



Elizabeth Payant

October 9, 1925 - October 9, 2005

"Elizabeth Payant"

SUN CITY WEST, Ariz. - Elizabeth Lee Payant, 80, died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, in Sun City West.

Liz grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

She has had successful careers as a registered nurse, a realtor in Detroit, and an author. Living in Sun City West with her husband, William Payant, she worked as a reporter for The Wester, wrote poetry, published one humorous book about family life and squirrels and was working on another about life in nursing school.

She is survived by her husband, William Payant; her sister, Dawn "Gail" Wellnitz of Kingsford and her brother, Pat Lee of Milwaukee. She and her husband, Bill shared 14 children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford.

Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Elizabeth Lee Payant online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron

Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SS

“Liz Lee Payant was my godmother and one of the zestiest people I have ever met in my life. Were it not for her I probably would not be on this planet for she introduced my father to my mother in the mid 1950s. Liz must have known something about chemistry because she made a good match.

Dad was Liz's cousin and he and his brother John (Buck) Stewart had the best of times with Liz and her sister Gail. They must have been quite a foursome, tearing things up in the early 1950s.

Through the years we all enjoyed Liz's writings: from her annual Christmas verses to the special things she wrote on important occasions such as my mom and dad's 25th anniversary. Last year when I heard she had written a book I sought out a couple copies and we enjoyed it.

She was a wonderful, energetic person.

I am a big fan of the cinema and when I lose a family member I tend to think of them in terms of a film star. My dad, for example, reminded me of Humphrey Bogart.

With Liz, it seems to me that her spirit and zest was captured by an actress like Maureen O'Hara. Feisty, full of life and never willing to back down.

My dad died almost 10 years ago, but my mother continues on. Both of us send our deepest sympathies to the entire family of Liz. My godmother was a special person. A light has gone out in the world.

Peace.

Shawn Sensiba
Wauwatosa, Wis.

Shawn Sensiba - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My deepest sympathies on Liz's death. I felt compelled to say something in tribute. She was a special person with a joy in life that I have rarely seen. But I also know she lived a full life and I hope the gentle way she slipped away offers a little comfort. Mom and I both send our best wishes.*

Shawn Sensiba

Shawn Sensiba - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM