



Elenore Welniak

June 7, 1936 - September 10, 2018

Elenore “YaYa” (Seletos) Welniak was born June 7, 1936 in Omaha, Nebraska to George and Vasaliki (Poulopoulos) Seletos. Elenore grew up in Omaha, and graduated from Benson High School in 1954. Following high school, she attended Omaha University. Elenore stayed busy in high school as a cheerleader for her Benson Bunnies. She was active in the Benson Bunny Pep Club, and enjoyed going to sporting events, movies, and sock hops at Peony Park. She was most proud of her blue T-Bird!

Elenore married William Welniak on January 25, 1958 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska, and to this union, four children were born: Lisbeth, Mike, Vicki, and Sandy. The couple raised their family in Omaha until moving to Waterloo, Nebraska in 1982. Bill preceded Elenore in death in June 2017, after which Elenore moved back to Omaha.

Elenore stayed busy throughout her life. She worked for Union Pacific, the downtown police station in Omaha, Topps Clothing, was the owner of L’s Closet, worked at Santori Travel, helped Bill with S&W Fence, and was a Nanny. In addition to her jobs, Elenore stayed active with the Benson High Reunion Committee, doing puzzles, shopping and spending time with her friends.

Elenore was a loving, open-hearted, and warm woman, who was very

accepting of people. Her favorite color was blue, she listened to Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond, and other early rock n roll. Her favorite movie was “A Star Is Born”, and she could often be found savoring a cup of coffee with a cookie or two. She was famous for cooking her favorite Greek dish Pastitsio. She loved being by the pool, entertaining at the house, and traveling with family. Elenore was a gracious host and an awesome cook. She looked forward to her Benson High reunions, and cherished holidays and being with her family. Elenore was especially proud of her Greek descent. She was motherly and a grandmother to all who met her, but she had a special place in her heart for Sophia and Shelby. She will be remembered for being a YaYa to all the children around her.

Elenore died at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the age of 82 years, 3 months, and 3 days. She was preceded in death by her husband William, parents George & Vasaliki Seletos, and brother Peter Seletos. Elenore is survived by her daughters Lisbeth Welniak of Bethesda, MD, Vicki & Sam Maggio of Elkhorn, and Sandy Welniak of Omaha, son and daughter-in-law Michael & Annie Welniak of Omaha, 2 granddaughters Shelby & Sophia, sister and brother-in-law Lyda & Tony Fruscione, and nephew Paris Fruscione.

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Funeral Mass 10:30 AM Friday, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Elkhorn.
Interment Resurrection Cemetery in Omaha. Visitation Thursday Noon-7 PM

with family receiving friends from 5-7 PM and wake service at 7 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Memorials to the Waterloo Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery

78 & Center
Omaha, NE 68101

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
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Family will receive friends

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Funeral Service

SEP **14**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
3400 East 16th Street
Fremont, NE 68025

Tribute Wall



“ *Elenore Welniak*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *You and Bill, Lou and I shared so many happy, fun memories back in the day....now so long ago. I will always cherish those times, Ellie. Now I am left alone since you have all gone before me. I love you Ellie....give the guys a hug from me. I'll catch up with you all later. XXOO*

Mary Lou Noble- Kallmeier - September 13, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ *Ellie will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Friendships such as ours that go back some 75 years are rare and precious. You never uttered an unkind word about anyone. Save a seat for me, Ellie, my dear old friend.*

Joann Goethe - September 13, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ *We spent a lovely day many years ago at a country inn near DC with Elenore and her daughter Liz. The memory of that very special lady--so friendly and lively--lingers on. Our thoughts go out to all the family and especially to daughter Liz and niece Ellen Czaplewski. Walt and Erika Rybeck*

Walter & Erika Rybeck - September 12, 2018 at 02:29 PM

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“ Your family at S&W Fence purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Elenore Welniak.



Your family at S&W Fence - September 12, 2018 at 12:51 PM

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“ Troy Windel's Family & Everyone at CCD Enterprise purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Elenore Welniak.



Troy Windel's Family & Everyone at CCD Enterprise - September 12, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Elenore Welniak.



September 12, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elenore Welniak.



September 12, 2018 at 08:41 AM