



Elaine T. Taelman

December 24, 1928 - November 24, 2023

Our dear mother, Elaine Theresa Taelman, 94, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL and formerly of Naples, FL and South Bend, IN, passed away on November 24, 2023 in Jupiter, FL.

Elaine was born on December 24, 1928 to Stanley and Harriet (Wegner) Soleta in South Bend, IN, both of whom preceded her in death. Elaine had one sibling, Gerald S. Soleta, who also preceded her in death in 2010. She graduated from South Bend Catholic High School in 1947 and spent the majority of her working years employed at the Oliver Corporation (which later became known as White Farm Equipment), first as a secretary in the Purchasing Dept., then promoted to a Buyer position five years before retiring.

On June 13, 1992 Elaine married Arthur A. Taelman (who preceded her in death in 2012), at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Granger, IN and they retired to Naples, FL. It was during this time that she enjoyed volunteering at St. Williams Catholic Church and also at Avow Hospice. She and Arthur loved traveling (especially going on cruises), dining and dancing, socializing with friends, playing cards, Scrabble, crossword puzzles and reading. Both were avid Notre Dame football fans and enjoyed either attending games or watching them on TV.

Elaine was devoted to God and her family. She loved cooking for her family,

especially Grandma's Polish recipes. She was the best mother a child could ever hope to have and instilled the important things in life to us. She had a wonderful sense of humor that everyone who knew her enjoyed. Her laughter was unique and contagious. Mom was a lot of fun, and we had such special times being together. She will remain with us always.

Elaine is survived by her two loving daughters: Doreen Bergland-Mingus (Ted) of Cleveland, TX and Janine Barany of West Palm Beach, FL. Other survivors include three grandchildren: Alison (Lou) Gastin, Joshua (Taylor) Bergland and Justin Bergland, as well as three great-grandchildren: Jordyn (JT) Satterwhite, Drew and Hanna Gastin, all residing in Texas.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Leo The Great Catholic Church, 28290 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134 on December 30, 2023.

Any donations on behalf of Elaine may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org

Per her request, Elaine asks her loved ones – Do Not Worry or Be Sad – “All Is Well”.

Arrangements are being handled Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134