



Elizabeth Howard Owings

November 12, 1953 - January 6, 2012

Elizabeth Howard Owings, 58, died January 6, 2012 at the Hospice of Queen Anne's in Centreville, MD from complications related to cancer. Prior to her stay at the hospice center, Ms. Owings lived in the Crossroads Community, a Centreville-based non-profit organization assisting those with chronic mental illness.

In a July, 2011 article in the Queen Anne's Record-Observer, Ms. Owings expressed her appreciation for the facility: "It's really an answer from God," she said. "I've never been to a place so nice . . . there's so much privacy and peace." Liz, as she was known to family and friends, was born on November 12, 1953 in Baltimore. After living aboard a sailboat for a year, homeschooling and adventuring with her family between the Chesapeake Bay and the Bahamas, she moved to a Millington-area farm in the mid 1960s. She graduated from Chestertown High School and attended nursing school at Villanova University until she was forced to withdraw by the mental illness that plagued her throughout her adult life.

Liz's placid blue eyes and soft voice revealed the gentle and innocent spirit that fell prey to her persistent schizophrenia. In conversation a few days prior to taking her last breath, Liz was asked what kind of shows she liked to watch on television. "I like shows about ice cream and cake," she answered.

Liz is predeceased by her mother, Mary Frances Owings, and her brother, Richard Dorsey Owings. She is survived by her father, Meredith Dorsey Owings of Millington, MD; her sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Dennis Forney, of Lewes, Delaware; her brother, Samuel Sheridan Owings, of Chestertown, MD; and a sister-in-law, Gail Webb Owings.

A memorial service for Ms. Owings will be held at noon on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the Crossroads Community at 120 Banjo Lane, Centreville, MD 21617. For those wishing to remember Ms. Owings, the family suggests donations to the Crossroads Community or to the Hospice of Queen Anne's at 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Crossroads Community
120 Banjo Lane
Centreville, MD 21617

Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth Howard Owings*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Elizabeth Howard Owings*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Elizabeth Howard Owings*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Rhonda Knotts lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Howard Owings*



Rhonda Knotts - January 15, 2012 at 04:42 PM



“ *Having Liz as a friend was one of the best parts of my high school experience. She was so special. I too have thought of her often over the years. Heaven has an angel now, and she is beautiful. Goodby Liz.*

Pam Bailey Halliwell

Pamela Bailey Halliwell - January 11, 2012 at 04:35 PM

MA

“ I remember Liz from our high school years as a gentle and kind person. Looking at her Senior picture today, I am also reminded of her smile. Eternal rest to her, O Lord.

Mary Ann Blakeney Abeska - January 10, 2012 at 07:08 PM

PE

“ Patti Eason lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Howard Owings



Patti Eason - January 10, 2012 at 08:57 AM

EF

“ To Liz’s family: For someone who was “out of touch” with her classmates and vice versa, for the past 40 years, everyone recalls the same thing ... quiet, sweet, lovely, smart... she remains vivid in people’s memory. I hope there is some comfort in that.

Liz Fleetwood

Elizabeth E. Fleetwood - January 09, 2012 at 08:11 PM

CH

“ I loved what everyone else has written. I don’t think I could say anything any better, but just wanted to go on record as saying that I felt like I had won that prize, too, that Barbara made reference to below, whenever I was around her. I was also glad to read some of the words that Liz had said; they were a real comfort.

Cheryl Sutton Hoopes - January 09, 2012 at 07:54 PM

EF

“ I’m staring at the computer screen trying to think of the right thing to say about Liz but there was nothing right about her life. She deserved better. She deserved more. Maybe she has it now.

Liz Fleetwood

Elizabeth E. Fleetwood - January 09, 2012 at 06:45 PM

BG

“ Liz’s quiet spirit, captivating smile, and sincere friendship made me feel better when I was around her...like I had won a prize. I remember how her toes pointed in when she stood in the sand at Ocean City; I thought it made her innocent appeal even more evident. Beautiful memories, like her beauty, will live vividly in my memory. I hope she is now at peace.

Barbara (Cooper) Gorrow - January 09, 2012 at 05:25 PM

PN

“ I remember when Liz joined our 5th grade class. She was a lovely girl, very creative and gentle. May she rest in peace.

Patti Hickman

Patti Hickman Nelson - January 09, 2012 at 04:29 PM

DP

“ I have thought of Liz many times since high school. She was pretty, smart and sweet. May she know the peace in death that seemed to elude her in life. She will forever live in my heart. Heaven is richer because of you.

Diane Painter - January 09, 2012 at 01:15 PM

JJ

“ Liz was a light that shone brightly with a gentle spirit and a captivating smile. Her signature was always followed by a little flower drawn so neatly.

Jackie Johnson

Jackie Johnson - January 09, 2012 at 01:15 PM

CK

“ Many fond memories of Liz in her high school days. She was a beautiful and gentle friend.

Chris (Carter) Karman - January 09, 2012 at 11:47 AM



“ Deb Langrell lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Howard Owings



Deb Langrell - January 09, 2012 at 11:39 AM

KC

“ Kathy Crew lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Howard Owings



Kathy Crew - January 07, 2012 at 05:32 PM