

Donation in memory of Eleanor Elam

Eleanor Josephine Elam, age 88, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away on November 12, 2023.

Eleanor was born, and grew up in, Detroit. But she would ultimately make her way to Royal Oak in 1966 and reside there for close to sixty years.

Eleanor graduated from beauty school and worked briefly as a cosmetologist, but it was her role as a devoted homemaker that she most valued and where she made the greatest impact.

In her free time, Eleanor loved visiting the casino. The slot machines were her game of choice, and she seldom missed an opportunity to try her luck—even when out at sea on a Carnival cruise. In her free time, Eleanor also enjoyed playing bingo at the local Knights of Columbus hall in Clawson and bowling in her senior league. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Eleanor is survived by her loving children: Ralph Elam, Suesand (Daniel) Cornell, and Tina Elam; and her dear grandchildren: Christina (Zac Grim) Cornell and Jessica Cornell. Eleanor was predeceased by her beloved husband, Richard Elam.