



Elaine Elizabeth Testa

September 27, 1925 - March 10, 2023

Elaine E. Testa

(nee Donna)

Age 97, of South Wilmington, passed away March 10, 2023, at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL. Born in Braidwood, IL, September 27, 1925, Elaine was the daughter of Peter and Effie Donna. She was raised and educated in Braidwood and graduated from Reed-Custer High School. Following high school, Elaine worked at Grinchucks pants factory. On August 19, 1947, she married Carl W. Testa. They lived one year in Braidwood before moving to South Wilmington, where they took over the local school bus business from her brother-in-law. They successfully ran the business for nearly 20 years. After Carl's passing in 1974, Elaine went to work as the manager of the Braidwood Recreation Club golf course pro shop, where she remained for 18 years. She then worked in the deli department, at Markettis grocery store in South Wilmington for a few years until transitioning into retirement.

Elaine's favorite pastime was baking pies, cakes, and cookies. If there was an occasion to be celebrated, she always made the "goodies". She also loved to give cookies to her friends and neighbors. Elaine also enjoyed watching sports, particularly the Chicago Cubs and Bulls along with professional golf and tennis. Most of all, she was a lifelong Cubs fan and got to attend Game 7 of the 1945 World Series between the Cubs and the Detroit Tigers. Elaine was also an avid golfer, having played in ladies' leagues at Braidwood Fairways, High Point Golf Course and Dwight Country Club.

Elaine was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington, where she belonged to the Alter and Rosary for many years, baking pies, cakes, and cookies for parish funerals.

Surviving, is her daughter, Lynn (Scott) Allison of Braidwood, grandson Sean (Jody) Allison of Braidwood, grandson Shane (Mary) Allison and their sons Wade and Sam of Temecula, California. Also surviving are nephew Richard (Jeanette) Kusper of Newport Beach, California, nieces Kay (Glen) Studley of Essex, Illinois, Donna (Bill) Shockey of Carmel, Indiana, Pat Testa of Moline, IL, nephew Jim (Raelene) Testa of Mesa, Arizona and numerous great nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband Carl Testa, her brother and his wife Vincent (Margaret) Donna, sister and husband Mary (Frank) Huml, sister and husband Josephine (Jim) Barnett, sister and husband Connie (Bruno) Muzzarelli and sister and husband Dolores (LeRoy) Kusper.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 4-8 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday, March 17, leaving in procession from the funeral home at 9:40 a.m. to the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Donations may be made in her name to the South Wilmington Fire Department or the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
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Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

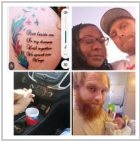
St. Lawrence Catholic Church
165 Rice St.
South Wilmington, IL 60474
(815) 237-2230

Tribute Wall

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“ During her time at Heritage Health, we were thankful Elaine was able to pray 🙏 the Rosary with us on Thursday afternoons. She will be missed.

Anna Reidl - March 16, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ One wonderful lady. I'm going miss our Hallmark days!! She was very sweet and beautiful. Fly high beautiful!! My condolences goes out too the family!!

Keana Rena - March 15, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - March 15, 2023 at 04:05 PM

CE

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Elaine was a wonderful lady & great baker! Know that our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



Chris and Sheree Earley - March 14, 2023 at 07:22 PM

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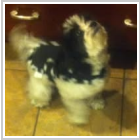
“ *Lynn, my condolences on your mom's passing. Peace & prayers, John*

John Slanicky - March 14, 2023 at 03:23 PM

PW

“ *My condolences to the family*

Pat Woulfe - March 14, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Debbie Viano Clavin lit a candle in memory of Elaine Testa*



Debbie Viano Clavin - March 14, 2023 at 09:34 AM

VF

So sorry to hear of the loss of your mom! I always remember her and her sisters as such nice ladies, always with a smile and happy just being together. Hugs to each of you and strength for the days ahead.

Valerie Fox - March 14, 2023 at 10:10 AM

Sparky
Da

“ Lynn (and Scotty), we are very sad at the passing of your wonderful mother Elaine. She was always up for a good conversation and we always appreciated her company. We send our love and support. Our love, Terry and Dale Allison.



Sparky Da - March 13, 2023 at 07:33 PM

CT

“ Lynn : So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. It will give you comfort to know that she is enjoying the rewards of heaven. I always enjoyed chatting with her after mass in South Wilmington. God bless you! Matthew & Carol Thraen.



carol thraen - March 13, 2023 at 04:11 PM

RC

Lynn, I heard about your mom's passing over the weekend from Mary. John and I send our love & sympathies. She lived a long life, had many interests, and a loving family. - Ruma & John Costello

Ruma Costello - March 14, 2023 at 01:20 AM