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Elaine Antonette Sarenac, 75, formerly of Minocqua, WI, is reunited with the love of her life, Jerry, for an eternal boat ride together in paradise. In true Elaine fashion, she went to Heaven with compassion, love, grace, dignity and ALWAYS putting others before herself, with her adoring daughters Jenny and Karen, and devoted sister Jo Ann by her side. Elaine is survived by Jennifer (Jim) Bucklew of Somerset, and Karen (Shawn) Roehrich of Lac du Flambeau. Elaine, "Grandma Toots", is also survived by grandchildren Elizabeth Bucklew, Amanda (Brad) Johnson, Jeremy (Carolyn) Bucklew, Jon (Raquel) Bucklew, Ainsley and Anika Roehrich, and great grandchildren Emilia, Azarias, Athena, Aislynn and Baby Bucklew. Elaine is further survived by sisters Kathleen, Jo Ann (Steve), Judy, Lisa and brothers Orton, Jr. and Tom, along with many

nephews and nieces, including her third 'daughter' Angie. Elaine was predeceased by her loving and faithful husband Jerry, mother Annabelle, fathers Orton and William, grandfather Joseph, brothers Michael and Joey as well as the treasured grandmother who raised her, Catherine.

Elaine was born in Milwaukee, WI where she lived for the first 30 years of her life, until she moved to the beautiful Northwoods, which she would eventually call 'home'. She was an entrepreneur owning a local secretarial service, Girl Friday. She provided her keen secretarial and hospitality skills at local schools, hospitals, and eventually retired after almost 20 years of service with Lake of the Torches Human Resources.

Elaine brought her bubbly personality, giving spirit and smile to many local organizations including the Business and Professional Women (BPW), Women's Wednesday Night Bowling League, World Musky Hunt and the "Hostess with the Mostest" for Beef-A-Rama for 40 years. Elaine was an active member of St. Matthias Church where she served as a deaconess. Elaine's faith in God was the foundation of her existence.

Elaine and Jerry were married in 1988 and found their forever true love in each other.

They cherished time with friends and family, and especially loved a night out complete

with an Early Times Manhattan, karaoke and dancing until the wee hours to Elvis and Frank Sinatra, especially their ballad, "Unchained Melody". Anyone who watched them on the dance floor could not help but smile. Music was a huge part of their life together. Their summer weekends were spent boating on the Minocqua Chain.

Elaine enjoyed Saturdays of shopping (clearance rack only!) and lunches out with friends and family, cooking, taking walks (even in her slippers!), feeding deer, writing daily sweet 'just because' cards to the masses, always sealed with a (lipsticked) kiss.

She hosted the best sleepovers, was a 'second mom' to many with her antennae-like surveillance ("wherever God isn't, Elaine is!") and made birthdays so very special. She treasured weekends away with friends where there were many shenanigans to be had.

Swimming and playing with her grandchildren brought joy and love to all involved.

Elaine engaged with her grandchildren like they were the only ones in the world, spoiling them constantly with special gifts, lots of kisses, and mostly her infectious love.

Elaine started dancing at a young age. She helped countless dancers grow as a volunteer assistant coach/"Pom Mom" for the LUHS Dance Team for a decade. Later,

she was the Best Dance Grandma ever with the Island City Dance Studio.
She
attended 1000s of performances, recitals and competitions. This interest
allowed Elaine
to make many fond memories with her daughter and granddaughters, and the
100s of
young women whom she cheered on as their #1 Fan.

Elaine leaves a legacy of family, resiliency, thoughtfulness, strength, gratitude,
generosity, always finding the rainbow after a storm, a smile and sparkle in her
eye that
could light up a room, and especially her 'love you more' approach to life and
people.

We celebrate as Mama brings her caring and joyful heart to the Heavens so
that they
too, can be blessed as we have been here on Earth. We will see you soon
Mama, and
we love you more.

Celebration of Life:

In honor of Elaine, family and friends are invited to wear purple.

Saturday, October 7, 2023

10am Visitation, 11am Service

St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Minocqua, WI.

St. Patrick's Cemetery

If you wish to honor Elaine, please consider making a donation for research in
her honor

to:

<https://curealz.org/giving/donate/>

Or

https://www.alz.org/?form=alz_donate

Or participate in a Walk to End Alzheimer's:

https://act.alz.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=walk_homepage

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's

Woodruff, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
403 E. Chicago Avenue
Minocqua, WI 54548

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Matthias Episcopal Church
403 E Chicago Ave
Minocqua, WI 54548
(715) 356-6758

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Our memory of Elaine would have to be at our "Drive up" window at the Dairy Queen. She would pop by with her always smiling face to lighten our day as we cooked her favorite Kids Meal Chicken snack. Never saw her without her smile. Our sympathies to her beautiful daughters and grandchildren, she will surely be missed.
David and Susan Jaster

Susan Jaster - October 05, 2023 at 11:26 PM

 Dan
Ross Sr.

“ We're so very sorry for your loss. Elaine will truly be missed by everyone that knew her. Many fond memories of her and Jerry that we'll forever hold in our hearts. Penny & Dan Ross

Dan Ross Sr. - October 03, 2023 at 09:58 AM

CK

“ Dear Karen and family- Elaine was a bubbly treasure in the lives of everyone she touched! Thinking of you and sending condolences-
Cathy Karaffa

Cathryn Karaffa - September 30, 2023 at 09:48 PM

TF

“ So sad to hear of my dear friend Elaine's passing! I will miss her bubbly personality, her beautiful smile and friendship. Rest in Peace!
Todd and Jackie Faller



Todd Faller - September 29, 2023 at 07:51 PM

JT

“ We were so saddened to hear of Elaine's passing! She was a bubbly, happy, generous human being whose presence in a room was always felt and greatly appreciated. She was one of those women who was truly a friend to all. This world will surely miss her presence in it, but all who knew her will know she's with her beloved Jerry, now. Our heartfelt condolences to her family.
Jerry and Jenni Tiziani

Jennifer Tiziani - September 28, 2023 at 02:37 PM



Thank you Jenny. I know our Mom always enjoyed her interactions w you and Jerry. God bless!

Karen GriesRoehrich - September 30, 2023 at 12:01 PM



We're so very sorry for your loss. Elaine will truly be missed by everyone that knew her. Many fond memories of her and Jerry that we'll forever hold in our hearts. Penny & Dan Ross

Dan Ross Sr. - October 03, 2023 at 09:54 AM

JS

“ Dear Karen - We are saddened to learn of Elaine's passing. She was a generous and special lady! She is at peace now with Jerry. Heaven got a good one :) Take care, Peter & Julia Schweder

Julia M Schweder - September 28, 2023 at 01:09 PM



Thank you Julia, and especially for always checking in w me at LUHS as to how my Mom was. God bless you.

Karen GriesRoehrich - September 30, 2023 at 12:02 PM

BO

“ We were sorry to read about Elaine's passing. We have many wonderful memories of her when she worked at the school. Always a smile on her face! We send our sincere condolences to the family.

Bruce & Cathy Oxley - September 28, 2023 at 09:46 AM



Thank you, Bruce and Kathy, I know you understand the pain of this disease. So good to run into last night and thank you for the hug.

Karen GriesRoehrich - September 30, 2023 at 12:03 PM

DO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Doreen - September 27, 2023 at 06:09 PM



Mom loved you all so much... Thank you for being a part of our lives and always showing so much love and support to mom.

Karen GriesRoehrich - September 30, 2023 at 12:03 PM

DO

“ 2 files added to the album High School Friends



Doreen - September 27, 2023 at 05:48 PM

DO

“ 2 files added to the album Lifelong Friends



Doreen - September 27, 2023 at 05:32 PM

TK

“ may my sister Elaine rest in peace my sister 🙏 was awesome.lady and she took very good of me when I.was a baby in Milwaukee she was always there when I needed her and am sad that is gone but my Elaine is still in.my hart

Thomas kariean - September 27, 2023 at 03:46 PM

TK

“ Thomas kariean lit a candle in memory of Elaine Sarenac



Thomas kariean - September 27, 2023 at 03:40 PM