



Elaine May Dotseth

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Elaine Mary Burke was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 29, 1923 to Martha Brickner Burke. She grew up in the Oak Park, Chicago area and went to school there.

Elaine entered the Women's Army Corps and basic training was at Camp Oglethorpe, Chickamauga, Georgia. She was the first WAC stationed at Vaughan General Hospital near Chicago working as a clerk/typist., which is where she met her knight in shining armor, Master Sergeant Joseph Dotseth who was one of the first patients at the new Army Hospital. He had been injured in Italy during WWII. They married in the chapel at Vaughan General Hospital and later moved to Joe's hometown in Knapp, Wisconsin where she became a farmer's wife, across the road from Joe's parents. They had three boys, Gary, Ronnie, and Marc. Because of Joe's health, they moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1955. Joe joined the Tucson Police Department and Elaine was a housewife. Later she became a partner at Adair Realty. She also worked for Peat Marwick & Mitchell accounting firm. Eventually, she took a job at the Tucson Water Department where she retired after many years.

In the later 1960's and early 1970's, her three sons joined the US Navy and served in the Viet Nam conflict, and thankfully they all returned safely back home.

Elaine was predeceased by her husband Joe Dotseth in 1986, son Gary Dotseth in 2013, mother Martha Piazza and stepfather Philip Piazza, and sister Terry Matusak. She leaves behind son Ronald Dotseth (Betty), Wausau, Wisconsin, and Marc Dotseth (Deborah), Tucson, Arizona; granddaughters Tamara (John) Connolly, Parker, Colorado, Donna (Patrick) Fischer, Marana, AZ; Grandchildren, Zachary Dotseth, Tucson AZ; Kari (Chris) Mueller, Oshkosh WI; Amanda Dotseth (Ryan Kovar), Dallas TX, and many great grandchildren.

Many thanks to the staff at Agave Hills, the assisted living facility, for their great care during her final years.




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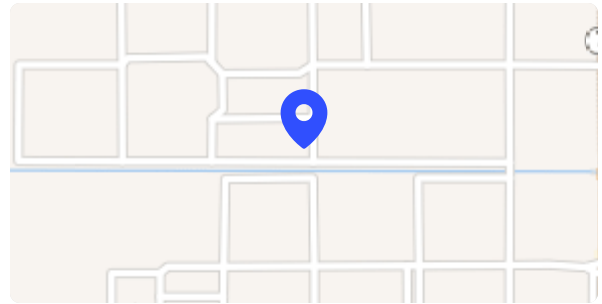
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Burial of Cremated Remains

 **Monday**, March 20, 2023

 11:00 AM MT

 **Evergreen Cemetery**
3015 North Oracle Road, Tucson AZ 85705





Tribute Wall

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RO

Rebecca Ortiz posted:

I met Elaine 9-10 years ago when I was sent by my mom, Ardie, to pick her up and take her to church. My daughter, then only 7 years old went along with me. We immediately fell in love with Elaine (she became like family). She was dressed to the 9's with beautiful matching hat and shared stories with us of her life as a young woman in the WAC. What I loved most about Elaine was how she unashamedly loved others just like Jesus would, accepting them with open arms. She made me laugh and my daughters impression that first day ended with, "wow Mom, one day I want to be like Ms Elaine." As I learned the day after Elaine went to heaven, my daughter and I shared both happy and sad tears. Happy because we know Elaine now knows exactly where heaven is and I'm sure she's making people laugh there too and sad because her light doesn't shine among us here anymore. We are lifting up prayers for Elaine's family. May our memories of her make her legacy last for lifetimes to come. -Rebecca Stone Ortiz & family (Asunción, Paraguay)

March 11 at 11:23 AM

VL

Valjean Lloyd posted:

I knew Elaine from church. She would be sitting in front row all decked out in her fancy church clothes and always a hat with her hair and makeup done! I would say "hi Elaine its Val " I would get a big smile and hi back. Then I would tell her how amazing she looked and she would give me a big smile! She was a true lady. We at Grace Community Church were blessed to know her. Blessings to her family and friends!

March 11 at 10:35 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elaine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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