



*Celebrating the Life of*  
***Elaine M. Gauthier***  
*(nee Balza)*

***Born***  
*August 18, 1946*

***Born to Eternal Life***  
*July 19, 2025*

**'HUGS'**

*It's wonderous what a hug can do.  
A hug can cheer you when you're blue.  
A hug can say, "I Love You, so."  
A hug is "Welcome back again."  
And, "Great to see you! Where've you been?"  
A hug can soothe a small child's pain  
And bring a rainbow after the rain.  
The hug! There's just no doubt about it-  
We scarcely could survive without it!  
A hug delights and warms and charms.  
It must be why God gave us arms.  
Hugs are great for fathers and mothers.  
Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers.  
And chances are your favorite aunts and uncles.  
Love them more than potted plants.  
Kittens crave them, puppies love them.  
A hug can break the language barrier.  
And make your travels so much merrier.  
No need to fret about your store of 'em.  
The more you give the more there's more of 'em.  
So stretch those arms without delay,  
And give someone a hug today.*

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