



## Elaine Virginia Lampton

May 14, 1926 - January 11, 2020

Elaine Virginia Lampton, died on Saturday, January 11, 2020 in the care of her loving family in Traverse City. She was 93.

Elaine Virginia Etter was born on Friday, May 14, 1926 to parents Earl and Vera Etter (Townsend) in Detroit, and grew up in Center Line. During a train trip to Norfolk, VA during World War II she met Leonard "Larry" Lampton. Elaine and Larry were united in marriage on May 16, 1947 and together they celebrated 72 years of marriage and their sons Timothy and Michael "Mickey".

Alongside caring for her home, Elaine had many passions that included square dancing, a profound appreciation for books, and spending 25 years wintering in Mesa, AZ. She always enjoyed lunches with her friends and was an avid fan of the Detroit Lions and Phoenix Suns. Elaine will be remembered for her quick wit, infectious outlook on life, and the almost mischievous twinkle in her eye. Above all, Elaine was devoted to and deeply loved her family.

She is forever loved by her husband, Larry Lampton; sons, Mickey (Paula) Lampton and Timothy (Mary Jo) Lampton; grandchildren: Lawrence, Jerry, Lindsey, Jon, and Jessica; great-grandchildren, Elana and Brady.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents and brother Earl.

In keeping with Elaine's wishes, cremation has been accorded and private services held.

Those wishing to make a gift of remembrance in Elaine's name are asked to consider Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding SE, Ada, MI 49301.

Share a memory of Elaine at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

Elaine and her family are in the care of the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and

Cremation Services.

# Comments

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“ I met Elaine at Medilodge of Traverse City where I would come in the morning to see her before I started work. It was a Christmas party, and I so thought she would enjoy it. I gave her a set of bell earrings to add a little festivity to her red sweater. She did enjoy it and the next year's too. She loved commenting about my clothes and was always keen on noticing little things. I loved sweet Elaine. She has touched my heart. I will remember her.

**Kasia** - January 14 at 11:54 PM

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“ We are all so sorry to hear of Elaine's passing. Barb and I met Elaine through vital steps where she would come to exercise right up until she had a stroke. Elaine was not only a sweet person, she was so smart, kind, a friend and so determined to gain her strength back and go home with Larry whom she loved so much. Whenever we would stop to visit her at the nursing home she was always so pleasant to talk to and when we'd leave Barb and I would always say that we couldn't believe that she is 93 and her hearing was great and Elaine was always up on any topic you cared to talk about. May you RIP Sweet Elaine, we will all miss you.

Barb and Jerry

**Barb and Jerry** - January 14 at 09:00 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of living a few doors down from Larry and Elaine for 3 years (until I moved across town Dec 2018). My puppy, Miko, and I would stop by to visit or run into Elaine while she was out for a walk with her purple walker. The joy Miko brought to her warmed my heart. Both she and Larry were always so gracious and invited me in to chat on several occasions. I loved how they shared photos of their cabin in the UP and stories of their winters in Arizona. She sure was proud of her family and spoke often of her grandchildren. My life has been enriched by knowing them. I am keeping Larry and family in my thoughts as they mourn the loss of such a wonderful lady and celebrate the long life well lived. Hugs, Tina Poindexter

**Tina Poindexter** - January 14 at 02:31 PM

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“ I will always remember all the holidays and family get togethers with the Lamptons. Times of love and laughter. Her sweet voice, kindness and spunk will stay with me all the days of my life. Rest in peace sweet Aunt

**Deb** - January 13 at 06:29 PM



“ I loved her wit and so enjoyed her humorous stories about Mickey’s younger years. Most times she could be found with her nose in a book—must be what made her such a good storyteller. I liked to hear her reminiscing about downtown Detroit and shopping at Hudson’s. Her eye roll was classic— most of the time instigated by something Larry had said. She could fool one with her toughness. She made it through bypass surgery with flying colors and gave us a few more years to enjoy her. She warmly welcomed me into the family and I will be forever grateful. She will be missed and will live in our hearts forever. Love you—Paula

**Paula Pancheri** - January 13 at 06:06 PM