



APRIL 3, 1940 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

Eloise (Mrs. Dielman to most), was a gentle soul with a green thumb who touched many lives in positive and lasting ways. At age thirteen, on the occasion of her eighth grade graduation from Sunnyside, a two-room country schoolhouse, her teacher typed a prophetic note that personifies the woman we all love.



Eloise:

Knowing you as I believe I do, I am sure you will not let what I am about to put on paper go to your head; therefore, since I believe in giving flowers to the living, I will tell you what I think of you.

In my opinion, you are probably the best eighth grade student with whom it has ever been my privilege to work. Working with people such as you is what makes teaching a real pleasure.

You are smart, but not a smarty. Never have you ever given me the impression that you have believed yourself to be better than others. Your wonderful disposition, your ability, plus your willingness to use it, makes you stand out as exceptional.

As you have heard me say, we need leaders. Anyone can follow. I am sure that the years ahead will find you--not following--but leading.

Good luck.

CBG



Thanks
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Our sincerest appreciation to everyone for all of your beautiful messages.

The Dielman Family,
Gary, Katrina & Nels

Please take a moment to view photos of Eloise and share your personal recollections at nelsdrums.com/personal/eloise-dielman

PHOTOS: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PORTRAIT, VALEDICTORIAN (SWEET HOME, OREGON, 1958), LAWN CHAIR (WEST LAWFAYETTE, INDIANA, 1970), FAMILY PORTRAIT (IOWA CITY, IOWA, 1966), TYPED NOTE FROM SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/TEACHER C. B. GILCHRIST (1954).