



Elaine M. Ziemer

May 5, 1927 - November 11, 2017

Elaine M. Ziemer, age 90, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Miller Healthcare in Kankakee.

She was born May 5, 1927 at the family farm in Herscher, the daughter of Edwin & Alice Fritz Ruder.

Elaine married Harold E. Ziemer on November 23, 1977 in Kankakee. He preceded her in death April 23, 1995.

She was a former employee of Sears for 41 years. Elaine was a lifelong parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. She enjoyed all sports, especially the Chicago teams. She liked fashion, long drives, and walks.

Surviving are her step-children, Stephen & Monica Ziemer of Santa Barbara, CA, Jeffery & Patty Ziemer of Greenville, SC, Timothy & Judy Ziemer of Palmer, AK, Gregory & Tamra Ziemer of Land O' Lakes, FL David Ziemer of Golet, CA, and Mary & Edward LaRocque of Valparaiso, IN; ten grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren; four sisters and one brother-in-law, Beatrice Hinderer of Bourbonnais, Audrey Kyrouac of Bourbonnais, Joan & Robert Cowgill of Clermont, FL, and Betty Sicard of Vero Beach, FL; two brothers; Gerald Ruder of Wilmington and Jerome Ruder of Herscher; two sisters-in-law, Donna Ruder of Herscher and Lynn Ruder of Bourbonnais; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Dr. Bernard Ruder; one infant brother, Leonard; two sisters, Lorraine

LaVoie and Dorothy Schnell; two sisters-in-law, Lucille Ruder and Linda Ruder; and five brothers-in-law, Lloyd LaVoie, Terry Kyrrouac, Richard Schnell, Paul Hinderer, and Robert Sicard.

Visitation will be held 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will celebrate the Mass. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

DB

“*Dave And Sue Boudreau lit a candle in memory of Elaine M. Ziemer*



Dave and Sue Boudreau - December 02, 2017 at 06:01 PM

RB

“*Thoughts and prayers are with Elaine's family. Fond memories of growing up with Steve Ziemer.*

Richard Billadeau

Richard Billadeau - November 15, 2017 at 10:29 AM

CB

“*Loving prayers to Elaine's family at this time of loss. Remember some of Harold's children, you are so scattered everywhere. May you feel God's loving arms around you now and always.*



Carol Buente - November 14, 2017 at 01:12 PM

MM

“*Fond memories of Elaine, we knew her for a long time. Sympathy and prayers for her family.*

Mary and Tom Maass

Mary and Tom Maass - November 13, 2017 at 07:28 PM

CB

“ *What a BEAUTIFUL story you shared Judy & Tim!! My memory of Elaine is when she shopped at Ultra Foods where I was employed. She was so kind and always greeted everyone. She moved slowly but I always admired her determination to keep moving no matter how. My sympathies to all of her family.*

Chris Breault - November 13, 2017 at 10:40 AM

JF

“ *Your family has our sympathy at this difficult time.*

Joe and Carol Fritz - November 13, 2017 at 07:41 AM

JZ

“ Harold Ziemer was my father in law who unfortunately became a young widower in 1959 & was left to raise 6 young children on his own. He remained unmarried until his children had grown & gone out on their own & thru all of this his faith remained strong. Elaine entered his life in the mid 70's and how appropriate for them to meet at St. Patrick's Church. He told me after watching her week after week at mass he finally got up the nerve to ask her for a date & remained persistent until she finally accepted (which was months later). Needless to say, the relationship blossomed and dad finally found his someone special to share the remaining years of his life with.

Being thrown into a ready made family was understandably difficult for Elaine but their love endured the challenges that come along with acquiring 6 children and numerous grandkids. He adored her, just as she did him, and they got to spend 17 years of married life together until his passing in 1995.

A few months before his passing, he asked to come over & confided in me about how much he loved her thruout the years & about how she brought so much happiness to his life. He was also in awe of her strong faith in God. It was so obvious how much he adored her just by listening to him talk about her that day. He also said he loved his children & grandchildren so very much but Elaine filled his need for the constant companionship that he so missed after becoming a widower & after his children were all grown up & gone.

I visited Elaine at Westwood several times prior to moving to Alaska and each time she wanted me to re-tell that conversation with dad. She seemed to glow & it was so obvious how much she loved him, even after all the years since his passing. She also talked about being with him again someday & I would tell her he's waiting for her with open arms. She seemed to find peace in that thought, especially since her faith was so strong. She also said she was ready for that day to come.

Rest In Peace Elaine for you are now truly home. No more suffering, just happiness.

Love you.....Judy & Tim Ziemer

Judy & Tim Ziemer - November 12, 2017 at 10:33 PM

KS

Judy, that was beautifully stated. A lot of people did not understand Elaine, Harold did and I am thankful that he was there for her. They had a great relationship. She missed him very much. Elaine will be missed. Kris Schmitz

Kris Schmitz - November 14, 2017 at 09:45 AM

JB

*Great Story Judy,
Jerry the Mailman*

jerry bjick - November 14, 2017 at 11:49 AM

TR

Such a nice tribute. I appreciated hearing it at her funeral.

Todd Ruder - November 16, 2017 at 07:31 PM

SL

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Sandra LaVoie-Maguire - November 12, 2017 at 07:19 PM

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Sandra LaVoie-Maguire - November 12, 2017 at 07:10 PM