



## Elayne Stalzer

September 30, 1921 - December 3, 2009

Elayne Stalzer, age 88, of Carroll, Iowa, died unexpectedly on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at her residence. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M., Monday, December 7, 2009, at Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Father Timothy Johnson. The casket will be taken to the church at 8:30 A.M. Monday to lie in state until the time of the funeral mass. Lector will be Monica Kruse. Gift Bearers will be Mrs. Stalzer's children, Jim Busche, Georgia Bizal, Jane Heithoff, and Joyce Chastain. Mass Servers will be Jessica and Danielle Schultes. Eucharistic Ministers will be Leon and Florence Oswald. The Carroll Catholic Daughters of America will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Casket Bearers will be Andrea Chastain, Danielle Chastain, Stephanie Frome, Boyd Frome, Dan Heithoff, Tom Heithoff, and Mark Montgomery. Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 P.M. Sunday. A rosary will be prayed at 4 P.M. Sunday by the Carroll Catholic Daughters of America. There will be a Christian wake service at 7 P.M. Sunday by Holy Spirit Parish. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or church for Holy Spirit Parish or the Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation. Mrs. Stalzer was born on September 30, 1921, at Ute, Iowa, the daughter of Lewis E. and Carrie (Welte) Montgomery. At the age of 6 her family moved to Carroll where she attended Saint Peter and Paul School and graduated from St. Angela Academy. Following high school Elayne worked as a bookkeeper for the Dolezal Insurance Agency in Carroll. On October 25, 1949, she was married to George J. Busche at Saint Peter

and Paul Church. Mr. Busche died in May 1983. On May 25, 1984, she was married to Anthony Stalzer at Holy Spirit Church. Elayne was a homemaker and in later years worked as a bookkeeper for Holy Spirit School. She was a member of Holy Spirit Parish, Parish Ladies Guild, Adult Choir, and Funeral Choir. She was also a member of the Catholic Daughters of America serving as Treasurer, and was a 4-H Leader for forty years. Elayne enjoyed her family, her cats, sewing, music, cooking, and her rose bushes and flowers. Survivors include her son, Jim Busche and his wife Madhu Grover of Hong Kong, China; her daughters, Georgia Bizal of St. Joseph, Missouri, Jane Heithoff and her husband Myron of Carroll, and Joyce Chastain and her husband Dr. C.B. of Columbia, Missouri; grandchildren, Andrea Chastain, Danielle Chastain, Stephanie Frome and her husband Boyd, Dan Heithoff, Tom Heithoff, and Ashna Shah; brothers, Ed Montgomery of Carroll, and Dr. Louis Montgomery and his wife Mary of Waterloo; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Montgomery of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Helen Quinn of Carroll, and Maxine Busche of Carroll; a brother-in-law, Del Farrell of Carroll; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, George J. Busche; her parents; a sister, Mildred Howard; and brothers, Del Montgomery and Everett Montgomery.

# Tribute Wall

MI

“ Jane, Joyce, Georgia and Jim - Aunt Elayne was a tremendous lady to all of us. We - Jenn, Joseph, Matt and I - always looked forward to seeing her when we came to Carroll to visit Nana and Grandpa. It won't be the same without her. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Megan Inman** - December 07, 2009 at 12:24 PM

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“ I extent my sincere sympathy to all of Elaine's family. Elayne and I were associated because of our membership in the Catholic Daughters of America. Elayne's contribution throughout the years as an officer and member has been a valuable asset to Court St. Rose of Lime #6. Because I reside in Texas during the winter, I will be unable to participate in any of the services, however I will be with the Court in spirit and prayer. In Unity and Charity, Kaye Stock, District Deputy

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**Kaye Stock** - December 05, 2009 at 09:44 PM

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“ When I heard the news that we lost our Auntie (E)Layne I felt that I lost a huge part of my childhood. I have so many great memories of spending time with her, Uncle George, and my Busche cousins. She will definitely be missed! I am praying for all of you!

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**Marge Von Bon** - December 04, 2009 at 11:47 AM

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“ I don't know where to start. My Auntie Layne has been there my whole life. She shared every birthday and Christmas when we were growing up.  
She stood on the front porch with Mom after Daddy died and waved us on our way. She stood on the front porch and cried with us when we had to sell the house. She visited Mom every week when she was at the Health Center.  
Last night all I could think about was that this couldn't have happened, because she has to open the doors on her Advent Calendar.  
I hope everyone is so fortunate that they were gifted with an Auntie Layne.

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**Carole Inman** - December 04, 2009 at 11:35 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will really miss our "Auntie Elayne".  
We love you all.  
Gloria Brown

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**Gloria Brown** - December 04, 2009 at 10:48 AM