

# Elna Elaine Brown Watts

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I cannot begin to express how very dear Elna, your beautiful mother, was to me. We became best friends and neighbors when we moved next door to each other on Downington and for as long as we were able to see each other those feeling remained. She was lovely in every way and leaves such a wonderful legacy. Lynn’s and my condolences go to each of her fine family. She was so loved by so many and will be missed. Our love to each of you, Carole & Lynn

- Carole Williams

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The first recollection I have of meeting Elna was when she gave a ride to her son Mark for his (?) paper route. She was uniquely happy and beautiful. Her face seemed to smile, even when she didn't smile. Little did I know that in the coming decade plus, our families would thrive abour a block apart on Stratford Avenue. Their friends were our friends, their adventures, ours. It was the best of times. And as been said, Elna was the glue to support, to inspire, to join the adventures as we walked our shared path. I will always be grateful for those memories, for those times that we shared. And I will always remember. Condolences and love to all of the Watts family.

- Glen Williams

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Elna Watts------how to describe this tiny bundle of energy, charm, enthusiasm, motherly genius, softness----the perfect balance to her husband, esteemed musician, bombastic leader in unusual activities with his family and musical colleagues. Elna was the steady, guiding hand who supported, inspired, always the cheerleader for Dad and their remarkable, talented offspring. The Watts family always had the reputation of being the brightest, friendliest, and the kids having the most diverse interests of any kids around. Our family had the privilege of being neighbors and our offspring found ready, loyal friends their age in the Watts family....we all loved music....and music from the Watts home was usually of the symphonic variety, while ours was country-western. Elna came close to being the perfect mom. Her smile and unflappable, quiet manner, with a lilting laugh that lifted your spirits....she was rightfully so proud and grateful for her family, and her beautiful singing voice added much to our "singing mothers" choir. I know her family will miss her sweetness and example, but I am so happy that she is with Ardean and the two of them will watch over and bless each precious one of their children.

- Doris Williams

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I was sorry to hear this. Live to you all.

- Birdwell Dorothy

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I send my love and condolences in the loss of such a beautiful person, your mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a beacon of light and joy to all who knew her. Love, the Alston and Cutler families

- Celia Alston Cutler

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We wanted to let you know how much we loved and appreciated your mom, Elna. She was especially kind when she brought us a gift after our last baby was stillborn. She came to our house with a beautifully wrapped box. When we opened it there was a lovely Lladro figurine. She said she saw it on her shelf and it said,”Take me to the Ockey’s”. I still get tears in my eyes when I remember that moment. Even today I think of her unselfish caring every time I look at that beautiful figurine. She will always hold a special place in our hearts. ❤■❤■■ Love, Tom and Sharon Ockey

- Sharon Ockey

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So many fond memories of Elna and Ardean from my youth. They generously shared their home for our chamber rehearsals, Ardean providing musical coaching, and Elna always the epitome of graciousness, kindness, encouragement and being our biggest cheer leader. Prayers of peace for all the family and joy in the blessing of having such a precious mom. God bless.

- Anne Brockbank Woodard

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I knew Elena in her later years , when she came to live with her daughter Mitzi. Elena was a very sweet lady, who was always happy and in her world of flowers, I loved that about her because I love flowers too, they make the world beautiful. She will be missed by many here on earth.

- Nanette Jones

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Growing up as a young boy in the alphabet streets with the Watts´ is such a wonderful memory. Talented, entertaining, and mostly heart-warming is what I remember of Elna and her children. Thank you for an early childhood alongside you all. Thank you Elna. Sending abundant love and rapture .

- tyrone gibson

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Oh my...Elna was a living master piece of grace and love. Our many years of being "family" by choice to the Watts bunch has lifted and enlightened us for decades and we are ever grateful that Shauna connected all of us. Thank you Watts family for your friendship and love which was exemplified by your sweet Mom and her shinning countenance. She will be missed, but it's a good miss for she is free to soar as she always has. Love from ALL the Thayns

- Paul and Dottie

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Dear Watts posterity!! I was blessed to meet Ardean first, and then his Elna, when I came to Utah in the summer of 1954. Although our friendship began with shared musical performances, it soon expanded to include wondrous evenings of song, unsurpassed cuisine, and rare, marvelously interesting, often witty conversation with more of Utah,s wonderful musician friends.. Elna and I, in different wards, were called to teach the same Relief Society lessons one year. We were thrilled when our husbands consented to join us in a Sunday evening discussion of each month's subject , Those were cherished, never-to-be-forgotten, heart-to-heart, learning moments.. When their amazing children no longer needed all of Elna's time, she tentatively began to take some voice lessons from Blanche Christensen. I was at the piano, and became more and more excited as the weeks passed and Blanche empowered Elna to use her exquisite voice with confidence. I heard her sing SO beautifully that I couldn't wait to have Ardean and all of their family hear her as well. It was a Blessing for me to be numbered among Elna's legions of friends. She was enormously skilled, encouraging and kind to all. Beautiful in every way and an exemplary daughter of her Heavenly Father. With My Love and Gratitude, Cohleen Bischoff

- Cohleen Bischoff

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Loved her.

- John and Julia Hogg

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Elna was someone who was such a positive impact in my life. Such a sweet spirit accepting and caring. We can only hope to be as good of an example of love as she was. My love and prayers to your family at this time. Jan Johnson Thomas

- Jan Johnson Thomas