



Elaine Canavera

July 17, 1914 - July 17, 2007

Niagara - Elaine R. Canavera, 93, of Niagara, died peacefully Tues. July 17, 2007 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara. She was born on January 24, 1914 in Iron River, MI the daughter of the late Larry and Lettie (Brisbine) Watt.

Elaine graduated from Niagara High School in 1932. Elaine worked for Dr. McCormick and Dr. Donovan. She enjoyed gardening, farming, reading, writing, and had belonged to a local writers association.

Elaine was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and a member of Christian Mothers. Elaine also volunteered for over thirty years at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center and at Maryhill Manor. She was a great supporter of education and served on the Niagara School Board. As a lover of animals, Elaine had many animals of her own and was an animal care advocate.

She married Joseph Canavera on July 6, 1935 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara. He preceded her in death in 1984.

Elaine is survived by three children Barb (Gary) Liebau of Niagara, Father Larry Canavera of Menasha, and Clifford (Debra) Canavera of Brandenburg, KY, seven grandchildren Joseph, Catherine, Mary and Jim (Gail) Liebau; Susan (Tim) Whitstone; and Megan and Kyle Canavera, five great

grandchildren Joe Jr., Anthony, and Franci Liebau; and Gareth and Lily Whitstone.

Elaine was preceded in death by one sister Florence Formolo and one great grandson Denver Liebau.

Visitation will be Sat. from 9:30-11:30 am at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara. Funeral services will be at 11:30 at the church. Father Larry Canavera will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Niagara Cemetery.

Elaine's grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Friends of Haiti Fund.

The family would like to thank the staff at Maryhill Manor for their loving care.

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of at www.tondinfuneralhome.com

The family has entrusted the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Fr Larry,
Sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. My Mom told me about her passing. She would like to send you a card, but I am not sure what parish you are at now. At your convenience, please send me an email with your address. Thanks. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Take care and God bless,
Jon and Cheryl Giguere*

jon giguere - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Dear Father Canavera and Family,
I am a former student and athlete of yours from Sacred Heart Seminary and was informed of your Mothers passing and wanted to extend my deepest condolences and heart felt wishes to you and your family. It is our faith and family that help us at these difficult times and I am sure you have both a strong faith and a great family. Hopefully, knowing that your Mother is now where we hope to be someday can hopefully give you some peace. I will include all of you in my prayers.*

Sincerely,

Steve Sanders

Steve Sanders - July 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dear Father Larry, We were sorry to hear of the death of your mother. Please know that we are with you in your sorrow as you have been with us in ours. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Denis & Kathy Louis

Denis & Kathy Louis - July 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Father Larry - I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow. May you all have wonderful memories.

Judy and Dave Louis - July 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Larry,
I'm saddened to hear about the death of your mother. It sounds like her life was filled with helping people and her community. I suspect you will have a great celebration of her life. You were such a help to our family as we dealt with the death of our parents. While we may not be able to help you in quite the same way, our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this time of loss and transition. A memorial in your mother's name will be sent to help with the work in Haiti.
Ed Ehlinger

Ed Ehlinger - July 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ FR. LARRY: We are remembering the times at your mother and dad`s farm with great fondness. Your mother`s faith and wisdom touched thousands through your loving hands. The Dooley family`s prayers are with you and your family.

Michael Dooley sr. - July 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Larry and siblings - Our hearts and souls reach out to you - as earthly orphans, while you seek deep peace and understanding. Celebrate with gusto Elaine's well lived journey and your hope in the Resurrection. You have often witnessed our family's joys and sadness. Now we live forward and pray with you as you shed tears, but also as you build your lives stronger. In love and grace, George and Deanna Golden

George Golden - July 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ To Fr. Larry Canavera and family. You may remember me from the class of 1970, Sacred Heart Seminary. I played at guard in basketball with Bob Kabat. Howard Ebert is married to my sister. Bob informed us of your mother passing away and I wanted you to know that I'm thinking of you and praying for you and your family at this difficult time. May God's peace be with you.

Fran Mader - July 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I loved her smile when I worked at Maryhill. She could always make you laugh. If there is anything I can do please let me know. Again, I am sorry for your loss

Nicci Spade - July 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM