



## Eloise Stalk

August 2, 1931 - October 7, 2020

She has planted trees of life that will live on her legacy. May you soar with angel's wings in Heaven and shine down upon your offspring.

Eloise Stalk, 89, of Portsmouth, RI, passed away Wednesday (October 7, 2020) at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

Born in Eros, Louisiana on August 2, 1931, Eloise was the daughter of the late John and Irene (Thornell) Costin and the oldest of 6 children; four deceased sisters, Melba, Gloria, Diane, and Becky and one surviving brother, Donald Costin (Ruth) of Mel Rouge, Louisiana.

Eloise was a loving and devoted wife to U.S. Army Captain Johnson Theodore Stalk for 63 years. Eloise married Johnson Stalk in September 1957, and upon his discharge from the Army, they lived in New Britain, CT from 1957 to 1963.

In June 1963, she moved to Rochester, NY and resided there until 1999. During this time, she founded Eloise Stalk & Associates (1969). Eloise ran a successful business specializing in antique show promotions, estate sale management and personal property appraisals for over 25 years. Eloise became recognized as the largest and most regarded antique show promoter in upstate New York. She was well respected by a number of fortune 500 companies in Rochester for her vast knowledge and expertise in the field.

From 1973 to 1976, Eloise served as President of the Genesee Valley Antique Dealers Association.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother and grandmother, Eloise was a devoted member of the Asbury First United Methodist Church in Rochester, NY from 1963-1999. She served as a Sunday school teacher and Store House representative. Eloise's name was embroidered on a quilt honoring her decades of contribution to Asbury.

Upon retirement in December 1999, she and Johnson moved to Portsmouth, RI and resided there to present. Eloise continued her faithful work and became a member of the First Congregational Church in Bristol, RI where she organized and directed their church bazaar for many years which raised record donations. Lastly, she was a long-time member of the Women's Guild which provided fund raising and charity work for the church.

Eloise thoroughly enjoyed family time, cooking/baking, sailing (first mate), traveling abroad with Johnson, and caring for her garden of abundant flowers. Eloise is survived by her husband Johnson T. Stalk; three sons, Brett (Pat) Stalk of Unionville, CT; Bryan (Daisy) Stalk of Pittsford, NY; and Darren Stalk of Tonganoxie, Kansas; and her daughter, Celeste (Scott) Stalk Ortenzio of Hummelstown, PA. Eloise is also survived by her grandchildren, Kristi (Eric) Kohl of Webster, NY, Kaitlyn Stalk of Brooklyn, NY, Andrew (Kelsey) Stalk and Eloise's great grandson, George Elliott of Plymouth, MI, Carrie Stalk of Brooklyn, NY, Michael (Kristie) McDonald of Crestview, FL, and Mary Margaret Hawkins of Denham Springs, LA; and many dear relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at Fairview Cemetery, New Britain Connecticut on Monday (October 19, 2020) at 11 AM. There will be no calling hours due to Covid-19. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 35 Cold Spring Road, Suite 412, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

120 Smalley Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KV

“ I am very lucky to have had Eloise as my aunt. She lit up the room and had a way of always making people feel, welcome, like royalty, and loved. One of my favorite memories is of the summer my daughter Jessica and I visited Eloise, Johnson, and Celeste on the Vineyard. What a treat! Swimming. Fishing. Lounging on the front porch. Eating. And boy did we eat. Eloise and Johnson would spend hours harvesting clams for the night's feast of stuffies. We would lose count of how many we ate. Of course it was inconceivable to buy clams...only the best would do. Then there was the summer I visited and she drove me to horseback riding lessons every day, even though she had 4 kids of her own to wrangle. There's not enough space here to hold all the warm memories that I'll never forget.  
Sending love and peace to all the family.  
Karen

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**Karen Voloshin** - October 20, 2020 at 09:48 AM

KB

“ Eloise will always have a piece of my heart. When I lost my mom (I was 36) she was the one who was ALWAYS there for me.. she was the one who was there when I had questions about the kids... she was the one I could confide in, cry to, celebrate with. Mom, words can not describe the loss in my heart yet I also feel you with me everyday. You are missed but your love and legacy live on.... until I see you again ❤️❤️

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**karen Barner** - October 17, 2020 at 09:40 PM

JS

“ Your “sunshine smile” was the light of my life and will sustain me to the end of my time!

Your loving Husband, Johnson

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**johnson stalk** - October 17, 2020 at 04:58 PM

DV

“ I had the privilege and pleasure of working with Eloise on church bazaars at First Congregational Church in Bristol and considered her a friend. She made the process fun-even though it was a lot of work! I want to send my love to John and the whole family. She was incredible and will be missed. Dyan Vaughan

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**Dyan Vaughan** - October 17, 2020 at 07:56 AM

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“ We loved Eloise. We already miss her greatly. We will also miss our talks. She was such a wonderful and loving person. We know she is now in pain free peace and will wait for us to join her. Love, Linda and Zack

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**Linda Ortenzio** - October 15, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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We also wanted to send our condolences to the family !!

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**Linda Ortenzio** - October 15, 2020 at 07:38 PM

KK

“ I have never had the honor to meet you, nor to create a memory of our own. I have two brothers of my own. Your son's Bryan and Darren are both two of the greatest guys that I have met. They are a true testament to you as a Mother and a strong woman. I can only imagine them as young boys. RIP Mrs. Stalk.

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**Kimberly Kennerson** - October 15, 2020 at 06:14 PM

BW

“ Mrs Stalk ... I had no idea of all that you accomplished in your life, but I knew you had to be someone quite special because you are Darren's Momma and he is quite a good man. Rest In Peace, sweet lady ....

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**Bonnie Ward** - October 15, 2020 at 05:13 PM

AR

“ Eloise... aka "mom" was truly a second mom to me. She was an amazing, wife, mother, business person, friend and human. She welcomed me into her family as her un-adopted 4th son. For sure I was a constant, probably many times too constant a fixture hanging around the Stalk household-- Yet she never seemed to mind even after as a hungry teenager I proceeded to clean out the frig. I loved sailing with her, JT and the rest of the family and so many Cape Cod stories. Its been a few years since I last saw her but the memories I have of her will last my lifetime. I read a quote once that has struck with me...

*Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the mind of others and the stories they share about you. 'Shannon L. Alder"*

*Eloise carved her names on all our hearts. You will be missed forever. Godspeed.*

*Adrian Rand*

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**Adrian Rand** - October 15, 2020 at 03:26 PM

BR

*Adrian that was so nice to say and man we had som fun, bryan*

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**bryan** - October 15, 2020 at 05:23 PM