



Elaine F. Martin

January 7, 1969 - August 3, 2024

Elaine Fay (Faus) Martin of Newmanstown, 55, passed away early in the morning on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, after two and a half years of battling stage four melanoma. She passed peacefully in the arms of her husband and surrounded by her six children. She lived a beautiful life, wholly dedicated to God and her family. Nelson and Elaine had celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on June 9th.

Born on January 7, 1969, in Lebanon, she was the daughter of the late Florence and Abram Faus. Elaine was a musician who performed for over 20 years as the bass player in the Celtic Martins with her family. Through the band, she and the family brought their music to audiences across the United States and into Canada. Elaine always put ministry first, aiming to bring others the light of Jesus through her music and volunteering. She was a member of Tri-County Worship Center, where she played bass on the worship team, and she was a volunteer with Align Life Ministries and former volunteer at On-Fire Youth Ministry. She was an artist who taught watercolor painting for a number of years at Tapestry Homeschool Co-op in Lancaster County.

Elaine poured her life into her family. She homeschooled her six children over the span of 27 years and was instrumental in helping them find their way. She emphasized their musical and art education through finding them tutors. She was an avid gardener and lover of the outdoors, and she loved to spend time

with her growing family on a number of adventures.

Remaining to cherish her memory is her husband, Nelson Martin, and her children: Emily and her husband Elijah Roeder of Lebanon, Melissa and her husband Ben Hagy of Myerstown, Brian and his wife Emilie (Geib) Martin of Lebanon, Christine and her husband Laverne King of Ephrata, Zachary and his wife Hannah (Hurst) Martin of Newmanstown, and Alexander Martin of Newmanstown. Elaine was blessed with ten grandchildren. She was the youngest, with seven siblings: Grace and her husband Donald Hollinger of Myerstown, Allen Faus and his wife Carol of Rock Stream, NY, Daniel Faus and his wife Lorraine of Waterloo, NY, Esther wife of the late Ken Mast of Penn Yan, NY, Jon Faus and his wife Mary of Reading, Elizabeth (Beth) and her husband Vernon Mast of Heron, MT, and Rose and her husband Nathan Overholt of Russellville, KY.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024, at Tri-County Worship Center, 1501 Schubert Rd., Bethel, PA 19507. There will be a viewing from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Worship Center and 9:00-10:00 a.m. Friday morning. There will be no viewing from 10 a.m. to the start of the service. Interment will follow the service in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Align Life Ministries, P.O. Box 707, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Jonestown, is honored to serve the family.

Cemetery Details

Tri-County Worship Center Cemetery

1501 Schubert Rd.
Bethel, PA 19507

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Tri-County Worship Center
1501 Schubert Rd.
Bethel, PA

Public Viewing

AUG 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tri-County Worship Center
1501 Schubert Rd.
Bethel, PA

Public Viewing

AUG 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Tri-County Worship Center
1501 Schubert Rd.
Bethel, PA

Funeral Service

AUG 9. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Tri-County Worship Center
1501 Schubert Rd.
Bethel, PA

Tribute Wall

NK

“ Our sincere condolences to the Martin family. Elaine has been welcomed into the arms of God and will be in your hearts, watching and guiding her family forever. Lovely, talented, loving and caring, her smiles will be missed. May you be comforted with many sweet and happy memories. God Bless and keep Elaine.

Bob & Nancy Kain

Nancy Kain - August 09, 2024 at 02:41 PM

RK

“ Elaine was a most loving wife and mother; Nelson and her family were most fortunate. Whether musically, or artistically, Elaine was loaded with talent, and was quick and persistent in sharing those/her talents; we all that knew her benefited greatly. We all will miss her, and the fruits of her all too short life.

Randy Kot - August 09, 2024 at 07:00 AM



“ SHE WILL BE MISSED AND LIVE MUSIC WILL BE MISSED STILL HAVE CDS OF YOUR MUSIC TO LISTEN TOO AGAIN SHE WILL BE MISSED AND YOUR LIVE MUSIC.

Bart Swavely - August 07, 2024 at 06:29 PM

VV

“ Our condolences to the whole family . Elaine is now in Lord Jesus Christ's care. We loved the family performances. We talked to Elaine and family members last time at Kutztown. We went to venues specifically to see their programs. The whole family is greatly talented. We will miss her. I bought a watercolor painting of a local church which Elaine painted. I have it on my wall to remind me of her. God bless the whole family with grace and peace! We hope to see the family continue with their talented efforts at some point soon. Violet Vanderhelm & Dr. Michael Cooney - Hillsborough, NJ

Violet Vanderhelm - August 07, 2024 at 01:43 PM

KD

“ To Nelson and the very precious Martin family. What a blessing it has been to be a friend to Elaine. We have so often told her what a gift she is and how we appreciate her. Even when there was sad news she bravely walked forward, encouraging others. Praying for all of you. Ken and Lorette

Ken and Lorette Danielowski - August 06, 2024 at 07:51 PM

KK

“ To Nelson and family our deepest thoughts and prayers and condolences to you and your family we are so sorry for your loss May God comfort you and your family in the upcoming days

Kathy Keller and Harold Zeller and KKelly - August 06, 2024 at 06:40 PM

MS

“ It is a great shock to read about Elaines' passing. She was a wonderful and warm, always friendly person. The music she made, made my day. So many times I used to purchase Kutztown Folk Festival tickets just so I could see the band. She was an excellent musician and brought so much joy with her music. She will be missed by all her fans.



Margitta Stevens - August 06, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ My husband & I really enjoyed all of your concerts we attended. I always wondered why there was an electric bass being played instead of an upright bass! But hearing Elaine play so expertly was the answer to my question! As we got to learn more about her we saw what a remarkable Christian woman she was. She pored her heart, soul, & energy into each family member. My father played the mandolin in an old-timers band. I always think of him reuniting with other musicians. They could use a bass player!! Until you all meet her again, we will keep your family in our prayers. James & Katie McGinnis

Ellen Katie Shaiebly-McGinnis - August 06, 2024 at 11:28 AM

VC

“ Vernon & Beth and the Montana cousins purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elaine F. Martin.



Vernon & Beth and the Montana cousins - August 06, 2024 at 10:22 AM

LA

“ Lyle A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Elaine F. Martin.



Lyle A. - August 06, 2024 at 09:24 AM

TS

“ Nelson & Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Elain's passing. I truly enjoyed working with your family for the Ringgold Band concert in 2011. Her passion for her family and your music was very apparent.

Tom Shade - August 06, 2024 at 09:21 AM

RK

“ Randy Kot purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Elaine F. Martin.



Randy Kot - August 05, 2024 at 06:49 PM

RK

“ Randy Kot planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine F. Martin.

Randy Kot - August 05, 2024 at 06:49 PM

MT

“ Elaine was an amazing person I remember my friend Rachel and I would hang out with their daughter Christine growing up. Elaine was an amazing mom to them and a great friend with that. Our coffee trip and talking for a few hours were great and I will cherish it greatly and our talks about God and Jesus, even though she knew I wasn't much of a talker about Christianity or religion at that; but i loved how she talked about them to me and how much she loved sharing her knowledge and wisdom. She will be very missed for sure! ❤️

Morgan Trella - August 05, 2024 at 06:04 PM

PR

Elaine was amazing, her and I canned salsa last summer she will always hold a special place in my heart. You will be missed very much by me.

Pat Rowe - August 05, 2024 at 08:13 PM

HP

Dear Nelson and family. we were so shocked to see that your lovely wife and Mother has passed away . we always went to the kutztown festival to make sure we saw this amazing family that is so talented . God bless you all we send our deepest sympathies to you all . . As each child got old enough they were playing music . they taught each child and those kids are all so talented because Elaine and Nelson are such good parents . Elaine would never forget us when we got there , she was all smiles when she would see us and talk to us , everyone is surely going to miss you I pray the family will continue with the shows Elaine would want it that way., Elaine we love you and we will miss you . May you REST IN Peace. God be with the family . you have such a beautiful family and now such beautiful grandchildren. I pray they will carry on the name and play those instruments.. Love friends Hazel and Jim Pepe, Wyoming, Penna .

Hazel Pepe - August 08, 2024 at 11:42 PM

IM

“ Ivan Martin purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Elaine F. Martin.



Ivan Martin - August 05, 2024 at 05:48 PM

DH

“ Phil and I have lots of precious memories with Elaine and family. Phil was a guitar teacher for Nelson and his girls. Then Nelson and family came to Hosanna Church- and we met the whole family, and spent lots of fun time together. I was known as Grandma Harnly and Phil was Uncle Phil. We came to many of their concerts and I got to play with the young Martins while the older ones were in the band .Our favorite concert was Kutztown Festival over my birthday, then they would celebrate with me at their home. Elaine passed on some of her home-schooling knowledge to our daughter, Dawn, who home schooled her 4 boys. Elaine and I would keep up with each other by emails once we moved out to Arizona. But I felt a need to talk to her a week ago. So glad I did. She was a very special young lady- who gave herself gladly to those around her- not only her family but those of us who knew her. She was a Godly, inspirational woman. And I am so grateful to have known her. <3

Darlene Harnly - August 05, 2024 at 03:04 PM

IV

“ Indy and Tom Vormbrock purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Elaine F. Martin.



Indy and Tom Vormbrock - August 05, 2024 at 01:30 PM

IV

“ *Indy and Tom Vormbrock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine F. Martin.*

Indy and Tom Vormbrock - August 05, 2024 at 01:30 PM

UM

“ *U.S. AMEN Ministry purchased the Pink Tribute S pray for the family of Elaine F. Martin.*



U.S. AMEN Ministry - August 05, 2024 at 01:21 PM

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“ *U.S. AMEN Ministry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine F. Martin.*

U.S. AMEN Ministry - August 05, 2024 at 01:21 PM