



Elaine Pudenz

February 18, 1918 - January 10, 2016

Elaine Pudenz, age 97, of Carroll, died late Sunday evening, January 10, 2016 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 15, 2016 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Brian Feller. Con-Celebrant and Homilist will be Fr. Robert Gralapp. Music will be by Kate Cuddy, All Strings Attached, and St. Lawrence Choir with Jake Gute as cantor. Lector for the funeral mass will be Elaine's son, Bob Pudenz. Gift Bearers will be Rachael Urban, Heather Merkl, Lauren Pudenz and Tracy Pudenz. Eucharistic Ministers will be Diane Hannasch and Shirley Molitor. Casket Bearers will be: John Pudenz, Ryan Bloomberg, Phillip Bloomberg, Brian Urban, Bradley Merkl, T.R. Pudenz, and Banks Merkl. The St. Anthony Nurses Alumni Association and the St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4:30 p.m. on Thursday where there will be a rosary at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church at 9:30 a.m. on Friday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Elaine's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on February 18, 1918 at rural Audubon, Elaine was the daughter of Walter and Katherine (Larsen) Andersen. She was educated in the Audubon School System and later graduated from St. Anthony School of Nursing.

On July 27, 1943, Elaine was united in marriage to Ervin Pudenz at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The couple made their home in Carroll where Elaine was active as a nurse for over 50 years, and until her passing was the oldest living graduate of St. Anthony School of Nursing.

Elaine was active with the St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary, St. Anthony Nurses Alumni Association, Carroll County Extension Board, as well as St. Lawrence Ladies Guild, and St. Lawrence Parish where she was a member for 55 years. Elaine's greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Survivors include her son, Robert Pudenz of Carroll; her sister-in-law, Clair Pudenz of Carroll; Tracy Pudenz of Carroll; her grandchildren: John Pudenz, Heather Merkl of Georgia, Jay Pudenz of San Diego, Phillip Bloomberg, Rachael Urban, and Ryan Bloomberg, from the Omaha area; 11 great-grandchildren; as well as several relatives in the Elk Horn and Audubon area.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Ervin (EC), her daughter Barbara Bloomberg and her husband Phillip; her sister Dorothy Andersen; and her brother Walter Andersen.

Tribute Wall

EH

“ *To Bob and family,
I send sincere condolences to you on the death of Elaine. I
remember her well at St. Anthony's Nursing Home where my
mother also resided until her death a year ago. Elaine had a long
and wonderful life and I know she will be missed by all her family.
My thoughts are with all of you.
Elma (Garbier) Heidemann*

Elma Heidemann - January 28, 2016 at 12:57 PM

JS

“ *Julie And Jim Sanders lit a candle in memory
of Elaine Pudenz*



Julie and Jim Sanders - January 15, 2016 at 12:11 PM

MF

“ *Dear Bob,*

*So sorry to read of Elaine's passing, but surely it was time to say
good-by. We remember her with a smile on her face. It's the end of
an era for your family with you the oldest one.
May she rest in peace. Mary and Bob Feldmann
Mesa, AZ*

Mary Feldmann - January 15, 2016 at 10:50 AM

MC

“ *Bob and family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Elaine lived a long and beautiful life. I have many fond memories of spending time at your house.

Love to all

Bob and Marcia Carlberg

Marcia Carlberg - January 14, 2016 at 02:25 PM

SM

“ *Ssllly And Gerry Messbarget sent a virtual gift in memory of Elaine Pudenz*



sslly and Gerry Messbarget - January 14, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elaine Pudenz.*



January 13, 2016 at 10:57 PM

WN

“ *Pudenz family: Elaine was a friendly, caring person who lived her life to the fullest. She will be missed. It was fun to see her because she always looked classy and had a great smile. You will be in our thoughts as you face the days ahead. Wes & CJ Niles, Carroll*

Wes & CJ Niles - January 13, 2016 at 08:37 PM

JB

“ My condolences to all of you! Elaine always remembered me when she saw me and never failed to say "hello".
I hope your many happy memories of your mother/grandmother/great grandmother will fill your days.
Joan and Mike Bloom

Joan Bloom - January 12, 2016 at 05:02 PM

NE

Sorry for your loss Bob, your mom was a wonderful caring lady. She will be missed. Norma Truhe Enos

Norma Enos - January 13, 2016 at 06:03 PM

KS

My Sympathy to the Pudenz Family. When Tex and I were transferred to Carroll in the Fall of 1964 Erv. sold us our home. Erv. learned through that process that I was a registered nurse. It wasn't long before I received a phone call asking if I would work a couple of shifts of private duty nursing so Elaine and he could travel out of town for a weekend family celebration. I covered that private duty case for Elaine, and thus started my nursing career in Carroll as other private duty nursing opportunities arose. I was approached and subsequently hired by the Antonian School of Nursing to begin teaching in Jan. 1965. Thanks Elaine for such a wonderful opportunity that opened the doors for a fantastic career as a nursing educator!

May you rest in peace! Kaye Stock, RN, MSN

Kaye Stock - January 14, 2016 at 02:13 PM