



## Elaine B. Cincala

November 26, 1947 - November 22, 2022

Elaine Cincala, beloved mother and teacher, died Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at Brookdale in Cary, NC. She was 74 years old.

Always full of life, Elaine was born Elaine Beverly Mosovsky in 1947 in Tarentum, PA, a small town Northeast of Pittsburgh to parents Ann and Steve Mosovsky. She graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1969 with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and went on to receive a Master's degree in Child Development from the University of Kentucky in 1971. While participating as a Bridesmaid in a friend's wedding, she was paired with Groomsman George Cincala, Jr. from Natrona Heights, PA and the two began dating. They married in 1971.

A leader and mentor to many people, Elaine worked as a food services director for over 25 years, primarily with Aramark at Chatham University in Pittsburgh. She was a comfortable orchestrator who was not afraid to roll up her sleeves to pitch in. One could frequently find her staying late in the dish room to help clean up for the next day. She moved on from food service in 2000 to take a position at Union High School in Rimersburg, PA as the home economics teacher. Elaine always valued education and enjoyed teaching core life skills to her students. She retired in 2012 but was certainly not done giving her time. Elaine volunteered many hours prepping and delivering meals through Meals on Wheels in the North Hills of Pittsburgh and eventually

helped manage the branch.

Elaine was a devoted member of the Catholic Church. She attended St. Teresa of Avila Church in the North Hills of Pittsburgh for over 35 years. Elaine could frequently be found volunteering with the church, especially at the Summer Fair's bingo game and fish fries during the Lent season.

Elaine and George moved to Durham, NC in the Fall of 2017 to be closer to their two children, Mike (Katy Sampson) and Nicole. Elaine loved beach trips and outdoor recreation with family, so North Carolina's weather was welcoming. She quickly made friends in her neighborhood where they frequently walked, talked, and laughed together.

Elaine was diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) in 2012 and Alzheimer's in the Summer of 2018. She participated in memory studies at the University of Pittsburgh to help research Alzheimer's and plan for her future. Elaine also battled with kidney cancer and metastatic bone cancer. Elaine and her family are so thankful to the nurses and staff at Brookdale Cary and Duke Hospice for their tireless care and friendship.

In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by her grandson Noah Cincala, brothers Steve Mosovsky (Patti Sweeney) of Pittsburgh, PA, John Mosovsky (Molly Mitke) of Orefield, PA, nieces Sherri Mosovsky (daughter Lyra) of Pittsburgh, PA, Kara Mosovsky (Paul Stewart) of Bethlehem, PA, and nephews Steve Brian Mosovsky of Tarentum, PA and Brock Mosovsky (Lot Geels and children Aila and Thijs) of Lafayette, CO.

A memorial service and celebration of Elaine's life will take place in the Spring. She will be placed at St. Francis of Assisi Columbarium in Raleigh, NC.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Duke Dementia Family Support Program by clicking the link:

<https://www.gifts.duke.edu/dukehealth/?designation=3910194>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAY 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
11401 Leesville Rd  
Raleigh, NC 27613

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *My sweet cousin Elaine. ALWAYS kind and so sweet to me. Loved to doat on me, her 'little cousin':) I can never recall anything but kind and positive words from this beautiful person. Some of my best childhood memories are with Elaine and her beautiful family. Joined again with her mom and dad, and with our dear Dan, in God's arms, in God's home. Love, cousin Janet*



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**janet smelko** - December 19, 2022 at 10:41 AM

AN

“ *It was such an honor to be a part of Elaine care team. She was always a ball of sunshine. I often got greeted with a smile along with laughs & giggles. We enjoyed going on walks and having a treat afterwards.*

*Sending an abundance of peace, love and comfort to Mr. George and the remainder of her loved ones.*



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**Anissa** - December 08, 2022 at 12:03 PM

NC

“ We have a great time together! Mom loved her family, spending time together made her so happy. Hiking in the woods, walking and doing cross word puzzles on the beach front, swimming and cooking in the kitchen together, playing cards and scrabble around the table, laughing and listening to music were her favorite things to do too! Mom loved to give back to her community cooking, teaching and caretaking. Mom, hard working, a very patient lady, full of life, smarts and fun! We love you Mom!



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**Nicole Cincala** - December 08, 2022 at 11:43 AM

CC

Hi Nicole,  
Found your moms obituary and wanted to express my sympathy at her passing. We have lived at 133 Mayer for over 5 years now, we love our home and will always remember how nice your mom was. Homes give off vibes and what I feel here has got to do with your family and the happiness that flourished here. Will pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of your family. Take care and God bless.  
Carol Caruso

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**Carol Caruso** - February 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM

TR

“ My sincere condolences to the Cincala family. God Bless Elaine...May she rest in peace!

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**Thomas Lloyd Rezak** - November 28, 2022 at 05:56 PM

GK

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Elaine. Elaine and I worked several years together at Chatham University and she was very instrumental in enhancing my food service management career. She was a very caring and positive person, always wearing a smile. She will be missed greatly. My heartfelt condolences to the Cincala family.

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**George Katonik** - November 27, 2022 at 02:23 PM

NC

Thank you George,  
Those are special memories! Thank you for sharing. Mom has a great sense of humor!

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**Nicole Cincala** - December 08, 2022 at 11:20 AM

GK

You are welcome Nicole. I never had the opportunity to meet you but know you must be a special lady because I know you had a special mom. Stay strong knowing your mom was a great person and is now at peace.

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**George Katonik** - January 22, 2023 at 08:24 AM

MI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mike** - November 25, 2022 at 09:13 PM

MI

“ 1 file added to the album Family



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**Mike** - November 25, 2022 at 09:08 PM

SM

“ Elaine was a few years older than me and always took care of me as a young child.

One of my earliest memories was at age 5. We were out sled riding and I started crying by the telephone pole. She stopped and stayed with me, comforting me.

Can't remember why I was crying but I do remember her comfort. She was a giving and loving person with family, as a teacher and volunteering at the Meals On Wheels. She will truly be missed.

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**Steve Mosovsky** - November 25, 2022 at 04:12 PM

MC

Elaine was a happy, wonderful, and kind classmate for our 8 yrs. together at St. Clement's. I remember Elaine always had a smile on her face and she was very welcoming when we would visit the Magoc's "Mill Street" cousins. She was a devoted Catholic and will be welcomed by friends and family in heaven!

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**Marlene Bajza Collins** - November 28, 2022 at 10:32 AM

TR

Elaine and I graduated from THS in 1965. She lived down the street from me on Mill Street Extension. She was a nice, down to earth, sweetheart of a girl. She worked at the Manos Theatre in High School and I'd always stop and talk to her if she wasn't busy at the refreshment counter and get free popcorn. Great memories of her.....growing up in Tarentum

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**Thomas Lloyd Rezak** - November 28, 2022 at 06:03 PM