



Elsie Lillian Semenkewitz

February 23, 1929 - March 29, 2024

Elsie Lillian Semenkewitz passed away on Good Friday, March 29, 2024, at the age of 95. Her husband, Paul William Semenkewitz, predeceased her on May 25, 1994. Elsie was the second child of Charles and Emilie Pitha, both Czech immigrants, and sister of Carl Albert Pitha (d. 2020), Robert Joseph Pitha (d. 2011) and Marion (Philbin) Perkins. Elsie was born in New York City on February 23, 1929, and lived half of her life there, getting married on July 4, 1948. She moved with her husband and younger two children to Edina, Minnesota in 1974 and was a resident for 50 years.

Elsie worked at Supracolor Photolab in Edina for over twenty years. More recently, she was active with "the ladies" in Curves and their Thursday mornings at Panera. Elsie was always on the go, her husband often referred to her as Speedy Gonzalez. She loved to help others, whether running errands or being her grandchildren's taxi. She was the master at penny-pinching but also very generous with the needs of her family. She loved taking cruises with her sister and traveling to Englewood, Florida to visit family. Elsie had a huge heart and was a true animal lover, always having a cat (or two) and a dog as companions.

Elsie leaves three sons - Paul Charles Semenkewitz (wife Lorraine), Peter Joseph Semenkewitz (wife Karen), and Steven William Semenkewitz (wife Jenny); six grandchildren - Kelly Sander (husband Steve), Jenny Singleton

(husband Zach), Lisa Mangefrida (husband Chris), Paul Semenkewitz (wife Ashton), Kirsten Adorian, and Laura Deporte (husband Michael); nine great grandchildren - Avery Sander, Evan Sander, Caleb Mangefrida, Samuel Singleton, Benjamin Mangefrida, Cameron Mangefrida, Liam DePorte, Lucy Singleton, and Lyla Deporte; and her beloved cat, Bobbie.

Elsie's cremains will travel to Florida to visit loved ones this month. When family can be gathered, there will be a memorial service and her interment the summer of 2024.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mom (in-law) was an active woman. She was always doing something. Mom was special, she liked to laugh. She was insanely addicted old game shows and movies. Mom also read every magazine she could get her hands on!
Mom lived in Minneapolis and we live in NY.
Mom watched the nation's weather and would frantically call us to warn what's coming. lol, wrong weather all the time! Miss you mom but you're in my heart forevermore.

Lorraine Semenkewitz - April 04, 2024 at 05:14 PM



Hope you are all doing well. You have all been on my mind. Take care.
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Susan Wandersee - April 05, 2024 at 12:49 PM