



Elaine Cherrington

November 9, 1945 - May 27, 2025

Elaine Violet (Obach) Cherrington, passed away on May 27th, 2025 at the age of 79.

She was born on November 9th, 1945 on Long Island, to George Robert and Violet H. Obach.

Elaine is survived by her brother Richard (Hanni) Obach of Cairo, NY, daughters Maura (Joseph) Yousko of Punta Gorda, FL and Gayle (Cherrington) Ruvolo of Acra, NY, and her son Robert Christopher Cherrington of Round Top, NY. She is also lovingly remembered by her 12 grandchildren: Michael (Kim) Cona, Andrew Dreeste, Kayleigh Dreeste, Kenny Dreeste, Philip Ruvolo, Brandi Ruvolo, John J. Ruvolo, Breanna Cherrington, Christopher Cherrington, Tyler Cherrington, Joseph (Destiny) Yousko, and Michelle Yousko. She also has 6 great grandchildren: Aubrie Cona, Xavier Cona, Aiden Dreeste, Bentley Yousko, Skylar Yousko, and Catelinn Yousko.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert G. Cherrington (9/00), her eldest brother Robert Obach (1/25), daughter Dawn (Cherrington) Dreeste (2/25), and her grandson Michael Yousko (3/00).

Elaine had a big heart and was loved by many. Helping others was what she was all about. Serving others before herself. She had a way about her that

made anyone feel welcome and part of the family. If she wasn't going by Elaine it was either "mom" or "grandma." And if you were coming over, you better expect to be fed!

Growing up she worked at her grandmother's resort, "Eva's Farm" in Purling, NY. She was known as "Gopher" because she would have to "go for this" or "go for that" if they ran out of something. She worked in the kitchen and as a waitress with her family. She also waitressed at Wolfe's Maple Breeze in Catskill, NY. For fun she liked swimming at Shinglekill Falls, stream walking and roller skating at the Purling roller rink.

Her later years she enjoyed Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. She'd be the first to let you know it was "7 o'clock!" She never missed an episode. She loved to read as well, especially a good mystery; and if she was going out, you better believe she'll be on that dancefloor encouraging others to have as good a time as she. Elaine was known to her grandchildren as cha cha grandma (aka Dancing Grandma) loved to sing as well and when her brother Richard would go fishing in the Catskill streams, she'd wait eagerly for her share of his smoked trout or eel.

Elaine worked for 23 years as a cook at the Greene County Dept of Aging-Acra Nutrition site. She enjoyed her work, and all the seniors and friends she made everyday. She was also very involved in her Church, Sacred Heart of Cairo, NY. She would read passages from the scripture for mass. She and her granddaughter Breanna would also volunteer at the local food pantry in Cairo, giving back to those in need.

Mass will be at Sacred Heart Church in Cairo, NY on September 27, 2025, at 11:00 am, Eulogies will start at 10:30.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Leukemia Foundation.

She really was a hoot and a holler. A friend to everyone. She will surely be missed.

To leave condolences for the family please visit the tribute wall above.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross St., Cairo.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church Cairo
35 Church Street
Cairo, NY 12413
richardsfuneralhome@verizon.net

Tribute Wall

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“ *A video from Lizzie Gelber.
Many beautiful memories of Elaine with the family.*



Jennifer - September 14, 2025 at 11:16 AM

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And I loved hearing her laugh again.

Jennifer - September 14, 2025 at 11:27 AM

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“ *Beautiful lady and a beautiful soul. May she rest in peace.*



Jennifer - September 12, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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“ *Elaine at her best sister ever birthday party in Dayton Ohio 2000*



Jennifer - September 12, 2025 at 11:25 AM

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“ Here's Elaine finding a \$100 bill as a Christmas gift!
Here's the Florida gang celebrating Robert and Sally's New Year's
Eve anniversary.
Bowling with brother, Robert, sister in law, Sally, and brother,
Richard.
And finally, sporting her other, other white meat: Possum.



Jennifer - September 12, 2025 at 11:21 AM

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AND
Special guest appearance by Ron Poh in the Army shirt. He's also the
one that Sally is trying to light on fire. (FYI Didn't work)

Jennifer - September 12, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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Sarah Wrona - September 07, 2025 at 09:57 AM

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Maura Yousko - September 05, 2025 at 10:30 PM

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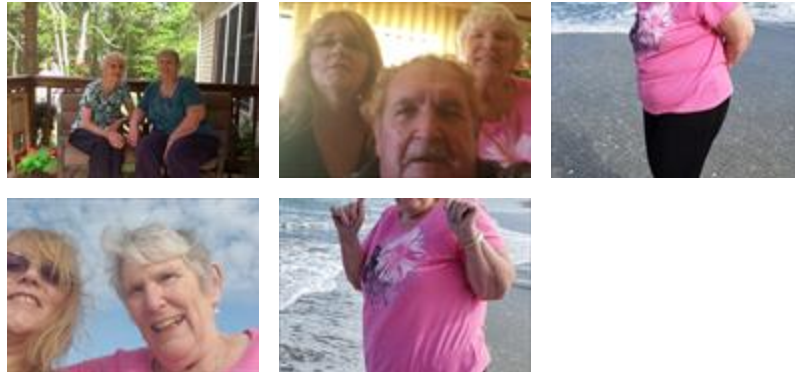
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Maura Yousko - September 05, 2025 at 10:28 PM

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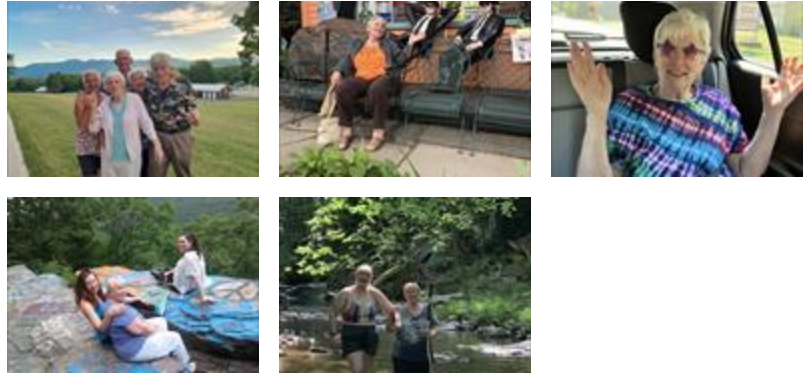
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Maura Yousko - September 05, 2025 at 08:19 PM

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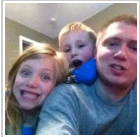
Gayle Ruvolo - September 05, 2025 at 05:50 PM



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Michael Cona - May 31, 2025 at 07:58 AM



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Maureen Murphy - May 29, 2025 at 12:47 PM

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Just as the Prom was coming to an end, I asked Elaine to dance with me. But by the time we shuffled to the dance floor, the music ended. I hugged Elaine and thanked her for her friendship and delicious lunches at the Acra Senior Center. She will be missed.

Love to her friends and family, Drew Russo

Andrew P Russo - June 02, 2025 at 03:37 PM