



Mary Elaine O'Neil Whalen

February 9, 1939 - January 25, 2024

Mary Elaine O'Neil Whalen died on January 25, 2024 in Roswell, GA. She was cremated and will be laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery in Atlanta, GA. Elaine was born February 9, 1939 in Lockport, NY. She attended St. Joseph's Academy High School and Buffalo State University where she majored in elementary education. She also earned three masters in Education, Pastoral Studies and Education Administration. She married John F. Whalen on October 28, 1961. They moved to Palm Beach, FL where she was an elementary school teacher until they moved to Atlanta, GA in 1963. She taught in Atlanta until she began volunteering for the Archdiocese of Atlanta helping to start their Right to Life program. She later worked at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church as the Religious Education Coordinator for over 12 years. After that she worked at St. Pius X Catholic High School as a Theology teacher and Assistant Principal for almost 15 years before retiring in 2002 to become a fulltime Gram. Elaine loved all things Irish, visited Ireland with her father and sister and even had dual citizenship. She also loved sports, including Notre Dame and the Braves but especially any sports her children or grandchildren played. She coached all of her kids in various sports and coached basketball, softball, track and swimming while at St. Pius X High School as well. She is survived by her sister Kathleen O. Pettit and is predeceased by her parents J. Glenn O'Neil and Margaret Barnum O'Neil and her husband John F. Whalen. She is also survived by her 5 children Marc (Amy), Patrick (Stacey), Kerry Flading (Jim), Maura Baker (Brent), and Monica

Chambers (Michael) and her beloved grandchildren Megan Gandolfo (Cole) and Erin Whalen, Finn and Liam Whalen, Elizabeth, Luke and Katherine Flading, Conor, Colin, Ryan, Caitlin and Quinn Davis, Trey and Jessica Baker and Joseph, Jack, Eileen and Aidan Chambers. There will be a visitation from 6pm-8pm on Thursday evening with a rosary at 7:30pm at Northside Chapel at 12050 Crabapple RD in Roswell, GA. The funeral will be Friday morning at 10:30am at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church, 11330 Woodstock RD in Roswell, GA. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Elaine O'Neil Whalen Memorial Scholarship at Blessed Trinity Catholic High School. <http://ti.nyurl.com/487muccz>

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memorial Park

201 Mount Vernon Hwy NW
Atlanta, ga

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Rosary

FEB 1. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall

PE

“ I taught parish school of religion under Elaine's guidance and some of our children were on the same sports teams. She was a great example of faith, love and service to Our Lord. My prayers to you, her family at her loss

Pat England - February 19, 2024 at 06:38 AM

DO

“ My thoughts are with the Whalen family. Elaine and my mother were good St. Jude friends for many decades, and both went home to their heavenly reward in the same few weeks.

Dennis O'Sullivan - February 01, 2024 at 11:16 PM

EB

“ A truly gentle lady with a heart of gold. Elaine loved her students and was a great team players in the Theology dept.

Eugenia M BRIESKE - January 31, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Elaine O'Neil Whalen.



January 31, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Elaine O'Neil Whalen.*



January 30, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ *Michael, Kathleen, Nolan, Chris Chambers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elaine O'Neil Whalen.*

Michael, Kathleen, Nolan, Chris Chambers - January 30, 2024 at 09:26 PM