



Elaine K Yirga

October 1, 1950 - January 27, 2025

A beautiful life, a loving wife and a devoted mother.

On January 27, 2025, Elaine Kay (Burkhart) Yirga left this world to join her Lord. She leaves behind her husband of 52 years, Jerry Allen Yirga, two children Michael Allen Yirga and Carey Ann Yirga, son-in-law Ismael Betancourt and three grand fur babies. Elaine had four siblings John (Marlene) Burkhart, Louise (Raymond) "Nub" Barr, Linda (Gary) Preston and Ken (Mary) Burkhart,, 18 nieces & nephews & their families.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents Kermit LaVerne & Agnes Pecola (Tracht) Burkhart, in-laws Lewis & Josephine (Waterhouse) Yirga, her beloved sister Linda (Burkhart) Preston, nephew Steven Barr & niece Sue (Day) Barr.

Elaine was born Oct. 1, 1950 in Marion County, Ohio. She graduated from River Valley High School in 1969. She earned a medical assistant degree at Elchart Technical College in Indiana. Elaine went on to work several years for Dr. Loggins in Galion, Ohio. Over the years she substituted in the administrative offices for Upper Sandusky schools & was a physical therapy assistant for area assisted living & nursing homes. Elaine worked many years for the Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles in Upper Sandusky, She retired from the position of office manager in 2018.

Elaine lived each day to the fullest. She filled her free time with family,

gardening, crafting, baking & singing. She was an avid, boisterous sports fan.

Elaine was a member of the 16 United Methodist Church in Caledonia, Ohio. After settling in Upper Sandusky she became a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, which later merged with North Salem Lutheran Church.

Elaine showed love to those around her with big & small acts of kindness. She served many with faithfulness & a joyful, pure heart.

Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

The family graciously thanks the staff of the Wyandot County Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center for their support & care.

A gathering of family and friends for Elaine K. Yirga will be held at 12:00PM on Sat. March 29, 2025 at Stepping Stones Park Gazebo. Interment will be private at North Salem Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Wyandot Memorial Hospice in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Visit www.BringmanClark.com to extend a condolence or share a memory.

Our life is only brief on this infinite timeline; choose to be kind, gracious, and love one another as Elaine has done,

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR **29**. 12:00 PM.

Stepping Stones Park Gazebo

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a friend and classmate of Elaine's and we were at Elkhart together. She was a kind and loving soul. My deepest sympathy to her family. Meridith and Walt Malone

Meridith Malone - February 16, 2025 at 05:16 PM

JH

“ Dear Jerry and family,
May warm, happy memories of Elaine bring you help and comfort throughout this time of sorrow.
With sympathy, Roger and Judy Hall

Judy Hall - February 10, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ Sending many hugs and prayers to Jerry, Carey & Izzy, and the rest of family.

Tina Stansbery Kear - January 31, 2025 at 12:46 PM