



## Elaine Andras

February 14, 1937 - December 5, 2023

Elaine Andras, 86, of Mentor, Ohio, passed away December 5, 2023 at Hospice House, Cleveland. She was born February 14, 1937 in Donora, PA to the late Steven and Mary Rudinec.

Elaine was a 1954 graduate of Donora High School and worked as an operator for Bell Telephone then later as a secretary for a transformers company in Donora. A devoted Catholic all her life, Elaine was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora (now St. Andrew the Apostle) and lately the Catholic Community of St. Gabriel in Concord, OH. She served the Slovak Catholic Sokol as the secretary for Group 6 Assembly 163. Her most cherished pastime, though, was singing in the church choir. For forty years, Elaine resided in Carroll Township, PA, where she spent the day watching her "stories" and cheering on her favorite Pittsburgh sports teams. Elaine was a champion bowler and crocheted numerous afghans which she gifted to her children and grandchildren. Around the holidays, she enjoyed baking apricot cookies and nut rolls, and teaching her children how to properly make pierogis. Later in life, she developed a love of reading what some may call romance novels, but Elaine swore she skipped over "those parts" of the story. At home, she surrounded herself with anything duck-related, from plushies to bathtub toys. (One time at Disney World, she almost ran away with Donald Duck. Literally.) Elaine's favorite color was yellow. She took pride in feeding the "fishies" in her daughter's aquarium and she created colorful latch hook

artwork that she sometimes called a "pain in the dupa." Elaine has traveled to several far off places like Minnesota (or "Minnie-sota" as she called it) and Hawaii, and to places closer to home, like McDonald's. It is not certain how many Hallmark Channel movies she watched in her lifetime, but it is safe to say she had watched them all at least half a dozen times. Elaine was cunning at card games, especially Gin Rummy and 500; she would spend many hours at night winning game after game against her grandkids. After moving to Ohio in 2016, the Cleveland Guardians became her new favorite sports team, though she still carried a fondness and exasperation for her Pittsburgh Steelers. Most recently she discovered the benefits of a great massage and pedicure, noting that her podiatrist never cut her nails that nicely. Elaine preferred listening to John Denver and Perry Como, and at almost every wedding she attended, she requested Al Martino's "Spanish Eyes."

Survivors include her daughters, Susan (David) Kane, Michelle (John) Kuch and Paula (Brian) Bisson; grandchildren, Sean King, Marlaina Smith, Aaron (Brandy) Smith, Rebecca (fiancé, Christian Longberry) Kuch, Logan Kuch and Cecilia Kuch; great grandchildren, Aubrey, Aiden and Erinn and many nieces, nephews and other loving family members and friends.

Elaine is preceded in death by her husband, Stephen Andras; siblings, MaryAnn Calzacorto, Stephen Rudinec, Pauline Ellin, Virginia Artalona, and John Rudinec.

The family will receive friends 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 10, 2023 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A funeral mass will be held 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 11, 2023 at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord Twp., Ohio 44077. Please meet at the church. A family burial will take place in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora, PA.

Memorial contributions in honor of Elaine may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; [www.stjude.org/](http://www.stjude.org/) or to St. Gabriel's Religious Education Program, 9935 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord Twp., Ohio 44077.

Send flowers and offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **10**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Mass

DEC **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church  
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.  
Concord Twp., OH 44060  
(440) 352-8282

# Tribute Wall



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



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December 11, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ *John E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Andras.*

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**John E.** - December 11, 2023 at 09:03 AM



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



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December 10, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ *Chris, Stephanie, Olga, Jose Obando planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Andras.*

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**Chris, Stephanie, Olga, Jose Obando** - December 10, 2023 at 09:37 AM

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“ *Uncle Jack and Aunt Dianne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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**Uncle Jack and Aunt Dianne** - December 09, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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December 09, 2023 at 12:22 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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December 08, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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December 08, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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December 07, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ *Sarah Bagay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Andras.*

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**Sarah Bagay** - December 07, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ *Shawn lit a candle in memory of Elaine Andras*



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**shawn** - December 07, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Lovely lady with a well-lived life and an obituary that was so well written that I felt as if I knew her as a close friend. Prayers for this lady and her family. Shawn Pykosh Wilson*

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**shawn** - December 07, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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December 07, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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December 07, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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December 07, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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December 07, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Andras.*



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December 06, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Love, Carol, Mark & Dylan Boles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Andras.*

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**Love, Carol, Mark & Dylan Boles** - December 06, 2023 at 09:07 PM