



Elaine Appelt

July 7, 1940 - March 27, 2020

Elaine Ruth Appelt, 79, nee Johnson, a long-time resident of Lake Villa, IL died on Friday, March 27, 2020. She entered eternal life with our Lord.

Elaine was born on July 7, 1940 in Heimdal, North Dakota to Melvin and Mabel (Fossen) Johnson. She attended the grade school in Heimdal. She graduated from Harvey High School in 1958. She worked many jobs including a telephone operator at Ma Bell.

On March 7, 1970, Elaine married Richard Appelt in Fargo, North Dakota. They met when they were eleven. They settled in Lake Villa. Elaine loved spending time with her family. Family was the most important to her. She loved being outside helping in the garden. Elaine also loved her animals. She enjoyed playing cards and was a very independent, hard worker. She is known for her amazing smile, her kindness towards others, and her faith as she was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst, IL.

Elaine will be remembered by her loving husband of 50 years, Richard; her three children, Shonda (Richard) Doty, Mark (Meaghan) Appelt, and Ryan (Lisa) Appelt; and her grandchildren Niva, Avina, Mikaela, Draven, Legion, Avin, Amya, Ayla, and Alyn. Elaine will also be remembered by her brothers-in-law Ralph (Julia) Appelt and Robert (Darlene) Appelt as well as many dear nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Mabel, sisters Doris (Kermit) Engebretson and Martha (Duanne) Westermann, in-laws Emmanuel and Pearl Appelt, and Geraldine (John) Dethloff.

As a result of the ongoing pandemic, a memorial gathering will take place at a later date.

Uffda Mom

Tribute Wall



“ Elaine Appelt

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Elaine Appelt

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ She was like a mother to me . My mother had some mental health problems. Was always there for me when I was very young and Dad had to be away at work. She as well never failed to send cards love encouragement. Will never forget how she and the family drove through winter roads all night to be with us in the worst family tragedy.

denise - April 30, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Richard and family.
For this next journey; keep the faith.
As the Persian Poet Rumi stated;
'As you start to walk out on the way; the way appears.'
Jeff and Susan Laydon

Jeffrey Laydon - April 14, 2020 at 07:03 PM

AH

“ Our hearts are breaking for this wonderful family, who became a second family for my mom, sister, and me when we rented a house next door to them when I was in junior high. We only lived there a little over a year, but I have such wonderful memories of that time with Shonda and her family. From that short time, we all became lifelong friends and I am so very sad that it had been quite a few years since my mom and my family had been down there to visit. Elaine was such an amazing mom and wife--I will always picture her standing in her kitchen, always smiling and so cheerful, as she helped get her family ready for the day when I stopped by every day to walk with Shonda and her brothers to the bus. She was so very kind, it was just palpable, and her love of animals was something she shared with my mom--they were kindred spirits! She was such a hard worker and I just remember her and Richard always working in their beautiful yard together. Such a beautiful couple...so much love... She will be so missed by so many, but we know she is in a much better place. May God bless beautiful Elaine and her loving family...

Our Sincerest Condolences and Love to you all,

Angie, Mark, Hudson, and Colton Hughes

Angie Hughes - April 05, 2020 at 04:09 PM

TG

“ The Appelts have been like my 2nd family since I met Mark at age 14(?), a truly wonderful bunch of people. Mrs. Appelt was i'm pretty sure 100% pure kindness, she will be terribly missed by me and everyone who ever met her.

Tim Gunderson - April 03, 2020 at 02:53 PM

KK

“ Karen Koble lit a candle in memory of Elaine Appelt



Karen Koble - March 31, 2020 at 09:10 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Koble - March 31, 2020 at 09:04 PM

JC

“ Elaine always brought a light into any room she entered, and her light shined bright upon all of us. Though her physical presence may be gone, her light will continue to shine through those blessed to know her.

Jim and Wendy Chirhart - March 31, 2020 at 08:46 PM

RT

“ We are so very sorry to hear that Mrs Appelt has passed . Such a sweet Lady . The appelt family are in our thoughts and prayers

Rob , Lesa Tolbert - March 31, 2020 at 01:12 PM

WC

“ we have many fond memories of Elaine through the yrs. When we were down there and Elaine and Leanne would play cards, Elaine would put on this eye shade thing that made her look like a blackjack dealer in a casino. She also had the remarkable ability to spot a garage sale sign from a long ways in the distance. Amazing. We will miss her good company and fun loving sense of humor. Not to mention her excellent cooking. I have always felt that although a person leaves this realm, the love and respect lives on. May God Bless and keep you, Elaine, you have earned it

Wayne and Leanne Chirhart - March 31, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JH

“ Jennifer Hauldren lit a candle in memory of Elaine Appelt



Jennifer Hauldren - March 30, 2020 at 08:44 AM

CD

“ Elaine, Elaine I will miss all our sit down conversations and your "Oh Cheryl for funny". You were just not an Aunt-in-law, you were a best friend. You also made the best fudge ever!! But mostly I will miss you forever.
Love Cheryl

*I will miss you Elaine. Thank you for being our witness as Cheryl and I got married. Thank you for all the conversations and COFFEE. Thank you for everything. You will truly be missed.
Love Bruce*



Cheryl & Bruce Dethloff - March 29, 2020 at 09:08 PM

JH

“ Elaine was such a big part of my family's life growing up along with Richard ,Shonda, Mark and Ryan they were our second family. She was amazing and she loved her family so much and her fur babies. She will be missed. She just sent me a message a month ago when my dad was in the hospital, asking if I remembered when we were all a family and I told her yes I do Elaine and still consider you all family. I'm happy I was able to visit her in the hospital a couple weeks ago and tell her I loved her. I'm so very sorry for this terrible loss and the Hauldren's are here if you need anything
Richard, Shonda, Mark and Ryan. 💜🙏



Jennifer Hauldren - March 29, 2020 at 07:33 PM

VN

“ I wanted to extend my sincere, heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Elaine was truly a gentle spirit. She had the SOFTEST voice, welcoming smile, and open flowing walk. All of these attributes, in addition to others, made people and especially animals feel safe around her. I am not sure what fragrance she wore, but it was subtle when she gave hugs. Elaine used the expression of "oh kid" in her conversations. I always thought it was so cute. Hanging out with Elaine and the rest of her family at Lake Villa Days was always fun. Her chocolate cookies were so amazing too!! Elaine and the family have been, and will continue to be in my thoughts during this transition of life. Big hugs, and love you guys!

Valerie Nelson - March 29, 2020 at 01:04 PM

CS

“ I will always think of Elaine as the sweetest woman I ever knew. She was always ready for visitors whether they called ahead or came unannounced. She made each of us who knew her feel special and welcome. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. I will miss her very much. Connie Saunders

Connie Saunders - March 29, 2020 at 12:58 PM

KS

“ Elaine was the sweetest person ever . I a always going to remember Elaine at the parades . I will always remember her smile. No matter what is going on her and Richie are in there yard from pretty much sunrise till sunset.



Kari Spiller - March 29, 2020 at 12:28 PM

HL

“ Jonny, my bff in grade school with whom I spent many special days and sleepovers. Love u. Hilda Mae

Hilda Mae Lindvig - March 29, 2020 at 11:08 AM

DE

“ I'm going to miss my Aunt Elaine. The only one who sent me a birthday card every year. Love ya, Dave e

Dave E - March 29, 2020 at 11:03 AM

AD

“ Aunt Elaine was always the one that watches my sister and I when we were little. When my mom had to go to work she would always drop us off in the morning. I would remember all the time walking into their house saying "Do you have any gum?" Aunt Elaine was always good for gum lol. But other memories included helping out in the yard and helping her feed her fish Goldie. Her and I would always go down in the basement and I would help her bring things up that she needed. She was a great person to be around and was always happy. I am going to miss her so much. The last time I saw her she was in Wal-Mart getting meds for Uncle Richard and we walked out together. She was saying she would be by soon to see my newest baby. That was 2 weeks before she went into the hospital. May you rest in peace!! You will be missed.
Im sorry for your loss. Sending my prayers and thoughts to the family. She will be greatly missed.

Andrea Dethloff - March 28, 2020 at 08:53 PM

AF

“ Shonda we are so sad to her about your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Alan & Joyce Frayer - March 28, 2020 at 03:20 PM