



Elaine J. Malburg

December 8, 1959 - December 25, 2025

Elaine Jane Malburg, nee Wolf (Ej) was gifted to us on December 8, 1959, in Shelby Township, Michigan, born to Reynold and Ethel Wolf. Elaine is survived by her husband of 37 years, Thomas Malburg, beloved sons Timothy (Kylie) Malburg, Cory (Katelyn) Malburg, Robert 'Bobby' Malburg, step-daughter Shawn (Patrick) Malburg-Dunn, and her dearly adored three grandchildren: Cameron 'Cam' (6), Miles (5), and Colson (1). Cherished sister to Donna (Ronald) Sanner, Diane (Dick) Debbs, Barbara 'Barbie' (Paul) Thomas, Dennis 'Denny' Wolf and Cheryl 'Sherri' (John) Hautala. Treasured sister-in-law to Ronald (Ann) Malburg, Kenneth (Amy) Malburg, Elaine Malburg, Jim Ledwidge, Clifford Malburg, Terry (Luanne) Malburg, Randy Malburg (Carol) and Renee (Jeff) Shull. During her lifetime, Elaine was dearly loved by many nieces, nephews and dear friends! Elaine is predeceased in death by her parents, brother and sister-in-law Kenneth 'Kenny' and Mary Wolf, father and mother-in-law Wilfred and Gladys Malburg, brother-in-law Gerald Malburg and sister -in-law Kathleen Malburg.

Elaine grew up in a loving home on Helene Avenue where she was affectionately referred to as 'Lainey' by her siblings. She graduated from Eisenhower High School in Shelby Township, MI., and was a strikingly beautiful young lady with long brown hair that flowed down to at least hip length. She would share that the polite social excuse of, 'Its Saturday night, I have to wash my hair', was actually a reality for her, along with her use of

Dippity-Do! After graduation Elaine would begin her employment years at Ford Motor Company where she would utilize and further develop her talent as a gifted seamstress sewing auto interiors, and saving enough money to purchase her famed Camaro and 8-track tape players!

Elaine and Tom married on January 30, 1988 and together they enjoyed traveling with friends to the US Virgin Islands, weekend golf trips, bowling leagues and family gatherings, however as time passed Elaine's true calling in life would appear, and that calling was the role of mother. She was innately born with qualities and instincts that made her naturally suited to motherhood. With her strong, inherent maternal drive, she embodied all the beautiful qualities of nurturing, caregiving, and selflessness in relation to her children, and it is within these qualities where she found a deep sense of fulfillment. And although being a mother of three young boys kept her on the edge of her seat as each snake, BB gun and new dirt bike arrived, she always remained one step ahead and was always unwavering in her love and support. Elaine was ever present for every T-ball game, pinewood derby, classroom party or football game, and was always readily available for a tender hug or the wiping away of a tear. Elaine devoted her whole life and her whole self entirely to raising her three cherished boys. As her loved ones have stated, being a mother was, 'Her Superpower!'

Elaine not only devoted her time to her children, she also devoted over 20 years of distinguished service at Krause Elementary School, part of the Armada Area Schools district where she held the position of secretary, and on December 19, 2025 was recognized for her service and retirement. Elaine was proud and dedicated to be of service to the students at Krause Elementary and to assist in supporting Krause Elementary's Mission of establishing high standards, and to support learning for all in a caring environment, serving students in Pre-K through 5th grade.

Elaine's life has been one guided by heartfelt love, the same heartfelt love that she grew up with. Her house was a home that all were welcome in and anybody who entered was treated as one of her own. There was always a seat for you at the kitchen table, and before you could sit down she was likely to already be setting out snacks from the pantry, or warming a meal from the fridge. Her heart was full when her house was filled with family and friends, and especially when it was filled with her grandchildren! She relished being Gammy to Cam, Miles and Colson, always looking forward to their visits and overnight sleepovers, preparing arts and crafts together, sewing keepsake quilts for them, greeting them in the hallway at school, trips to the Dollar Store, sharing laughter and cuddles, and wrapping their Christmas presents with homemade bows. She touched countless lives with her love, kindness and generosity, and is who made the ordinary moments, now into precious memories. She will be deeply missed by all, and although her loved ones hearts are heavy, the love she gave will live on, as Elaine herself has said, 'Love Never Dies.'

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Elaine's life with a visitation and service at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 from 2-8pm with a funeral service on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at 10am.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Elaine Malburg in memory of Elaine J. Malburg*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - December 31, 2025 at 09:14 AM

LC

“ *It was my great privilege to be incorporated into Elaine's life when my daughter Kylie and Tim fell in love. She raised the bar on what it means to be a mother, a grandmother, and a friend. We have all been cheated of the wonderful future memories we could have made, but that makes the memories we created in the past, all the more precious. I will treasure them as I treasured her. Rest in some well earned peace my dear friend.*

Linda Chung - December 31, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.*



December 30, 2025 at 11:05 AM

YF

“ *Your De-Cal family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.*



Your De-Cal family - December 30, 2025 at 09:32 AM

TF

“ *The Ercolani Family. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.*



The Ercolani Family. - December 29, 2025 at 07:24 PM

TF

“ *The Ercolani Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.*

The Ercolani Family. - December 29, 2025 at 07:24 PM

DB

“ *Daniel, Jackie, Jemma, and Brynn purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.*



Daniel, Jackie, Jemma, and Brynn - December 29, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.*



December 29, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.*



December 29, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ *Love, Brianne and Mike purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.*



Love, Brianne and Mike - December 29, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ *Love, Brianne and Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.*

Love, Brianne and Mike - December 29, 2025 at 01:24 PM

MF

“ Mary Robichaud and Laura Forro purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Mary Robichaud and Laura Forro - December 29, 2025 at 12:46 PM

MF

“ Mary Robichaud and Laura Forro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

Mary Robichaud and Laura Forro - December 29, 2025 at 12:46 PM

CS

“ Carrie Sledz purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Carrie Sledz - December 29, 2025 at 12:31 PM

CC

“ Cathy Carnacchi lit a candle in memory of Elaine J. Malburg



Cathy Carnacchi - December 29, 2025 at 12:21 PM

TS

“ Taylor A. Mikayla M. Kayla W. & Jessie S. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Taylor A. Mikayla M. Kayla W. & Jessie S. - December 29, 2025 at 11:51 AM

ST

“ We are so sorry for your loss.
The Stevenson (Jack S) and Shafer Families

Stevensons - December 29, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JS

“ Jack S. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Jack S. - December 29, 2025 at 11:11 AM

TF

“ The Lucks (Norm, Mitch, Roger & family) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



The Lucks (Norm, Mitch, Roger & family) - December 29, 2025 at 11:06 AM

LF

“ Love, The Sanner and Welch Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Love, The Sanner and Welch Families - December 29, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



December 29, 2025 at 10:41 AM

SW

“ Steve and Janet Wojciehowski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Steve and Janet Wojciehowski - December 29, 2025 at 10:41 AM

TF

“ The Sutton Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



The Sutton Family - December 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM

LM

“ Luanne M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

Luanne M. - December 29, 2025 at 09:43 AM

JK

“ Jeff and Pat Schweiger & Josh Kaltz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Jeff and Pat Schweiger & Josh Kaltz - December 29, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



December 29, 2025 at 08:44 AM

LF

“ Love, The Local .308 Families purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Love, The Local .308 Families - December 28, 2025 at 07:56 PM

RS

“ Rob, Lane, Veronica, Sally, Sarah, Steph purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Rob, Lane, Veronica, Sally, Sarah, Steph - December 28, 2025 at 06:54 PM

RS

“ Rob, Lane, Veronica, Sally, Sarah, Steph planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

Rob, Lane, Veronica, Sally, Sarah, Steph - December 28, 2025 at 06:54 PM

KS

“ Krause Elementary Staff purchased the Treasure d Lilies Spray for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Krause Elementary Staff - December 28, 2025 at 06:47 PM

KS

“ Krause Elementary Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

Krause Elementary Staff - December 28, 2025 at 06:47 PM

JD

“ Jeannette D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

Jeannette D. - December 28, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



December 28, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ The McGillivray Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

The McGillivray Family - December 28, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ Aunt Ceil, Uncle Bill & Julie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Aunt Ceil, Uncle Bill & Julie - December 28, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ Aunt Ceil, Uncle Bill & Julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

Aunt Ceil, Uncle Bill & Julie - December 28, 2025 at 04:48 PM

GD

“ We send thoughts and prayers as long time friends your family is strong remember all the good times. **STAY STRONG!**”



Gerald & Arlene DeGrace - December 28, 2025 at 04:32 PM

TF

“ The Kaltz Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.”



The Kaltz Family - December 28, 2025 at 03:01 PM

TT

“ Tony and Jill Thompson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.”



Tony and Jill Thompson - December 28, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.”



December 28, 2025 at 02:32 PM

GR

“ Gallagher’s, Nidzgorski’s, and Rusk’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

Gallagher’s, Nidzgorski’s, and Rusk’s - December 28, 2025 at 02:32 PM

FS

“ Food Service Department Armada Schools purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Food Service Department Armada Schools - December 28, 2025 at 02:03 PM

KD

“ Kirsten D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

Kirsten D. - December 28, 2025 at 12:43 PM

SS

“ A beautiful life taken to soon, I will always remember Elaine as such a kind and caring person. May all the beautiful memories stay close to your hearts💕 love, larry and sue sneath

Sue sneath - December 28, 2025 at 11:32 AM

KG

“ Kim and Tom Goulette purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Kim and Tom Goulette - December 28, 2025 at 07:33 AM

KJ

“ Kelly and Jim Skokna, Luke, and Jack purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Kelly and Jim Skokna, Luke, and Jack - December 28, 2025 at 05:36 AM

GF

“ Gene and Sue Gutowski family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Gene and Sue Gutowski family - December 27, 2025 at 08:11 PM

GF

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Gene and Sue Gutowski family - December 27, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



December 27, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TM

“ The Markeys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine J. Malburg.

The Markeys - December 27, 2025 at 06:54 PM

CP

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Elaine. She was a great and caring lady. I knew her from Krause Elementary since the start of school in 2022. I would talk to her on occasion and always told me when I needed to hand in my time sheet. She had a kind heart and always would talk to you. RIP Elaine, you will truly be missed by all who knew you.

Carmelo Portaro - December 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM

AC

“ Alpha Gamma Rho - Tau Chapter purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Alpha Gamma Rho - Tau Chapter - December 27, 2025 at 06:11 PM

LD

“ Larry & Joyce DeHondt lit a candle in memory of Elaine J. Malburg



Larry & Joyce DeHondt - December 27, 2025 at 05:57 PM



Veronica Burrell

“ Elaine's heart was one of a kind. She was trustworthy and kind! The love she had for her family and friends was like no other. She will be missed by so many! I am so lucky to have called her my friend! Rest in peace Elaine! Sending so many hugs to your family during this time!!!

Veronica Burrell - December 27, 2025 at 05:10 PM

CS

“ Colin, Katie & Sophie Schettenhelm purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Elaine J. Malburg.



Colin, Katie & Sophie Schettenhelm - December 27, 2025 at 04:46 PM

RA

“ I am heartbroken to hear about this. Elaine was always so kind, thoughtful, and caring to all who she came in contact with. Always going out of her way to make others feel loved. She loved her sons and her grandchildren; always excited to share the latest family photos. EJ you were one of a kind and you will be missed. Praying for all blessed to know you.

rory ayotte - December 27, 2025 at 04:41 PM

CM

We are truly heartbroken . Elaine , you will be missed ! Your warmth and compassion will never be forgotten . Praying God will wrap your family in his arms and bring comfort to them not just today but each and every day . They have their special Angel to look over and and protect them

carol marcath - December 27, 2025 at 05:57 PM