



# Elaine M. Kratochvil

JUL 11, 2018



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## **Elaine M. Kratochvil**

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**E**laine M. Kratochvil, 75, of Union, CT, passed away on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. She was born in Stafford Springs, CT, daughter of the late George, Jr. and Irene B. (Yoskovich) Hopko. Elaine's career started in the insurance industry, but her love for cooking led her to working in the Stafford Schools Cafeterias and for local restaurants as a cook and baker. She was always busy in the kitchen, and was affectionately known by her family as the "Baking Queen". Her passion was displayed one Thanksgiving week when she baked over 200 pies to be sold at a local restaurant. As well as every Christmas she would bake around 10,000 cookies of 18 different varieties, colors, and flavors to give to family and friends. Her love for family and the kitchen was apparent with the way she would cook her ethnic Sunday dinners for her family while teaching and passing on those secret recipes and traditions to her children and grandchildren. Her teachings went beyond the kitchen with the crocheting and knitting of hundreds of beautiful items including blankets, quilts, and sweaters that eventually led to her being the founder of the first Girls Club in Union where sewing, knitting, crocheting, cooking, and more were taught. She stayed busy helping other children with after school care. She was also a member of the Union Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, where she served as Treasurer for several years. Elaine is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, Joseph Kratochvil; four children, Barbara Kratochvil and her partner James Barcomb, John Kratochvil and his partner Cheryl Scroggins, Karen Theis, and Paul Kratochvil and his partner Cheryl Mohrlein; seven grandchildren, Amber, Laura Beth, Kelsey, Melissa, Jake, Jessica, and Charlie; four siblings, Patricia Chaves and her husband Frank, Joan Audette, Steve Hopko, and David Hopko; and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 12 P.M. at the Union Center Cemetery, Cemetery Rd., Union, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Union Volunteer Fire Department, 1049 Buckley



## Obituary

**Elaine M. Kratochvil**

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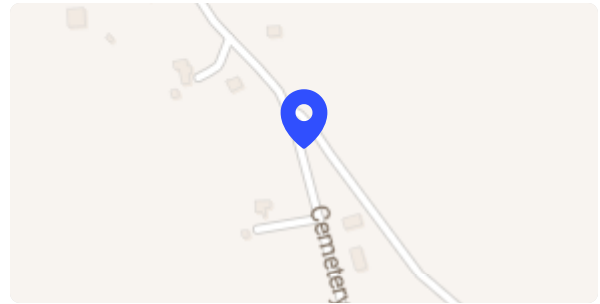
Highway, Union, CT 06076. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. For online condolences or directions, please visit:

[www.introvignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introvignefuneralhome.com)



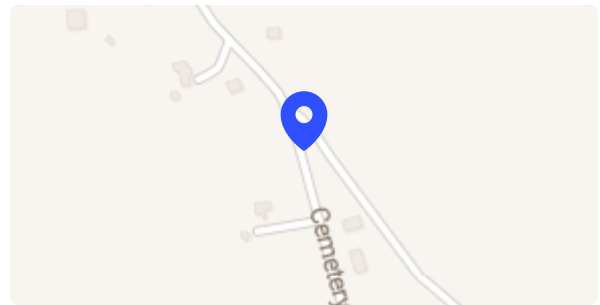
**Service**

- Monday**, July 16, 2018
- 12:00 PM ET
- Union Center Cemetery**  
Cemetery Rd., Union CT 06076



**Cemetery Details**

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# Tribute Wall

**Elaine M. Kratochvil**



**Karen Babineau** posted:

Barbara I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. My thoughts are with you and your family

July 19 at 11:34 AM



**Denise Reynolds Corcoran** lit a candle in honor of Elaine.



July 18 at 2:11 PM



**Sharon Hollis Ouellette** lit a candle in honor of Elaine.



July 17 at 8:24 AM



**Sharon Hollis Ouellette** July 17 at 8:26 AM

Sorry for your loss, i have great memories of here from my time spent in Union and as a classmate of John's from Windham tech. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



**Wendy L Morse** posted:

So sorry for your loss, I have very fond memories of growing up in Union and being a member of the Girls club. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Wendy Morse (Gallison)

July 17 at 3:38 AM



**Todd Bentsen** posted:

"Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Remembering your wonderful mother and wishing you comfort." Todd and Sheri Bentsen

July 16 at 5:15 AM



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HM

**Heather Mccaslin** posted:

I used to love going over to Aunt Elaine's house: all the land, pond and best of all her string bean cookies.Love,Heather McCaslin

July 15 at 4:30 PM

RS

**Robert Snedeker** lit a candle in honor of Elaine.



July 13 at 8:54 PM

AC

**Aloma Marden Clark** lit a candle in honor of Elaine.



July 13 at 4:37 PM

MI

**Marjorie Insixiengmay** lit a candle in honor of Elaine.

Karen I'm so sorry to hear this. It was a pleasure caring for your mom when I could. On behalf of Home Instead Senior Care and myself, my prayers are with you and your family. God bless



July 13 at 2:44 PM

KW

**Kay M. Warren** lit a candle in honor of Elaine.

Joe, Paul and family. I was saddened to see the passing of Elaine. I know she suffered terribly thru the years with arthritis. She is in no more pain now and in a better place. My prayers are with you all.Kay M. Warren, Ashford, CT



July 13 at 12:55 PM

CH

**Colleen Heuitson** lit a candle in honor of Elaine.



July 13 at 12:37 PM



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**PB**

**Patricia O'brien** posted:

Dear Joe and family,,I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of a dear friend I went to school with from the first grade all the way through high school and beyond.I'll always have her close in my heart and my deepest sympathy is with you all.Love, Pat (Urda) Thompson O'Brien

July 13 at 9:29 AM

**EG**

**Eryn Gilligan** posted:

I will always have fond memories of the many conversations we had when I would pick my girls up after work. My girls loved to tell to me all about what they done or what they learned at Grammy Kratochvil's house. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

July 13 at 6:14 AM

**PF**

**Peter A Ference** lit a candle in honor of Elaine.



July 13 at 5:13 AM

**JM**

**Jill M. Moulton** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Kratchovil family. I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother (wife) was an amazing woman. One of a kind. My heart breaks for you all. There are no words. Sending lots of love. xoxox

July 13 at 4:15 AM

**BL**

**Brenda Lanata** lit a candle in honor of Elaine.



July 13 at 3:11 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Elaine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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