

Elaine Stritch Quotes

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There will always be ladies who lunch. Always. And apparently they live a long time.

~Elaine Stritch

Fear is the base of what everybody does wrong in their lives.

~Elaine Stritch

I find it easier to abstain than do a little bit of anything. I'm not a 'little bit' kind of dame. I want it all, whatever I do.

~Elaine Stritch

It gets tiring being a smartass.

~Elaine Stritch

I don't think there's any thrill in the world like doing work you're good at.

~Elaine Stritch

This is a time in my life where I'm gonna behave like an elegant human being. Or not.

~Elaine Stritch

I am not influenced by other human beings. But I am inspired.

~Elaine Stritch

Everybody's got a sack of rocks.

~Elaine Stritch

If somebody doesn't have any talent, get off the stage! You're wasting my time.

~Elaine Stritch

I love holidays in New York. I love `em. I want to celebrate something all the time and New York has holidays for every day of the week,

practically. I like holidays in New York City.

~Elaine Stritch

As a diabetic, I'm a walking picnic. I have to eat measured amounts of food at certain times.

~Elaine Stritch

You cannot tell an audience a lie. They know it before you do; before it's out of your mouth, they know it's a lie.

~Elaine Stritch

New York is like a disco, but without the music

~Elaine Stritch

I love audiences. My God, the best friends in the world!

~Elaine Stritch

I have not had any of that surgical stuff. I am too curious to find out exactly how I progress every day of my life naturally. That is what fascinates me.

~Elaine Stritch

And why not do something new every day of your life? Change!
Change!

~Elaine Stritch

I want to settle down this last time. I say last, because I don't think I'm in any condition to live a long time from now. The bell's gonna ring pretty soon.

~Elaine Stritch

There's something exciting about being afraid.

~Elaine Stritch

Bette Davis taught Hollywood to follow an actress instead of the actress following the camera, and she's probably the best movie actress there's ever been.

~Elaine Stritch

I felt that I committed myself too much. I promised too much. But that way it's exciting.

~Elaine Stritch

I don't know what to do with Warren Beatty. All I know is that he wasn't attracted to me. That's all right.

~Elaine Stritch

You can't be funny unless you're tragic, and you can't be tragic unless you're funny.

~Elaine Stritch

I think it's the wrong way around to say when you get older move to the country. I think when you get older you move to New York. If you're a nice broad they'll look after you.

~Elaine Stritch

People will always be around to tell you you're no good or you're wrong or unwise to keep doing what you want to do. They're wrong. They're always wrong. Keep going.

~Elaine Stritch

Audiences are not strangers to me. They're the best friends I've got in my life.

~Elaine Stritch

I don't know what should have happened in my life, but I do know that I'm dancing as fast as I can.

~Elaine Stritch

I don't dislike the way I look. I think I look fine. I think I look extraordinary for 88. And I've got energy. Out of my way.

~Elaine Stritch

Onstage, nothing is as important as truth, nothing. As soon as you lie, they know it.

~Elaine Stritch

I think the most interesting New Yorkers are the people who were not born here.

~Elaine Stritch

There's nothing attractive about doing a documentary. Nothing. It's hard, hard work, and I find having all the attention of the day on me a very unattractive proposition.

~Elaine Stritch

It's a pain in the ass, show business. And the only time that I really enjoy it is when I'm in front of an audience and they're reacting to me.

~Elaine Stritch

I compare Stephen Sondheim with humor, because humor is unanalyzable. You can't analyze humor. You just have to get through it.

~Elaine Stritch

Certain type of actresses get younger instead of older. I always say, 'Only ingenues age.'

~Elaine Stritch

For me, going to London is like coming home. In fact, I've often entertained the idea of ending my days there.

~Elaine Stritch

Betty White is probably a very nice woman.

~Elaine Stritch

All you have to do is say, 'I'm going home,' and you're the most popular girl at the party.

~Elaine Stritch

All of the writing on '30 Rock' is a joy to go into. It's pretty hot stuff.

~Elaine Stritch

Woody Allen is a better actor than anybody from the Actors Studio, and he can be anybody he says he is.

~Elaine Stritch

Tony Bennett said to me, "Wow, your talent is amazing." Maybe he's a bore, maybe he's a jerk, but when he said that to me, I didn't need anything more than that.

~Elaine Stritch

You have to be very, very good looking to get ahead in motion pictures.

~Elaine Stritch

I do believe in the infallibility of the Pope, because I think we have to believe in something.

~Elaine Stritch

This age thing is all up to you. It's like happiness is up to you. You just have to understand what it is before you get it.

~Elaine Stritch

I like to keep active. I've got too much energy not to.

~Elaine Stritch

I love reviews. Anybody who tells you they don't read reviews is a liar.

~Elaine Stritch

Easy does it is what I'm looking for.

~Elaine Stritch

I have no intention of retiring. Even my blood sugar is better when I'm working.

~Elaine Stritch

I don't wear a wig. I'd feel terrible onstage with a wig. I hate to be so 'Actors Studio'-ish, but I like to feel it's me out there.

~Elaine Stritch

Two drinks a day. Two drinks a day. TWO DRINKS A DAY! It doesn't work! Not when you want eleven, and not when you start shopping for wine glasses in the vase department at Bloomingdales.

~Elaine Stritch

I don't want to see a movie twice. I don't want to do anything twice.

~Elaine Stritch

Diabetes is a lousy, lousy disease.

~Elaine Stritch

I tell the truth, and it has gotten me into a lot of trouble. My dad used to say to me, 'If you tell the truth all day long, you will end up in jail.'

~Elaine Stritch

I don't have to go to a doctor and have my face changed. It terrifies me that women do that.

~Elaine Stritch

I don't have a great talent for explaining myself in acting because I can't

explain it.

~Elaine Stritch

When you're dealing with your life, my God, you gotta tell the truth.

~Elaine Stritch

I'm going to do less performing because I'm tired. It's hard to convince anybody that you're just going to take it easy.

~Elaine Stritch

I was so happy I didn't have to work that night. That was the truth, because show business is about the hardest profession in the world.

~Elaine Stritch

I care about money, very much. I want it. I don't ever want to be without it. My mother once said about me, 'Elaine has to have money.'

~Elaine Stritch

I've changed a lot, too! I'm different, too. I have far more in some ways to offer and far less in other ways to offer. That's life. And, you know, life goes on!

~Elaine Stritch

I never found anyone who could look after me as well as I could look after myself.

~Elaine Stritch

I get sick of saying how hard everything is. It's hard to get up in the morning. Everything's hard. Everything takes effort.

~Elaine Stritch

I wouldn't have a nose job. I like my nose fine.

~Elaine Stritch

If you tell the truth all day long, you will end up in jail.

~Elaine Stritch

For my money, insecurity, depression, etc, can be healed by way of El Morocco, sad songs at 4am, and the pop of a champagne cork

~Elaine Stritch

Why haven't I made more movies? Nobody asked me.

~Elaine Stritch

Drama drama drama. The public wants it, so let them get the whole ugly mess. Why not?

~Elaine Stritch

It's very disconcerting to start out and to say, "I'm going to tell the truth," and then to realize it's that much trouble.

~Elaine Stritch

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