



## Elaine D. Neisch

August 6, 1931 - March 13, 2019

Elaine Dorothy (Arkebauer) Neisch, age 87, of Ypsilanti, passed away in the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. She was born August 6, 1931, to Emil and Hulda (Horstmann) Arkebauer. She was preceded in death by her infant twin brother, Vernon Charles, parents, sister Lois (Arkebauer) Wassilak, brother Herbert Arkebauer, and son-in-law Andrew Bailey.

Elaine will be lovingly remembered by her devoted husband of 63 years, Rev. Waldemar Neisch; son Jonathan (Deborah) Neisch; daughters, Susan Bailey, Karen (Brent) O'Banion, and Kimberly (Robert) Gager; grandchildren, Katherine (Brian) Klinge, Jennifer and Joshua Bailey, Christopher and Matthew Gager, Sarah Neisch, Ian and Caitlin O'Banion; and great-grandchildren, George, Elizabeth, Marjorie and Andrew Klinge. A true force of love in motion, Elaine drew people close to her, forging long standing treasured relationships with people of all ages, beginning with her childhood in St. Louis, Missouri. She worked as a secretary at Concordia Publishing House until she married Wally on July 2, 1955. They shared his forty-plus years of ministry serving hearing and deaf congregations across multiple states including Florida, Missouri, West Virginia and Michigan. A gifted and faithful partner in Christian ministry, Elaine learned sign language, contributed to vocal and handbell choirs, and devoted her energies to numerous service and mentoring organizations including Stephen Ministries, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, MOPS, Altar Guild, and the annual Pastors Wives & Widows Conference of MI District. When her children were grown, Elaine worked in the pathology lab of Genesys/St. Joseph Hospital, Flint, eventually retiring with Wally to Swartz Creek. Her greatest joy was nurturing family and friends.

Family will be available after the service for visiting and sharing memories of Elaine.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorial contributions to The Gilbert Residence, 203 South Huron St, Ypsilanti MI 48197 or Alzheimer's Association, 225 N Michigan Ave, FI 17, Chicago IL 60601.



# Events

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**APR**   **Memorial Service**   11:00AM

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

420 W. Liberty Rd., Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48103

# Comments

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“ My deepest sympathy to you, Pastor Neisch, and your children and grandchildren at this time of Elaine’s passing from this life to her heavenly home. I have great memories of visiting with you both and later, when you were resting, with Elaine, usually on a Sunday afternoon. She would relate her growing up years, her working at CPH, and pointing out the pictures of the children on the ledge off the livingroom of your home on Cross Creek in Swartz Creek. She was so proud of each of the children, their spouses, and the grandchildren. She would have a quick and ready laugh as she related some things that had happened to her or anyone in the family. I know you will all miss her, but so thankful for her strong faith in her Savior, Jesus Christ. God’s comfort and peace to you all. With sympathy,  
Martha Helmreich

Marths Helmreich - April 07 at 02:10 PM

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“ Rest, Najbar, Reagan, & Domo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elaine D. Neisch.



Rest, Najbar, Reagan, & Domo - April 05 at 03:10 PM

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“ Elaine was always so full of energy, humor and happiness. A woman with a true heart of gold. I had to honor to be apart of her life. She is an angel with some strong wings to help everyone she can. Dearly missed and loved. Hugs and prayers to you the family as she waits for us all with open arms and that beautiful smile.

Christine Napier - April 02 at 08:10 PM