



Elaine L. Capra

September 14, 1923 - June 18, 2025

Elaine Lavern (Vassar) Tramontin Capra, 101, of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away June 18, 2025.

Elaine was a talent in so many ways, often sharing her gifts with others, inspiring those around her through her strength, resilience, and style. She was born September 14, 1923 in Alpha, Michigan, the eldest girl of 8 children to Lawrence and Irene Vassar. Elaine's family resided in Florence, Wisconsin in a small dirt floored cabin.

Elaine studied cosmetology and went on to marry Donald Tramontin in February of 1947. They welcomed three beautiful daughters together and lived on the North Side of Iron Mountain prior to moving to Moon Lake, often enjoying the company of friends and neighbors in their home. Elaine owned her own salon, as well as a clothing store in Iron Mountain, bringing the latest styles and fashions to the area. Her hobbies included ceramics, golf, sewing, cooking, and bowling.

After Donald passed, Elaine met Robert Capra while out dancing with friends, and they were united in marriage in May 1976. Elaine and Bob spent many years together enjoying golf and traveling while wintering in Arizona.

Elaine lived so much of her life surrounded by her family, and they truly

embraced this time, never missing a celebration, event or get-together.

Elaine is survived by her siblings, Russell Vassar, Barbara Dagostino, Alice Westman and Marlene Norbertson; daughters, Marlea (Rich) Weber, Dawn Tramontin (Roger Heinzman), and Denise (Steve) Kotlar; step-children, Janice (Tony) Bratton, Larry (Christine) Capra, and Teresa (Jim) Wirth; grandchildren, Brian (Amee) Hord, Christopher (Amy) Hord, Jessie (Kaveh) Barakhshan, and Jennifer (Jon) Daubner, step-grandchildren, Kimberly Capra-Warren, Christopher Capra, and Gina Sievers; 12 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Arlington Vassar, Donald Vassar and Betty LeFleur; husband, Donald Tramontin; husband, Robert Capra; and son-in-law, Stephen Kotlar.

The memories she created with those she loved will forever live on in those she leaves behind. She was strong, determined, and pioneering in her life and was able to impress those qualities on all those she met. The family will be honoring the beautiful life of Elaine in a private ceremony.

If you look to the sky and see a flash of red,
Follow the wings with a turn of your head.

The cardinal that flies may not be me,
But a reminder that my soul is now free.
-Jessie Barakhshan

Private services will be held.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Elaine Lavern (Vassar) Tramontin Capra online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Marlea, Dawn Kay & Denise,
I'm so sorry I just learned that Auntie Elaine
had passed. Please accept my heartfelt
condolences. My thoughts & prayers are with
you.



Susan Tinti - July 20, 2025 at 07:16 PM

JS

“ My sincere sympathy in the loss of your beautiful mom!

Judy Johnson Sielaff - July 06, 2025 at 05:31 PM

RF

“ Russell Vassar and Family purchased the Emerald
d Garden Basket for the family of Elaine L.
Capra.



Russell Vassar and Family - July 05, 2025 at 07:59 PM

MA

“ Marlea and family my sincere condolences go out to all of you.
Sorry for your loss. Your mother will surely be missed by all that
knew her. Mary Williams

Mary - July 05, 2025 at 11:12 AM

FV

“ So sorry to hear of aunty's passing. Such a beautiful lady! My dad, Arlington, and I would go visit her , I'm happy to have been part of that. God bless. Fay and family.

fay d vassar - July 04, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ We send our sympathy to you on the loss of your mother. Our prayers hope to give you peace and comfort at this time of sorrow. Al and Sharon

Sharon Weber - July 03, 2025 at 09:21 AM