



Elaine Abbott

September 24, 1927 - April 12, 2025

Abbott, Elaine Catherine

Age 97 years 7 months passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 12th, 2025, at Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington where she has lived in Assisted Living since Fall 2021. Previously lived at Fountain Lake Condominium (Bloomington) for 30 years; formerly of West St. Paul and South St. Paul. Elaine was born on a farm near Atkinson, Nebraska in 1927. Elaine and her family moved to Minnesota in 1939 where she attended St. Paul Park High School and graduated from Humboldt High School in 1945. One of Elaine's greatest accomplishments was to pass the Government Shorthand Test when she was a senior in high school, and she worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for many years. Elaine went to work after high school for the Girl Scouts of America 1945-47; then she worked for Bachman Anderson Insurance Agency 1947-1959; then Swen Anderson Insurance Company for many years from 1959; then for Fannie Farmer Candy for about 8 months; and lastly Elaine worked for The Condominium Accountants 1986-1997.

Preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, they were married for 63 years. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy in World War II in the Pacific. Ralph worked for the St. Paul Union Depot from shortly after they were married in 1949 until the Depot closed in 1971. Then Ralph worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad until his retirement in the early 1990's. After they moved to Fountain

Lake Condominium's in 1993, Ralph worked as the building handyman for many years and served as President of the Board of Directors of Fountain Lake.

They were members of St. Edward's Catholic Church (Bloomington) since 1993. Previously they were very active members of St. Joseph Catholic Church (West St. Paul) from 1963-1993. Before that they were members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church (South St. Paul) from 1949-1963. Prior to that they were members of St. Matthews Catholic Church (West St. Paul) from 1944-1949 where they were married.

Also preceded in death by her parents Catherine (Ullrich) and Joseph Lloyd Quinn, by her brother Ward (Bud) Quinn and her sister Marilyn (Jerry) Short.

Survived by her children: Steven Abbott (Lake Havasu, AZ), Cynthia (William) Derendal (Apple Valley, MN), and Constance Fitzgerald (North Las Vegas, NV). Elaine is also survived by her grandchildren: Jason (Bloomington, MN), Jordan (Excelsior, MN), Jennifer (Shawn) Whiteman (North Las Vegas, NV), Joy (Excelsior, MN), Julie (Northfield, MN), and Robert (Kirsten) Abbott (Mpls., MN). Elaine is also survived by her great grandchildren: Cameron Whiteman (North Las Vegas, NV), Colton Whiteman (North Las Vegas, NV), Roger Dufour IV (Northfield, MN), Abigail Rose Dufour (Northfield, MN), and August Abbott (Mpls., MN). Elaine is also survived by many nieces and nephews, other relatives, many friends (many from Fountain Lake Condominium Association of Bloomington where she lived for nearly 30 years).

Elaine's fondest memory was to help her parents plan and celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1975. First was Mass and a dinner at St. Matthew's Catholic Church (West St. Paul), then a celebration at their house.

One of Elaine's greatest inspirations was learning to sew in first grade with her

teacher. There were only three kids in that country school.

If Elaine could live her life over again, she would be a teacher in a country school in Nebraska where they lived.

Elaine would most like to be remembered for her handwriting and her crocheting and sewing.

Elaine's fondest childhood memories were holidays at her grandmas with cousins and aunts, etc. Their turn was Easter on their farm in Nebraska.

Elaine's greatest lessons in life were sewing and crocheting by her mother, and honesty and figures by her dad.

Individuals who had the greatest impact on Elaine's life: Theresa Ullrich, Grandma Ullrich, her dad, and John Breitreutz, a longtime friend.

Elaine has enjoyed living at Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington and has made many friends in Assisted Living where she also served on the Residents Council. The family of Elaine wish to thank the people of Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington and Optage Hospice for their excellent care of our mom.

Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday April 29th 11am at St. Edwards Catholic Church 9401 Nesbitt Ave. S. Bloomington MN. Visitation one hour prior to mass at the church and also Sunday April 27th 2-4pm at Washburn McReavy 2300 W. Old Shakopee Rd Bloomington.

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel
2300 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431

Visitation

APR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Edward's Catholic Church
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55437

Memorial Service

APR 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Bloomington, MN 55437