



## Elaine Petrusky

September 20, 1949 - December 13, 2025

Elaine Petrusky, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and devoted dog and cat mom, passed away unexpectedly and tragically, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and immeasurable compassion. Elaine is survived by her adoring and devoted husband, Kenneth Petrusky; her children, Lara Heywood (and son-in-law Scott Heywood), Jessica Petrusky, and Kevin Petrusky; her cherished grandchildren, Austin, Ashlyn, Kyleigh, and Chase; and her loyal entourage of animals who were never far from her side.

Elaine lived with a love for life that radiated from her in everything she did. With a huge heart and unwavering compassion for others, she dedicated herself to being a lifelong educator—always striving to make a meaningful, lasting impact on the students she taught and the people she encountered. Her commitment to helping others defined her, and her influence lives on in countless lives she touched.

An animal lover and creative artist, Elaine brought beauty, joy, and warmth into the world around her. Her exuberance and unmistakable zest for life were matched only by her boisterous personality—one that no one who met her could ever forget. A true social butterfly, she loved people deeply and thrived in the presence of family, friends, and community. She was always planning the next big gathering, ensuring that no one ever left hungry and that every visit was filled with her signature generosity and passion.

To Elaine, there were three seasons in life: racing season, football season, and Christmas—each bringing her immense joy and celebrated with her unmistakable enthusiasm.

To say she will be missed is an understatement. There are no words to fully capture the depth of loss felt by those who loved her. Elaine's spirit, kindness, and larger-than-life presence will continue to shine in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The visitation will be on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ 08835. The Parastas Service will take place at 7:00 PM during the visitation. The Funeral will be on Thursday 9:30 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a 10:30 AM Funeral Service at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, NJ. Burial will follow at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia, NJ.

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Gertrude Cemetery

53 Inman Ave.  
Colonia, NJ 07067

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home  
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747  
Manville, NJ 08835  
(908) 575-8512  
info@ketusky.com  
<https://www.ketusky.com>

## Mass

DEC 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church  
1900 Brooks Blvd  
Hillsborough Township, NJ 08844  
(908) 725-0615

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Ken & family- I am so sorry to learn of Elaine's passing. We grew up in the same neighborhood from elementary school thru high school. She was always a caring and compassionate person. The world has lost a true angel. I remember that she often had a gathering of friends at her home- everyone was welcome. She touched my life many times and these memories and kindnesses I will never forget. I have always believed that you were the luckiest guy to have won her heart. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you now.

Richard Stidger - February 07 at 10:39 AM

PC

“ Dear Kenny and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Many fond memories and deep respect for Elaine, both professionally and personally. With sincere condolences, Pete and Betsy.

Peter Carey - December 26, 2025 at 09:36 AM

TL

“ I am an aide at Lincoln Hubbard and I worked with Elaine frequently. She was always so kind, friendly, interesting and just an all-around lovely person. She talked about her family a lot and her kids and her grandchildren with so much love. She talked about game nights that she would host at her house and they sounded like so much fun! I was so sorry to hear about her passing. She's the kind of person who you just like automatically. I will miss her and I'm sure her family will miss her so much, but I'm sure they will cherish all of her memories forever! ❤️

Tina Leonardis - December 18, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elaine Petrusky.*



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December 16, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Elaine Petrusky.*



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December 16, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ *Tom Duncan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Petrusky.*

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**Tom Duncan** - December 16, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ *Annmarie & Emil & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elaine Petrusky.*



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**Annmarie & Emil & Family** - December 16, 2025 at 09:47 AM

AB

“ Dear Ken & Family  
So sorry to hear of the passing of your dear Elaine. My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.  
Ann Primich Bacek

Ann Primich Bacek - December 16, 2025 at 07:49 AM

TF

“ The Stanislawczyk Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elaine Petrusky.



The Stanislawczyk Family - December 15, 2025 at 09:57 PM

TF

“ The Stanislawczyk Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Petrusky.

The Stanislawczyk Family - December 15, 2025 at 09:57 PM

LF

“ Love, The Whaley Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elaine Petrusky.



Love, The Whaley Family - December 15, 2025 at 09:02 PM

LF

“ Love, The Whaley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Petrusky.

Love, The Whaley Family - December 15, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Petrusky.



December 15, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ Ian and Heather Horton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Petrusky.

Ian and Heather Horton - December 15, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ Riley, Will and Welles Hopkins purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Elaine Petrusky.



Riley, Will and Welles Hopkins - December 15, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ Riley, Will and Welles Hopkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Petrusky.

Riley, Will and Welles Hopkins - December 15, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Elaine Petrusky.*



December 15, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ *Doug, Dell, BA, Boston & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Petrusky.*

**Doug, Dell, BA, Boston & family** - December 15, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ *Charles O. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elaine Petrusky.*



**Charles O.** - December 15, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *Charles O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Petrusky.*

**Charles O.** - December 15, 2025 at 04:34 PM

DC

“ Dave & Kathy Crans purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elaine Petrusky.



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**Dave & Kathy Crans** - December 15, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Petrusky.



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December 15, 2025 at 03:32 PM

JR

“ Joanne, John, Joseph and James Rodrigues planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Petrusky.

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**Joanne, John, Joseph and James Rodrigues** - December 15, 2025 at 03:32 PM

BH

“ Barbara & James H planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Petrusky.

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**Barbara & James H** - December 15, 2025 at 03:27 PM

GH

“ There is no way to describe the bond Elaine and I have had over more than 50 years. She was an effective and affectionate shoulder to cry on as I tried to be the same for her. Mutual Matrons of Honor at our weddings, we shared so much. I will miss her joyous calls just checking in. There is a hole in my life with her passing. Her memory is certainly a blessing to me. Wishing strength and comfort to Kenny and family.

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**Georgia Hartnett** - December 15, 2025 at 12:55 PM