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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St. Ann Church  
1253 Lawrenceville Rd, Lawrenceville, NJ, US, 08648

# Comments

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“ Dear Murphy Family,

In the words of Elaine, " go out and play! " when your done working. For 26 years I knew your parents. Your Mom was delight. If I went into detail as a guy named Ryan Chernick used to say, and his brother Barry, you would like how I have been treated for 18 years since we sold. Why do you think I stay away? The baby was abused by many, her Mom saw it in my eyes. We did not want to sell, one person wanted out, and you all know who that is, he slanders me the most. I am not going to get into it, the baby has enough PTSD, because of him and his friends who got their way. I won \$48,301.60 in court, FEDERAL, by a sympathetic judge, who say your champion break down, he laughs, well there is a old saying, he who is laughed at laughs first, when the bum is brought before the thrown.

My girlfriend died, my Maggie May, I donot want no more tears, for the roses she deserved. I donot eat, where I am not welcome, and I dono0t drink with people who really are a problem, I am leaving soon, no one can stop it, and if they try their is someone like

Barlow and Lennox to put them in their place. I am sorry I left you all in 2002, when the family listens to nobodies, that is why the business after Joe left, went sour like the wine.

The ones who say, " he corrupted me! " You corrupted yourself, you taught me not the other way round, and I had the good sense to put distance between my legit business and yours that is not. People, who lie about people, payroll checks don't lie, and neither do pictures I took, that the fake objected to. I love you all!

Pete Lieggi

It was Beth Cox, who saved my life in 1986-1987, no one else.



Pete Lieggi - August 15, 2020 at 11:12 AM

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Pete Lieggi - August 15, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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“ “Elaine went out gracefully. She had loving family and friends, she had all the company she wanted. If Elaine wanted to find out something, you’d get the question right between your eyes! That’s the way she was. She didn’t mince her words. She really was a people person. She was warm to everyone, warm to all. I’d always say to her ‘this is your baby brother and she knew who that was’. How lucky I was to have two such marvelous sisters. They were very giving to others, especially those in need. When something great was achieved, Elaine would say ‘it was mostly Suzanne’ and Suzanne would say ‘it was mostly Elaine.’ Suzanne and Elaine are having a good reunion upstairs.”

-Bill Crosby

Susan Elaine Crosby - August 12, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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“ Rusti, Elaine, Henry, John, and Stephen,  
My heart goes out to you on this sad occasion. Working for dad when I was younger in college was an impactful experience in my development and maturity. I am most grateful. All the more reason to celebrate one another as we advance in our years! Please contact me.  
Great love,  
Bob Carson  
Scituate, Massachusetts  
diamondparachute@gmail.com

Robert D Carson Jr - August 12, 2020 at 10:22 AM

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“ John & Michael Franzoni purchased the Bountiful Memories Casket Spray for the family of Elaine Crosby Murphy.



John & Michael Franzoni - August 12, 2020 at 06:50 AM

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“ My amazing mother-in-law and friend , you were a force of nature, perhaps the real 8th wonder of the world, a generous heart. We had a few giggles. I will miss you

Marcia Murphy - August 11, 2020 at 05:38 PM



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Susan Elaine Crosby - August 12, 2020 at 10:59 AM

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“ To Mark and Family,  
My sincere condolences to everyone. Elaine and I have shared many wonderful moments together at Morris Hall, Incarnation Church & The Altar Rosary Society Breakfasts. She was a beautiful, caring person and always eager to help. I will miss her gentle ways.

Diana Ionata - August 11, 2020 at 03:06 PM

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“ Komjathy & Kean LLC, AI, Eileen & Diane purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Elaine Crosby Murphy.



Komjathy & Kean LLC, AI, Eileen & Diane - August 11, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ My beloved aunt and godmother, Aunt Elaine, so glad you are reunited with Uncle Henry and mom now and so many others who loved and adored you. Your wonderful warmth, sense of humor, joyous laugh and deep concern for others were a gift to us all. Emilie

**Emilie Murphy** - August 10, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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“ My Fairy Godmother! Always were and always will be! Happy to know you are with your beloved husband (my other Dad)!

Forever in my heart, Fernie

**Fern Randelman** - August 10, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ I had been thinking of Elaine lately. We were Church friends. Loved seeing her every week, smiling and looking sharp, in her beautiful outfits. She loved talking football with my tall, handsome son and he was very fond of her. Blessings, Jane, Corey

**Jane Schweizer** - August 10, 2020 at 09:44 AM