



## Elaine B. Scharnhorst

February 18, 1942 - March 8, 2015

Elaine Beverly (nee Butzer) Scharnhorst, age 73 of Chicago Heights, formerly of Matteson and Manteno was called to her Eternal resting place on March 8th at Vitas Hospice surrounded by love.

She was preceded in death by her husband Henry "Butch" Scharnhorst in 2007. Survived by her former husband John Banser. Children Sandy (Bill) Mattull, John C. "Chuck" (Kathy) Banser, Sherry (Ken) Ray and Sheila (Pete) Stepanovic. Grandchildren Billy Mattull, Laurie Banser, Ricky Ray, Pat Banser, Adam (Amanda) Ray, Zach Reasor, Jon, Kayla and Jason Stepanovic. Great grandchildren John and Alexandria. Brother Robert (Bonnie) Butzer. Preceded by her sister and her husband Janet (Harold) Stuenkel and her parents Merlin and Sylvia (nee Vogt) Butzer and grandsons Jacob and Jacques Stepanovic.

Elaine spent most of her life doing what she did best and that was being an amazing loving Mother and Grandmother. She worked as a waitress at Perkins in Matteson and the Olympian Restaurant in Olympia Fields. She was also a beautician and managed Sally Beauty Supply; retiring in 1999. Elaine was a member of the Altar Guild and Ladies Aid at Zion Lutheran Church in Matteson. She belonged to TOPS, a Pinochle Club and loved to cook and bake and her many recipes will live on. She also was an avid camper and spent many cherished moments with friends sitting around the campfire.

Visitation Sunday, March 15th from 2 until 9 p.m. at Heartland Memorial Center, 7151 W. 183rd St., Tinley Park.

Funeral Monday, March 16th, Visitation 10:00 a.m. until time of Service 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 3840 W. 216th St., Matteson.

Interment to follow at St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Country Club Hills.

Donations to the family will be shared with the Ladies Aid at Zion Lutheran Church in Matteson and Vitas Hospice at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights.

For info or to sign the guestbook (708) 444-2266 or [heartlandmemorial.com](http://heartlandmemorial.com)

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Sherry Ray lit a candle in memory of Elaine B. Scharnhorst*



Sherry Ray - March 26, 2015 at 02:27 PM

AM

“ *My heartfelt sympathies. She raised a wonderful family. God Bless.*

*Love, Amy Madsen*

Amy Madsen - March 16, 2015 at 12:18 PM

SR

*Thank You Amy. She will be missed more than she could ever know .*

Sherry Ray - March 26, 2015 at 02:12 PM

 Sue Scimeca

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Sue Scimeca - March 13, 2015 at 04:29 PM

SR

*Wonderful pictures. Thanks for Sharing*

Sherry Ray - March 26, 2015 at 02:12 PM

MU

“ *Elaine and I always went to lunch and bingo twice a month at the Leo Hassert Center in Manteno. We always enjoyed each others company. I really missed her when she had moved to a new assisted living home. My deepest symphany to Elaines family. Mary Urbanek, her Senior Companion through Catholic Charities.*

Mary Urbanek - March 13, 2015 at 02:50 PM

SR

*The family so appreciates all that you did for our Mom. She loved getting out and playing Bingo or cards. Thank you for the kind words.*

Sherry Ray - March 26, 2015 at 02:13 PM

AD

“ *Sending love to Elaines family at this sad time. Had wonderful conversations with many of you and with mom at my brothers wake. Lots of memories of Homeland road and our neighborhood coffees. She was truly a beautiful lady. Love Arlene Dahlman*

Arlene Dahlman - March 13, 2015 at 12:11 PM

SR

*Thank you Arlene. It certainly has become the place to reconnect with friends/neighbors. Homeland Road had a full reunion at Mom's services. What awesome memories that were shared. Mom loved her coffee clutches. Thanks you for the kind words.*

Sherry Ray - March 26, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ *Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Elaine B. Scharnhorst.*



March 13, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine B. Scharnhorst.*



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March 11, 2015 at 01:31 PM



“ *Diane Hattendorf*

*"Elaine and I crossed paths in many ways throughout the years. As cousins, friends, teacher to parent(Sherry and Chuck), and also as supporters of Zion Lutheran School. But, our family ties meant the most. All of our relatives knew that Elaine was an amazing cook and baker, Her potato salad was raved about by all at family gatherings. We had many happy times at their parents' home on 183rd Street. Often, we would run down the hill in front and gather lightning bugs in the summer. Elaine took great pride in her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She will be missed by many. But, we also know that her pain and suffering have ended. We, Vogt cousins, have lost another family member that we all loved! Memories of happy times will live on for each of us as we recall the past. "*

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**Diane Hattendorf** - March 11, 2015 at 10:04 AM



*Oh the memories of so many things. These are the things that will get us through the hard times ahead. Thank you for sharing.*

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**Sherry Ray** - March 26, 2015 at 02:17 PM

CC

“ I remember Elaine's laugh. We had many laughs while we were in cosmetology school in Matteson back in the 70"s. Oh what fun. Elaine always had me in stitches either by what she did or said. She continued on with her career as a hairdresser & a very good one. She really loved her family and they loved her. After a long struggle, she is at peace in the Lord. We will miss her.

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**Connie Cappel** - March 10, 2015 at 10:27 PM

SR

Interesting the things people remember. We didn't get the chance to hear mom laugh much while raising the 4 of us. She was such a hard working woman and always very, very busy. I know her friends were able to enjoy the other side of her and we have heard many great stories. It seems as if there were always another story to be told by mom that we hadn't heard before just like her father (Grandpa Butzer), but yet we didn't hear much laughter from Mom which is really sad to think about now. Thank you for letting us see the other side too.

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**Sherry Ray** - March 26, 2015 at 02:19 PM

ND

“ Elaine loved to go Garage Sale shopping. I was always surprised when she appeared at every one of mine. Always bright and early!



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**Nancy Dobner** - March 10, 2015 at 10:07 PM

SR

Oh yes she did. That was a passion of hers and Butch's . Not my kind of thing but boy Mom loved going and having garage sales.

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**Sherry Ray** - March 26, 2015 at 02:20 PM

KB

“ *Elaine will always be remembered for all of the good times and laughter that we had at the campgrounds and who was a very good, dear friend of my Mom and Dad.*



*Kim Bertic*

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**Kim Bertic** - March 10, 2015 at 09:43 PM

SR

*Thank you for sharing. I wish I had been able to go to some of those campfires but that wasn't in the plans of life. She is enjoying the campfire around the clouds now and will certainly be missed very much.*

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**Sherry Ray** - March 26, 2015 at 02:21 PM