

Elaine Jocelyn, long time resident of Bucks

County, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family on December 21st, 2023.

Elaine was the devoted wife of the late Rodney Jocelyn with whom she shared 50 years of marriage.

Born in 1924, Elaine grew up in Rumson, NJ. She attended convent boarding schools in Pennsylvania and abroad, graduating from Westover School in Middlebury, CT in 1942.

Her love of classical music drew her to the Mannes School of Music in Manhattan, where she studied under renown pianist Olga Stroumillo.

In 1946 she obtained her Private Pilots license which eventually led to a new chapter in her life as wife of International Aerobatics Champion and later Pan Am pilot, Rod Jocelyn, and as mother of Robin (deceased) and Elizabeth. The family settled in Upper Bucks at a time when there were more dairy farms than people.

Later, in their retirement years, Elaine and Rod spent several winters in South Island, New Zealand – the mecca of fly fishing and a truly beautiful chapter in their shared memories.

Elaine was an active member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Ottsville, PA where she played the organ for many years, and more recently a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Buckingham.

She was also an early Apostolate member of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center in Bedminster. Those who knew her well will remember her "Fatima Brownies".

Elaine's dedication to her faith and her family was absolute and unmatched. Her care and concern for others touched many throughout her life, leaving a lasting legacy of compassion and kindness.

Elaine is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Katra, son-in-law Steve Katra, grandchildren Stephanie Katra Meyers and Bryan Katra, and great-grandchildren Gretchen and Ethan Meyers.

Family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, December 29th from 10:30am to 12 (noon) at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, 4050 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA. followed by Elaine's Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 (noon). Interment will immediately follow at St. John the Baptist Cemetery.

Arrangements by Donahue Funeral Home 215-348-9421.

