



## Elaine M. Sears

August 26, 1929 - October 16, 2023

Elaine Mary Sears (Heilig), age 94, passed away Monday, October 16th, 2023. She peacefully surrendered to our Lord. She was a devoted wife to her beloved husband Jack Sears, and a loving mother to her three children, Gary (Paula) Sears, Dennis (Linda) Sears, and Debra (Phil) Katcher. Elaine was a hardworking woman, taking on several different jobs to help support her family.

She enjoyed visiting her siblings Orval (Francis) Lee, Arthur Heilig, James (Phyllis) Heilig, David (Kathy) Heilig, John Heilig, Winnie O'Meara, Pauline (Don) DeMott, Kate Heilig, Henry Heilig, Sherman Heilig, Sue Heilig, and Ethel Heilig. Elaine loved reminiscing and sharing childhood and young adulthood memories about life growing up in Northern Michigan.

Elaine was also deeply devoted to her grandchildren Tracy (Christina) Sears, Brad (Debbi) Sears, Nicole (Jason) Leitch, Janelle (Steve) Baughman, and Matthew (Andrea) Sears, Anne (Charles) Welek, and Elizabeth (Timothy) Darling, and great grandchildren (Kyle Sears, Mason (Grace) Sears, Ally Sears, Willow Sears, Dalton Slep, Harlee Slep, Nathan Leitch, Annabelle Leitch, Vivienne Leitch, Milo Baughman, Lucy Baughman, Emmalyn Baughman, Oliver Baughman, Ethan Sears, Caleb Sears, Rayna Welek, Logan Welek, Cameron Welek, Luke Darling, and Mason Darling) always making time for them. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

remember her love of family camping, family vacations to Florida, Camp Meeting, spending time at Lake Mitchell, and being at all family celebrations, holidays, and everyday events.

She was well known in her Adventist community for her passion to serve Christ. She was a strong woman of faith, serving as a deaconess in the Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church, organizing potlucks, and devotedly serving the Adventist Community Center. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and her Adventist Community.

A visitation will be held on Thursday October 19, 2023 at the Dryer Funeral Home from 4-7PM. A funeral service will be held on Friday October 20, 2023 at 1PM with a visitation from 11AM-1PM with burial in Lakeside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: The Church Worthy Student Fund for Adelpian Junior Academy. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
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## Visitation

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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OCT **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CE

“ I only knew Elaine for 7 months but I tell you I wouldn't trade it for the world. Her faith was so strong and shared lovely memories of her family to me and stated God sure did bless her. I will cherish my time we shared and will remember it always. RIP Elaine!

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**Christine Engels** - October 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM

LD

“ Elaine and my mom, Joyce Harner, were friends from the Holly Church. My mom died 2 years ago, and that is the last time I talked to Elaine. She was a comfort to me after my mom's death. What a day that will be when we can see them again.

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**Lisanne Donohue** - October 20, 2023 at 12:34 AM

GM

“ Sorry for your loss of your mother. Condolences to you and your family.

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**Georgina & Don McQuaig** - October 19, 2023 at 07:01 PM

CH

“ I always remember Aunt Elaine with a smile on her face. She had love and a Twinkle in her eye and a hug.

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**Connie Harris** - October 19, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine M. Sears.*



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October 19, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elaine M. Sears.

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October 19, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elaine M. Sears.*



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October 19, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elaine M. Sears.

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October 19, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine M. Sears.*



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October 19, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elaine M. Sears.



October 18, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ Our deepest condolences for your family. May God grant you peace during this time of sorrow. Sincerely Kay Cook and family.

Kay Cook - October 18, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ Lorne Penny Winglemire Raupp lit a candle in memory of Elaine Sears



Lorne & Penny Winglemire Raupp - October 18, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - October 18, 2023 at 01:21 PM

KC

“ My husband and I when we were first dating would visit Elaine at her home, she told us a story about just starting out in life with her husband and using an orange crate/box as an end table for some time. We just bought our first home and I have had that memory come up quite a few times while being frustrated about what we can't yet change to the place. It definitely has helped change that mindset. She was such a sweet woman with a lot of heart. So sad she passed but she made a great impact on many people.

kora cook - October 18, 2023 at 01:14 PM

JH

“ Jim Heilig, Jeff and Marie Hagan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elaine M. Sears.



Jim Heilig, Jeff and Marie Hagan - October 18, 2023 at 11:40 AM

JH

“ Jim Heilig, Jeff and Marie Hagan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine M. Sears.

Jim Heilig, Jeff and Marie Hagan - October 18, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine M. Sears.



October 18, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elaine M. Sears.*



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October 18, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine M. Sears.*



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October 18, 2023 at 09:40 AM