



Elaine Helen Donnelly

November 4, 1942 - March 19, 2024

Elaine Helen (Mannesto) Donnelly, age 81, of Brimley, Michigan, died on March 19, 2024, at Hospice House of the EUP, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie on November 4, 1942, to parents George Elmer and Wilma Ida (Hakola) Mannesto.

Elaine spent her early childhood in Rudyard, Michigan, and when she started kindergarten, she only spoke Finnish and did not speak a word of English. She later moved to Sault Ste. Marie to complete her education. She graduated from Sault High School in 1960 and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in accounting from Lake Superior State University. She then worked for Chippewa Motors for the next seventeen years. She married her beloved husband, Peter Donnelly on December 12, 1981, and spent forty-two loving years together. She later worked at the Brim O' Bay Motel, however, her business at the Cozy Inn Bar became her life passion. Her impeccable accounting abilities were the foundation for this successful business venture she and her husband began 36 years and is still going strong thanks to her unprecedented accounting skills.

Elaine enjoyed spending time sewing, quilting, crocheting, and doing jigsaw puzzles. She enjoyed socializing with her friends and family at her favorite establishment The Cozy Inn or spending time in the great outdoors camping. She loved her home on the shoreline of Lake Superior and made many

memories with her dear family there. She will be greatly missed.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Peter of Brimley; children, Steven (Bonnie) Pattison of Sault Ste. Marie, Kathleen Donnelly-Pawlanta of Gaylord, Michigan, and Kelly Jo Donnelly of Brimley; grandchildren, Megan Pattison, Chase Pawlanta, Kenley Pawlanta, Peter Pawlanta, Lake Pawlanta, Kaid Pawlanta, Keane Pawlanta, Jacques LeBlanc III, and Perry LaBlanc; great-grandchild, Avery Elaine; sister, Jean Mannesto of Sault Ste. Marie; cousin, Donni Thompson; nephews, Tate, Ryan and Matthew McCaffery; as well as many other beloved family members and friends.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, George and Wilma; Ex-Husband, Ron Pattison; and her faithful companion dog, Laya.

A Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at Family Life Funeral Homes – Sault Ste. Marie, 4951 S. M-2129, with Visitation beginning at 12:00 Noon followed by the Funeral Service at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations in Elaine's memory may be left to Hospice of the EUP - 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Sault Ste. Marie
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ I am so sorry, I just read that Elaine passed. She was such a nice lady. She was always so sweet to my kids when we stopped by Chippewa Motors, many years ago!

Lucy Carrick - April 09, 2024 at 08:28 PM

CM

“ Carole Esson and Richard Mannesto purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Elaine Helen Donnelly.



Carole Esson and Richard Mannesto - March 22, 2024 at 05:57 PM

CM

“ Carole Esson and Richard Mannesto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Helen Donnelly.

Carole Esson and Richard Mannesto - March 22, 2024 at 05:57 PM

DW

“ Dave and Royanne Wonnacott purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elaine Helen Donnelly.



Dave and Royanne Wonnacott - March 22, 2024 at 04:24 PM

DW

“ Dave and Royanne Wonnacott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Helen Donnelly.

Dave and Royanne Wonnacott - March 22, 2024 at 04:24 PM

NA

“ Nan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elaine Helen Donnelly.



Nan - March 22, 2024 at 01:29 PM

NA

“ Nan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Helen Donnelly.

Nan - March 22, 2024 at 01:29 PM

TF

“ The Forcier's purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Elaine Helen Donnelly.



The Forcier's - March 21, 2024 at 04:44 PM

TF

“ *The Forcier’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Helen Donnelly.*

The Forcier’s - March 21, 2024 at 04:44 PM



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



March 21, 2024 at 02:51 PM

JK

“ *Jennifer and Stathi Kritselis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Helen Donnelly.*

Jennifer and Stathi Kritselis - March 21, 2024 at 02:51 PM

BB

“ *Pete and family, we are so sorry to learn of Elaine’s passing. Our sincere condolences.*
Brent and Susan Belleau

Brent Belleau - March 21, 2024 at 02:03 PM

MS

Dear Pete and Family, We extend our sincere condolences to all of you during this difficult time. Mike and Jade Silverman, from Paradise, MI.

Michael Silverman - March 23, 2024 at 10:55 AM

AM

Pete, our hearts go out to you and your family. With our sincere sympathy, Jerry and Ann Montero

Ann Montero - March 27, 2024 at 03:38 PM