



ELAINE ELIZABETH KOEL DANAHER

December 30, 1921 - August 1, 2018

Elaine Elizabeth Koel Danaher, 96, of Caledonia and Rochester MN, died peacefully in the presence of family on August 1, 2018 at St Mary's Hospital, Rochester MN.

She was born in her family home in Caledonia, MN on December 30, 1921 as the second twin to Nicholas and Lucille (Palen) Koel. She graduated from Loretto High School in 1938 and began nursing school at St Mary's, Rochester, MN in the fall. Recalled that year to care for her mother, she began her long career as help provider to the entire community of Caledonia. She served as nurse and anesthetist at Caledonia Hospital for many years. She married Robert William Danaher, Caledonia hardware store owner and entrepreneur, on July 17, 1948 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Caledonia.

Elaine was a founding member of Ma-Cal-Grove Golf Club, where she competed regularly and taught an appreciation of golf to generations of Southeastern Minnesota youth. After years of service to her family, her church, her patients, her students and her community, Elaine and Bob retired as "snowbirds" between Bonita Springs, FL and Caledonia.

Elaine is survived by her twin sister, Lorraine Johanna Koel, Rochester; her sister Marita Koel Smith (LaCrosse); by her seven children Dr. Stephen (Katie) Danaher (Stillwater MN), Sharon (Dr. Donald) Hagler (Rochester), Jeanne

(James Wright) Danaher (Afton MN), Marcia (Keith) Kreycik (Berkeley, CA) Dr. Patrick Danaher (Missoula MT), Gregory (Ann) Danaher (Minnetonka MN), Susan (Mark) Schmidtke (Shoreview MN); by eleven grandchildren; and by ten great-grandchildren. Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, her infant son, Kevin, her brother, Donald, her sisters, Bernardine Blexrud and Lucille Wagner, and her parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 am on Saturday, August 4th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Father Stephen Abaukaka will officiate and a reception will follow in Holy Family Hall. Visitation will be from 10-11 am Saturday before the service at the church. Elaine will be interred next to her beloved husband, Bob, in Caledonia's Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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Marcia Danaher Kreycik - December 31, 2020 at 12:01 AM

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“ *Sue and Family, so sorry to hear about your mothers passing. All the stories you have told me over the years about your mother were so positive and heart warming, may she rest in peace!*

Rick Sather - August 07, 2018 at 12:57 PM

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“ *So very sorry for your loss.*

Daneen Lager - August 07, 2018 at 12:57 PM

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“ *Sue & family,*

We were very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences, and know we will pray for her soul.

Brian & Terri

Brian & Terri MacDonald - August 07, 2018 at 12:57 PM