



Elaine Lauf

October 19, 1938 - March 26, 2022

Elaine Lauf, 83, of Napoleon, Ohio died Saturday, March 26, 2022 peacefully at home with her husband by her side. Elaine was born October 19, 1938, to the late Edwin and Genevieve (Dangler) Gerdeman. On June 23, 1962, she married Robert Lauf at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, Ohio. They were happily married for 59 blessed years.

Elaine was a faithful catholic and a lifelong member of St. Augustine Parish, where she especially enjoyed helping with the Annual Christmas House. She attended Liberty Center Schools through tenth grade and then graduated from Napoleon High School in 1956. She went on to attend St. Vincent's School of Nursing, graduating in 1959. She was a dedicated and caring Registered Nurse for more than 30 years, starting her career at Heller Memorial Hospital in Napoleon and then at Defiance Hospital. There she was the night House Supervisor until she retired in 1996. Elaine was very proud of her kids and grandkids and enjoyed watching them participate in sporting events, especially cheering on the Wildcats, Rockets and Gray Wolves. She received a great amount of joy watching her grandkids splash around her pool and watching them grow up throughout the years. More than anything, Elaine loved spending her time with her family and friends.

Elaine enjoyed planting flowers, shopping and rooting for her beloved horse Cinder Best. She will be remembered lovingly by family and friends for her

amazing cooking and entertaining skills, as well as never letting anyone go home hungry.

She is survived by her husband Bob; sons, Jeffrey (Julie) Lauf, John (Amy) Lauf; grandchildren, Ryan (Meghan) Lauf, Jenna (Chris) Moden, Sara (Will) Gilson, Kristen (Aaron) Gamble, Jordan (Quincy) Lauf, Brett (Emily Drenth) Lauf; great-grandchildren, Miles and Addison Lauf, Luke and Emma Moden, Emerson and Stella Gilson, Ace and Kingston Gamble and Collins Lauf. Also surviving are Elaine's sisters; Jean Westhoven, Dorothy Walker, Susie (Tom) Snyder and her brother Thomas (Jeanne) Gerdeman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers-in-law, Jim Westhoven and Terry Walker.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:30 PM. Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 11:00 AM. Interment will take place at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church or a charity of your choice. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 29. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Prayer Service

MAR 29. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

SK

“ We are so sorry to hear of "Aunt Ike's" passing. She was always smiling and sunny. Our daughter, Kimberly, was good friends with her nieces the Westhoven cousins and had so much fun swimming in her pool when they were kids. Jesus Bless and keep all of you.
Stanley and Susie Krukowski



Stanley and Susie Krukowski - March 30, 2022 at 12:39 AM

NH

“ Neil & Teresa Hersh purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elaine Lauf.



Neil & Teresa Hersh - March 29, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Video



Rodenberger Funeral Home - March 29, 2022 at 02:09 PM

AW

“ My deepest condolences to the Lauf Family in your loss. May the Peace of the Lord comfort you and fill you with His deepest love! May she Rest In Peace 🙏

Alfred G. Wiederwohl - March 29, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.



March 29, 2022 at 11:41 AM

ER

“ As a friend of her granddaughter for many years, I got to see Elaine at family events and special occasions. She was always smiling and glowing around her grandchildren. Her love for family radiated through her! Prayers and thoughts are with her loved ones during this difficult time.

Emily Rathge - March 29, 2022 at 08:00 AM

TG

“ Teresa Gamble purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine Lauf.



Teresa Gamble - March 28, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



March 28, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



March 28, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



March 28, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *Prayers to all.
Iona Burdue*

Kayleigh Damron - March 28, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Prayers to all the family. Jack, Georgetta and Kayleigh Damron.*

Kayleigh Damron - March 28, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



March 28, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



March 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



March 28, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *COPC Hospitalist Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



COPC Hospitalist Family - March 28, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.



March 28, 2022 at 07:17 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.



March 27, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.



March 27, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.



March 27, 2022 at 12:15 PM

KD

“ Kessler, Cindy & John Sabo, Tom & David purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elaine Lauf.



Kessler, Cindy & John Sabo, Tom & David - March 27, 2022 at 12:08 PM

MS

“ Margaret Snider purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Elaine Lauf.



Margaret Snider - March 27, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.



March 27, 2022 at 08:49 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.



March 27, 2022 at 08:07 AM

CD

“ *Cathy and Mark DeMichiei purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



Cathy and Mark DeMichiei - March 27, 2022 at 06:17 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



March 27, 2022 at 03:21 AM

DD

“ *Will always remember her laugh and always had a smile on her face. She was a loving friend 💔 Prayers to all the family*

Donna Dunbar - March 27, 2022 at 12:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.*



March 26, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine Lauf.



March 26, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ My dearest friend, next door neighbor, and confidant. So many good times, shopping, traveling, talking on the phone, just being together, etc. I loved her and will miss her deeply. Life will never be the same.

Shirley Niese - March 26, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ Dear Bob, John, Jeff and family; we are so saddened by the loss of Elaine. She was so full of spirit and love for you all. We will truly miss her laugh and smile. May God bring you comfort now and in the days and weeks ahead.
Sending our love, Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - March 26, 2022 at 08:25 PM



“ Uncle Bob and Lauf family- I'm so sorry for your loss. Aunt Elaine(Ike to us❤️) was such a sweet and wonderful woman! In a lot of ways she was like a second grandma to me and I always enjoyed our talks by the pool! She will be so missed by all of the family but fondly remembered for her laugh and her kind heart.
Thinking of you

Katie Westhoven - March 26, 2022 at 08:19 PM