



Elaine Carolyn Allen

August 14, 1930 - November 17, 2025

Elaine Carolyn Allen, 95, passed away peacefully on November 17, 2025, at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers, Florida.

Born on August 14, 1930, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Elaine was the daughter of Katherine and Raymond J. Leeds. She was raised in Atlantic City alongside her beloved younger brother, John. The family were active members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Elaine proudly followed family tradition by attending Atlantic City High School, just as her parents and brother had before her.

In 1952, Elaine married the love of her life, Euston Eukie Allen Sr. Together they built a warm and lively home at 311 North Dudley Avenue in Ventnor, New Jersey, where they raised their three children: Nancy Lynn (Michael Silver), the late Richard Euston, and Laurie Jean (Chris Candaffio).

Elaine enjoyed a fulfilling professional life, working in real estate at Lewis Realty before becoming an underwriter with Prudential Insurance Company. After she and Eukie began wintering in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, Elaine devoted her later years to helping others as a volunteer at Lee Memorial Hospital a role she held with great pride.

Following Eukie's passing and the destruction of her condo during Hurricane

Ian, Elaine found comfort and care in the loving home of Laurie and Chris in Fort Myers, where she lived surrounded by family until her passing.

Elaine is survived by her daughters, Nancy and Laurie; her grandchildren Nicholas (Jillian), Vincent, and her great-grandchildren, Cecelia and Aria. She is also survived by her nephews Steven Forrest (Lynn) and John Leeds (Bridget) and her niece Suzanne Forrest.

Elaine will be remembered for her love of crocheting, knitting, sudoku, crossword puzzles, pinochle, Frank Sinatra, the Ventnor Beach, the Margate Log Cabin, her sorority sisters, Chris's wonderfully prepared dinners, her unforgettable personality, her infectious laugh, and most enthusiastically her admiration for actor Bradley Cooper.

Elaine will be forever missed and always loved.

Cremation was provided by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory. She will be reunited with Eukie during the spreading of her ashes in early summer.

Tribute Wall

“Dear Elaine, with your passing, a hole has been left in our community here at Silver Lake. And I’m quite sure there are several other communities who feel just as bereft.

What an incredible example of a life well lived you have left for us. Even well into your nineties, if we asked, “Elaine would you like to go...” your answer was “yes” before we could even complete the sentence, be it a restaurant, a walk down Silver Lake Drive, a cocktail party, a boat ride around the lake, a drive to the shore. Whatever, wherever, you were a gamer.

You were the proud owner of two residences—one in Ventnor, NJ and one in Fort Myers, FL. Even in your nineties you were still shuffling back and forth annually (on your own). But you finally decided to let Ventnor go. You so graciously invited us in to take whatever household items moved us. I am the proud recipient of your yellow leather recliner. I think of you each time I ease into it, with the sun streaming in our windows. And I’m cozy with the warm sun and the blanket that you made me.

You were tidying up the last details of the Ventnor sale and disposition of your household goods and were getting all set to head south to Ft. Meyers when Hurricane Ian reared his ugly head. He destroyed your lovely condo on the golf course. In a matter of days, you went from a proud owner of two lovely homes to none. That would have turned a lesser person into a quivering puddle. Not you. I couldn’t believe the equanimity with which you handled that horrific situation.

This year’s visit to New Jersey revealed to us that your health was declining. Here am I bemoaning every new little ache. Not you. The grace with which you handled your failing body, how you juggled life and all it had to throw at you, has been astounding and beyond inspiring.

It has been my privilege to witness the amazing relationship you

have had with your daughter Nancy, my next door neighbor and my bestie. Your daily calls, your attempts to straighten her up. It was always so amusing to watch the interaction between you two. One thing always shone through...that you loved and were loved. Godspeed, my dear Elaine.

Mary Cochetti - January 07 at 09:02 PM

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“ *Mrs. Elaine Allen was a pure pleasure to spend time with and will surely be missed by her many friends and family. She was a very active person who was involved with her family and actively volunteered at a local hospital until very recently. My husband always referred to her as Mrs. Wonderful, a title she well deserved, and she nicknamed him Mr. Wonderful. We will miss, Mrs. Wonderful! Rest in Peace Elaine.*

Lesley Hagen - December 22, 2025 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Mrs. Allen AKA Elaine has touched my entire family. She definitely fits the saying "After she was born they broke the mold ". Her wit and candid opinions were always shared with her family and friends. My son Ryan who lived in Ventnor for a couple of years would often go to her house to visit and talk. He would stay for hours and loved the conversation. He would call me and say "Mrs. Allen is SHARP AND FUNNY "He was so happy to see her recently when she visited New Jersey Two of my children had babies , and what else did they have; a beautiful blanket made by Elaine. She made our family 5 gorgeous blankets. They will be cherished just like our memories of her. God bless and may she rest in peace.*

Steve , Deb , Ryan , Jaime and Jenna Derkoski

STEPHEN DERKOSKI - December 12, 2025 at 08:41 AM

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“ There’s not enough room on here for me, too explain how much I love that woman. I met her right after the untimely passing of her husband, but through the years, asking her questions and the loving memory she had of him I felt like I had met him. She is the woman that I wish was my mother. you’ll be in our hearts for always and I hope when the time comes for me to pass, I’ll be able to see you again. Love you... Bernie and family

Bernie Bryson - December 06, 2025 at 05:23 PM