



## Elaine Veit

March 15, 1940 - November 29, 2020

The Mass of Christian burial for Elaine Elsie Veit of Menahga, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at the Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Menahga with Father Lauren Germann as celebrant.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at the church on Thursday, December 3, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Elaine passed away at the age of 80 years old and was welcomed into her heavenly home on November 29, 2020.

Elaine Elsie Veit was born on March 15, 1940 to John W. and Elsie (Wotschke) Veit in Redwood Falls, MN. Elaine lived in many towns including Seaforth, Milroy, Sebeka, Brainerd, and Menahga. Elaine graduated from the Brainerd High School in 1957 with having the honor of being the Valedictorian of her class. After her graduation, she furthered her knowledge and attended the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in teaching in 1961. Being an English teacher brought great joy to Elaine as she always encouraged her students to try their best and to find a career that would be like not having to go to work but rather a hobby. During her teaching years between Lake Benton, Bertha-Hewitt and Sebeka she directed many class plays, coached the speech teams, wrote many poems and short stories.

Retiring from teaching in 1991 after more than 30 years did not stop Elaine from teaching as she loved to learn and share her wisdom with others.

Loving to travel and to learn all she could about anything and everything was Elaine. She had a very sharp mind and it was evidenced by her creative/descriptive writing and speaking to others about what she found and learned to be of interest to her. In addition, Elaine made sure to include all her newfound knowledge by making many scrapbooks of her favorite things. She included pictures from all over the world to ones of family and friends. She enjoyed watching movies and TV, especially the Kitten Bowl. Successively, for many years, Elaine took care of her mother, Elsie, in their home in Menahga after her father passed away until Elsie needed more care.

One of the biggest and most enjoyable things that brought Elaine the greatest comfort was the love of cats. Since she was a little girl on the farm and had a pet cat, Kittykins, she was completely in love and could not imagine her life without the love of her fur babies. Elaine had the best sense of humor and would often laugh at her cats doing funny things. She loved the Peanuts characters so much that she named her cats after them.

Elaine will be missed by so many of her family, friends, neighbors, cousins, and anyone to whom had the privilege to know her, notably her goddaughter, Karen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Marian Deanna who died in infancy, her beloved cats Kittykins, Buddy, Charlie Brown, Lucy, Penny and Sweetness.

Burial will be held at the Oak Grove Cemetery, near Brainerd, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Cemetery

Brainerd, MN 56401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church  
113 Aspen Ave. S.  
Menahga, MN 56464

## Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ She was one of the most classy ladies I've ever known and I ONLY did well in HER classes in high school. She was a gem and will truly be missed.

Deb Herbert - December 12, 2020 at 09:47 PM

PM

“ An excellent teacher in the Bertha - Hewitt schools, Miss Veit encouraged me to take part in speech competition. Public speaking is something I enjoy to this day. Patricia Zimmerman McCuiston

Patricia Mccuiston - December 03, 2020 at 07:27 PM

KM

Yes, she was an excellent teacher. She encouraged all of her students and was very proud of each one of them.

Karen Moen - December 05, 2020 at 07:54 PM

JO

“ Elaine was an inspiration to her students! I became an English teacher because of her. I have many fond memories as her student, but one of my favorites was when, as a 7th grader, I wrote a poem about cats for her and she loved it so much, she read it to the class. Needless to say, I was an English major from that day forward. She allowed me to be creative, and encouraged me when I was unsure of my abilities. We lost touch after so many years, but I never forgot the lessons she taught me. Rest in peace dear lady; you've earned it.

Julie (Conklin) Olson

Julie Olson - December 03, 2020 at 07:09 PM

KM

*This brings me such joy to hear! I bet when I look through her things I will find the poem you wrote to her as she kept everything from her students.*

**Karen Moen** - December 05, 2020 at 07:57 PM

PB

“ *Having taught with Elaine from 1967 to 1985, and becoming her best friend for over 50 years I feel I should pay tribute to her service and devotion to her students in SEBEKA HIGH. In her own words (taken from her biography in the SEBEKA CENTENNIAL BOOK 1998)"I came to love and respect the well-disciplined, academically talented, outstanding faculty and supportive parents. I was the "old maid", cat loving school teacher who taught English, directed class plays, coached speech teams, created and wrote the TROJAN CORNER for the local paper for 15 years". Many of her students have credited her for their successes in public speaking. I guess I was the closest thing she ever had for a sister. She expressed this many times. I was so proud to have known her and will miss her forever. Patricia Bender Beaumont*

**Patrica Bemder Beaumont** - December 03, 2020 at 12:50 AM

LS

*Thank you for sharing Pat. Blessings to you and Elaine. Nothing better than old friends. I am sure she continues to be pleased and grateful for your very close friendship and bond. So sorry for your loss of Elaine.*

**Lois Schmitz** - December 03, 2020 at 06:55 PM

AB

“ *I remember Miss Veit as a teacher at Bertha-Hewitt School.*

**Audrey Blashack Blashack** - December 02, 2020 at 08:57 PM

DA

“ *Deb Warm Anderson lit a candle in memory of Elaine Veit*



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**Deb Warm Anderson** - December 02, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Veit.*



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December 01, 2020 at 03:01 PM

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“ *The David Schreiber family! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elaine Veit.*



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**The David Schreiber family!** - December 01, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Veit.*



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November 30, 2020 at 03:32 PM