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Elaine Thompson Obituary

Elaine Thompson (nee Sharpless), 83, of Elyria, died Monday March 9, 2026. She was born July 31, 1942 in Toledo, Ohio and has been a resident of Elyria since 1967. She attended Western College for Women, received a bachelor of arts in 1964 from Ohio University and a MSSA in 1970 from Case Western Reserve. She was employed as a social worker at Lorain County Children Services beginning in 1970, Lorain County Board of Mental Retardation and private practice. Elaine was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Elyria, American Association of Women and a lifetime member of Girl Scouts. She was an avid reader, enjoyed playing bridge and traveled to numerous countries including England, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Israel, Peru, China, and many more

Elaine is survived by a son, Phillip J. Porter of Elyria; sister, Linda (Gary) Downen; brother, Keith Sharpless; nieces, Sarah and Emily and nephews, Joshua, Ron and David.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Taylor Thompson in 2025; parents, Robert and Marie Sharpless and a brother, John Sharpless.

Friends will be received Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 11:00 am until the time of a noon memorial service at Dicken, Dovin & Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria.

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Elaine Thompson, please visit our floral store.



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AT

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Elaine Thompson posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Elaine Thompson We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM

CP

Christopher And Denise Poggiali posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Elaine Thompson by Christopher and Denise Poggiali. Plant a Tree Phil, As you grieve, know that we are thinking of you and the family at this difficult time. May this tree be a living reminder that love, like nature, endures. Christopher and Denise Poggiali

April 22 at 8:55 AM

RB

Rachael And Christina Boehnen posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Elaine Thompson by Rachael and Christina Boehnen. Plant a Tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM

TF

The Rowekamp Family posted:

A dream in pink was purchased for the family of Elaine Thompson by The Rowekamp Family. Send Flowers In loving memory of (Aunt) Elaine Thompson The Rowekamp Family

April 22 at 8:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

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GB

George And Sally Bescak posted:

Prayers going up for the family of Elaine 🙏 I did not know her personally, but my husband and I know her son, Phil. Phil, your mother was such an accomplished, multi-faceted, passionate woman, who helped many in her lifetime, especially children! Her education and contributions to the many people in her time here on earth is remarkable!! You must be so very proud to be her son. She certainly sounds like an Angel on this earth! I'm sure she loved you very much and I know you loved and treasured her ❤️ May God help you during your grief and great loss. With love, prayers and many caring thoughts, George and Sally Bescak.

March 19 at 1:30 PM

JS

Judy Skillicorn posted:

Elaine was our next door neighbor on Washington Av in Elyria for many years and her Philip and my Brian were playmates who loved going into their pool together and shooting baskets. Later, Elaine and I were Friday shopping buddies and would travel all around the greater Cleveland area with a nice lunch until I started back to work full time. When my husband's father died, Elaine made a beautifully decorated birthday cake for our daughter who was 8. She was a great neighbor. Elaine, with other women joined us for plays at Playhouse Square for many years and we went to Friday night movies at LCCC. Later, after we moved away to a new house, Elaine and I remained friends and spent a week at Chautauqua together with our sisters for many years. We were in book club together with friends and saw each other there. Elaine and I had a long history together and also with Philip who took such good care of his mother in her last years. May Elaine rest in peace and may Philip know he was a good and caring son to her.

March 14 at 6:31 PM

JW

Joel Wilmer posted:

So sorry to hear of Elaine passing. She was a wonderfully nice person. We would walk our dogs whenever she was out working in the yard (which was often) we would stop and chat. She was always so pleasant and loved to pet the dogs.

March 14 at 2:33 PM



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Michael Thompson posted:

She was such an important part of my life growing up and someone who always showed kindness, patience, and love. Some of my favorite memories with her were going to the movies during Christmas time with my brother. Those trips were simple moments, but they meant so much and are memories I'll always carry with me. Elaine was also someone who helped guide me through school and growing up. She always took the time to encourage me and make sure I was on the right path. She truly cared, and that kind of love leaves a lasting impact. There are so many great memories that come to mind when I think of her moments of laughter and support. Rest in peace, Elaine. You were loved and will never be forgotten. Love, Mike, Brandy, and Ava

March 13 at 10:31 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elaine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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