



## Elissa Cottle

July 15, 1959 - October 29, 2021

Elissa Ann Cottle, age 62, of Stillwater, passed away on October 29th. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dawn Margulies; and brother, Barton Cottle. She is survived by sons, Lucas Schumacher, Jesse LaVercombe; father, Richard Cottle; sister-in-law, Yanling Cottle; nephew, Richie Cottle; half-sister, Rebecca Epstein; and aunt, Evelyn Cottle Raedler. She studied journalism at the University of Iowa and received her Master's in Creative Writing from Hamline University. She brought dedication and joy to her many endeavors as a journalist, a community organizer, a creative writing teacher, a professional editor, and as the Literary Arts Coordinator for The Zephyr Theatre in Stillwater. Above all, she was a fiercely loving mother and aunt. Her first book of poetry, *The Receiving Quilt*, was published by Shipwreckt Books weeks before her passing, but with time for her to give many private readings to students, friends, and family. A private family service and burial will be held Friday, November 12th. A public memorial service will follow on Friday, November 12th at the Zephyr Theatre in Stillwater, 601 Main St. N., at 2:30 pm. A Zoom link to watch the service will be available on the Zephyr website, [www.stillwaterzephyrtheatre.org](http://www.stillwaterzephyrtheatre.org). Memorials preferred to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and the Zephyr Theater.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 12. 2:30 PM (CT)

Stillwater Zephyr Theatre

601 Main St. N.

Stillwater, MN 55082

<http://www.stillwatersephyrtheatre.org>

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Cottle family. Another loss is so very sad.*  
*Dede Zidel Wolfson*

Dede Wolfson - November 11, 2021 at 12:47 PM

MK

“ *Elissa was my witness at my wedding to David 17 years ago. Her birthday was July 15 and our wedding was July 16. So every year we celebrated her birthday followed by our wedding anniversary. I will miss her fabulous sense of humor and her love of life . She never complained even though she had so many health issues. She taught me to pursue what I wanted even through many obstacles. She was a problem solver and seemed always to find away to accomplish what she wanted to do. I will miss her honesty and her caring personality.* *Michealyn Kvasnik*

Michealyn Kvasnik - November 07, 2021 at 06:43 PM

LY

“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of Elissa, a wonderfully creative and compassionate individual who touched the lives of so many. Elissa will be forever remembered and sorely missed.*

*Louise Yim*

Louise Yim - November 07, 2021 at 11:21 AM

LS

“ *I was so sad to read this. I adored Elissa. I will never forget when she brought her nephew to my house and we took him to the park. May her memory be a blessing always.*

Laurie Savran - November 06, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Alissa's family. It's very difficult to lose a loved one.*  
*Evelyn was in my brother's and my carpool at Mt. Zion Temple in St. Paul when it was on Holly and Avon. Both our families lived on Portland Ave.*  
*Lanie (rhymes with Janie) Paymar*  
*My husband and I kept our names.*

Lanie Paymar - November 06, 2021 at 10:24 AM