



Eleanore C. Hawkins

January 15, 1923 - March 2, 2020

Mrs. Eleanore Caroline Hawkins (Fritz), 97, a longtime resident of Libertyville, IL, went to be with the Lord on Monday, March 2, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. Eleanore was born on January 15, 1923, in Vandalia, MI, and grew up in St. Joseph, MI. She attended Trinity Lutheran School and graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1940. She met her future husband Richard while attending Western Michigan College in Kalamazoo, where she received her degree in Elementary Education in 1944. Their romance was interrupted by WWII when Richard was drafted into the Army in 1942. After graduation from college, she taught first and second grade at the Washington Elementary School in St. Joseph. After Richard returned from active duty, they married in 1946, came to Libertyville in 1954 to establish Richard's medical practice and to raise their family.

She was a beloved member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Libertyville, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne, IN, and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Merritt Island, FL. While at St. John's, Eleanore served as the director of the church choir, was active in the Libertyville Fremont Garden Club, Condell Hospital Women's Auxiliary, the Friendship Force of Northern IL, and other various volunteer activities with her church and her children's school activities.

She is survived by her five devoted children, Susan (Pastor Thomas) Speidel

of Lisbon, WI, Mary (Bruce) Dawson of Taylorville, IL, Steven (Susan) Hawkins of Antioch, IL, Catherine Hawkins of Macon, GA, and Jeffrey (Marian) Hawkins of Portage, MI; 10 grandchildren, Laura (Jason) McCall, Julie, Rebecca, and Peter (Lisa) Speidel; Elizabeth (Kenny) Elkins, Christina (David) Baumgartner, and Steven (Amanda) Dawson; Carolyn, William (Christina) and Karl Hawkins; her “adopted” daughter Laura Lackey of Macon, GA; her dear exchange student daughter, Betty Casarsa-Marques of Brazil; soon-to-be nine great grandchildren; several dear nieces and nephews; and her beloved cat, Abby. She is preceded in death by her “honey” Richard, her parents Carl and Caroline, and siblings Carl, Martha, Esther and Reinhold.

Eleanore truly loved the Lord, and she treasured every moment she spent with her family and friends. Eleanore was not afraid to share the Gospel with anyone who would listen. She cared for the salvation of every soul she encountered, prayed for and encouraged everyone ... including the Presidents of the United States! She also had a great love for music, singing, flowers, gardening, entertaining family and friends, spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, cooking huge meals, baking, traveling, collecting shells on the beach, playing games, and spending the winter at their home in Cocoa, FL.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the BURNETT-DANE FUNERAL HOME, 120 W. Park Avenue (Rte. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 501 W. Park Avenue Libertyville. Interment will follow at Lakeside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. John’s Lutheran Church in Libertyville, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN, or Redeemer Lutheran Church in Merritt Island, FL. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
501 W. Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *This memory is from the Macaluso family of Countryside Lake II Our family were patients of Dr Hawkins and Dr Salzman. I was very fond of Dr Hawkins as a doctor and a man. He was a kind caring doctor. I am sure his wife was sweet and kind woman
I am very sorry for your loss. Sincerely Libby Macaluso Lama and Charlie Macaluso jr*

Libby Macaluso Lama - March 10, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.*



March 05, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.*



March 05, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ *Ms. Eleanore was one of the beautiful ladies I have ever known - both inside and out, and in every way possible. I'm so thankful to have known her, and to always remember her unconditional love she always gave me. What a remarkable woman!*

Jennifer Nieman - March 05, 2020 at 08:35 AM

PF

“ *Patty Phelps and family purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.*



Patty Phelps and family - March 04, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.*



March 04, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.*



March 04, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.*



March 04, 2020 at 05:00 PM

RF

“ Aunt Eleanore will now be together with Uncle Dick her loving husband of many years. They both were always ready to give a helping hand to those in need. I remember when in Florida playing domino's with her and to my dismay she won most of the time. She was such a wonderful person and we will miss her.

Ron Fritz

Ron Fritz - March 04, 2020 at 04:59 PM

MW

“ I have a couple of memories that stand out. I loved her spirit and her young self. I really got to know her when we roomed together at our retreats and had a couple late night talks. The other memory is Wednesday night Bible Study. I remember her comments and participation. She was a model of what a Christian woman should be. I miss her.

Mary Wessel

Mary Wessel - March 04, 2020 at 04:20 PM

WS

*She was a joy to be with. Her spirit was uplifting. She was truly a Christian model for me.
She will be missed but our fond memories will always be with us. Our prayers are with your family.
Weldon & Janeen Schaefer*

Weldon & Janeen Schaefer - March 05, 2020 at 12:43 AM

JW

Eleanore was like a second mom to me. When she came to Florida for the winter I would pick her up for church and we went out for breakfast. She always had a smile on her face and willing to help anyone. My daughter always said she was feisty. That she was and that is what made her a second mom. So like my mom. When she was in assisted living she didn't really care for it but I told her, with her evangelist opportunity she could reach so many people. She loved her Lord and up to the end knew where she was going. I will miss her greatly and think of her often. I love you my second mom.

Joan Wichmann - March 05, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.*



March 04, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.*



March 04, 2020 at 02:05 PM

SB

“ I only met Eleanore a couple of years ago at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. I was immediately impressed with her kindness and willingness to speak out about her faith. In a very short time I came to appreciate her character and spirit. What a very special person. I am sure she is rejoicing today but no doubt her family will miss her loss dearly. Our deepest sympathies during this time.
Much Love, Sue Britton

Susan Britton - March 04, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.



March 04, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.



March 04, 2020 at 10:55 AM

DS

“ Department of Geological and Environmental Science purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.



Department of Geological and Environmental Science -
March 04, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.* ”



March 04, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.* ”



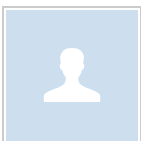
March 04, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ *Doug, Kathy, Dana, Susan, Bryan and Stephanie purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.* ”



Doug, Kathy, Dana, Susan, Bryan and Stephanie - March 03, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.* ”



March 03, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanore C. Hawkins.* ”



March 03, 2020 at 08:15 PM