



## Mrs. Elaine L. Vranas

June 27, 1926 - March 19, 2022

Elaine Louise Vranas, 95, passed away peacefully in her home on March 19, 2022, surrounded by her loving daughters. Elaine was born on June 27, 1926, the youngest child of the late Bertha and Wyoatt Hoxie. She lived her entire life in her home at 31 Jericho Road in Hinsdale. She loved where she lived and never saw the need to leave. She graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1944 and worked at GE until she married the love of her life, Elias "Jerry" Vranas in 1946. They were married for 54 years and raised 6 daughters together. She met Jerry while fishing the Housatonic and taught him to become an excellent fisherman. She also liked to hunt in her teenage years and was quite a good markswoman. Elaine had a big, beautiful smile for everyone she came across and anyone who knew her knew that she had a fiery personality.

Elaine drove school bus for Central Berkshire Regional School District for 25 years, retiring in 1996. Driving school buses was one of Elaine's greatest loves, besides her family. She had a great love for all animals, loved feeding strays, and greatly enjoyed listening to and singing along with classic country music. She was a big fan of the Lone Ranger TV show, watching episodes endlessly. Chocolate and chocolate ice cream must be mentioned as great loves of hers, as well.

In addition to her parents, Elaine was predeceased by her loving husband,

Jerry, in 2001.

Elaine is survived by her daughters, Mary Vranas (Altheia Biateranna) of Pittsfield, Melinda Ostellino (John) of Pittsfield, Darlene Casella (Ronald) of Becket, Sandra Vranas (Dan Lambert) of Hinsdale, Patricia Rusilas (Michael) of Ballston Lake, NY, and Catherine Maloney (Rodney), of Tampa, FL.

She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, which includes her grandson, Wayne Maloney, who lovingly helped to care for his grandmother. Additionally, she leaves behind 9 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and her cat, Squirt.

The family would like to thank HospiceCare in the Berkshires, the Berkshire VNA, and Dr. Catherine Keating for their great medical care. The family would like to express deepest thanks to Elaine's caregivers, Stephanie, Jessica, Stella, Sharon, Teressa, Doreen, and Marisela, without whom, Elaine would not have been able to stay in her home until her death. A very special thank you to Debbie Pratt for her consistent kindness and guidance.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Elaine Louise Vranas will be Friday, March 25, 2022, at 11 am at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Dalton, 525 Main Street, Dalton, MA 01226. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 3pm to 6pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Elaine's memory can be made to the Eleanor Sonsini Animal Shelter, 875 Crane Avenue, Pittsfield MA 01201, or to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, 877 South Street, Pittsfield MA 01201.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Funeral Service  
525 Main Street  
Dalton, MA 01226  
(413) 684-0215  
information@wellingtonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wellingtonfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

MD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Elaine’s passing.  
I met her many years ago while I was driving a school bus. Elaine always had a smile on her face, and all of her children loved her. I remember every spring her and Gerry would let me come down and pick the beautiful purple lilacs that they had on their property. My condolences to the entire family

*Marge Murray Descoteaux*

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**Marjorie Descoteaux** - January 09 at 10:20 PM

KS

“ You are and always will be a great woman... loved and missed by everyone you’ve touched~Love Always, Kathi

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**Kathrin Sargent** - March 30, 2022 at 06:47 PM

JV

“ You will always be remembered and loved! I know you and uncle Gerald have reunited. You will always made me laugh as a child some of the best memories I ever had were right at your house. Love you Sincerely  
Jeremy vranas!



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**Jeremy vranas** - March 23, 2022 at 03:42 PM

JV

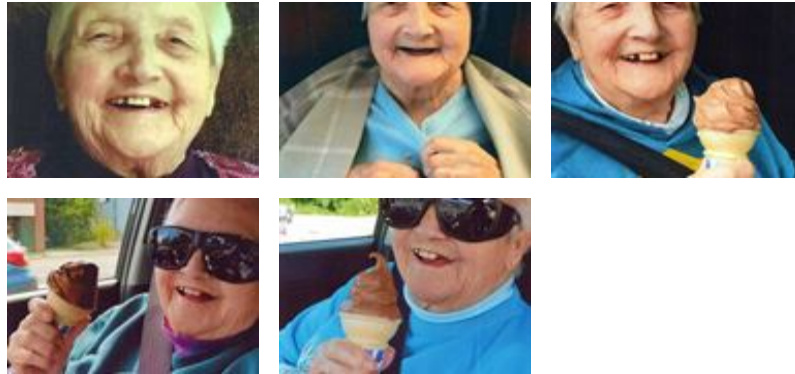
“ You will always be remembered and loved! I know you and uncle Gerald will have a great time reuniting! So many happy fun memories from your home! Love you Sincerely Jeremy vranas



Jeremy vranas - March 23, 2022 at 03:31 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 23, 2022 at 01:31 PM

SC

My love and prayers are with you all❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ I will always hold fond memories close to my heart🤔🙏🙏

susan Cinella - March 24, 2022 at 01:15 PM

AB

“ I a couple of years ago met a GRAND DAME, her name was ELAINE VRANAS. She had a smile that could light the the sky. Mom and had I had a special bond, it was made up of wit, smiles, laughter, singing WILLY'S ROAD HOUSE SONGS. She gave me peace and the gift of belonging. Mom and I always exchanged our spoken words of LOVE 💕.  
MAY SHE NOW REST IN EVERLASTING PEACE. NAMASTE  
ALTHEIA

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**Altheia Biaterana** - March 22, 2022 at 03:55 PM

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“ Altheia Biaterana lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elaine L. Vranas



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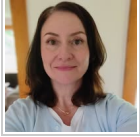
**Altheia Biaterana** - March 22, 2022 at 03:37 PM

RH

“ I've known the Vranas family my whole life! So many fun memories when we were young kids growing up together! Loved Elaine she was a mother to all of us kids! We have so much fun hanging out at there house! My sympathy goes out to the entire family at this most difficult time in your lives! Elaine is a beautiful Angel in Heaven now with all our other family members we have lost! Prayers to all of u and a big hug 🤗 too! Loved that beautiful smile! Love you all! ❤️ hold on to the the precious memories it will keep her alive in all of us!

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**Robin Hathaway** - March 22, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ *Elaine was a lovely lady and a very sweet Great Grandmother. Though she could not see or hear us very well these past few years, she always greeted us with a warm smile and a happy hello. We're grateful to have known her. She will be missed. I am sorry that we will not be able to attend the services but know that we send our regards and love. Sita and Great Granddaughter Lily Bird.*



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**Sita Lombardi Bird** - March 22, 2022 at 02:22 PM

CE

“ *She was my bus driver. She and Jerry friends with my parents. Everyone who knew her loved her. Even when we as spry kids were over active and calls to "sit down lady jane" filled the bus we knew the love was there. Her legacy will live on. May she rest peacefully. May her family find comfort in the memories and legacy and share the same big smiles she did. God bless the entire family. The world may seem a bit mire dim but the heavens shine brighter. We will remember you fondly Mrs V* 🌿🌸🌿

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**Caydee Eldridgr** - March 22, 2022 at 12:47 PM

AO

“ *Although dimmed on Earth, her light will shine forever in the night time sky. Go with God, My friend.*

*Amy Orrell*



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**Amy Orrell** - March 22, 2022 at 09:53 AM