



## Elaine L. Manges

February 26, 1948 - October 31, 2019

Elaine Louise Manges, age 71, of Amherst passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday, October 31, 2019. She was born on February 26, 1948 in Amherst, Ohio to the late James and Helen (nee Kot) Pozzone.

She graduated from Marion L. Steele High School in 1966 and then went on to further her education at St. John's College in Cleveland, Ohio where she earned her bachelor's degree in Education. She began her teaching career in 1970 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Elyria, Ohio where she taught for 10 years. In 1993 she joined the teaching staff at St. Joseph Catholic School in Amherst where she taught until her retirement in 2014. Elaine was an extremely gifted teacher, especially in math. She was loved and respected by all her students, parents and fellow teachers.

Elaine was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Amherst, serving her parish in many capacities. She was a member of the Amherst Garden Club, serving as the Civic Improvement Chair and was a Girl Scout Leader for many years.

Gardening, cooking and baking (especially her famous pies), going to baseball games, and reading brought her much enjoyment.

Elaine is survived by her husband of 49 years, Martin; daughter, Catherine (Bret Schuster) Manges; brother, James Pozzone; cousin, Georgene Uhler; godson, James (Jennifer) Pozzone Jr.; and her goddaughter, Margaret Manges; and several nieces and nephews.

The Manges family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst. Closing prayers will be held on Thursday, November 7th. at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral center followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 200 St. Joseph Drive, Amherst, Ohio. Rev. Father Timothy O'Connor, Pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Amherst.

The family suggest contributions be made in memory of Elaine to St. Joseph Catholic School, 175 St. Joseph Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.dovinreberjones.com](http://www.dovinreberjones.com)

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

**6**  
Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center  
1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst, OH, US, 44001

**NOV** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

**7**  
St Joseph Catholic Church  
200 St Joseph Dr, Amherst, OH, US, 44001

# Comments

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“ I met Elaine when she attended St. John's College in Cleveland with my cousin Kathy Washtak. Elaine was a wonderful person, always had a smile and a lovely spirit. My deepest condolences to her family.

**Jackie Ireland** - November 07, 2019 at 11:13 AM

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“ Elaine taught our children Dale, Daniel and Donna at St Vincent de Paul School. She was an amazing caring teacher. A beautiful lady always going the extra mile to help her students. With our sympathy, Fondly, The Stumphauzer Family

**Gloria A Stumphauzer** - November 06, 2019 at 12:06 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine L. Manges.



November 06, 2019 at 11:53 AM

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“ Marty, Catherine , and Family; Our condolences and prayers are with you during this time.  
Elaine will always be remember as a kind, thoughtful, and giving person.

**Charles Sutton** - November 06, 2019 at 10:18 AM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elaine L. Manges.



November 05, 2019 at 10:52 AM

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“ Elaine is fondly remembered as a sincere, caring and dedicated classmate/friend who willingly gave of her talent and time to help others. I'll never forget how she reminded me that without her math tutoring in high school I may never have obtained my engineering degree! From personal experience I know she was an outstanding teacher. Her interpersonal skills, willingness to help and dedication were clearly exhibited in the leadership role she took for our 50th MLS reunion. Elaine will be missed by many but we can be comforted in knowing that her strong faith has placed her now in the caring hands of our Heavenly Father.

**Del Mack** - November 04, 2019 at 07:22 AM

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“ I was a classmate of Elaine's at SJC, and lived in the dorms with her. I remember her fondly as always smiling and being a friend to everyone of us. Please accept my sympathy on her passing. I pray God will comfort you and give you strength and support as you mourn her loss.

My favorite memory of Elaine is one that happened during December when we had Advent Pals. Elaine was Kathy Washtak's Advent Pal. One day she had a hard time putting something in Kathy's stocking, which was hanging in a central location in the hallway with the other stockings, because someone was in the hall every time she tried to sneak something in Kathy's stocking. Kathy was feeling "deprived" because her Advent Pal hadn't given her something yet. She kiddingly told Elaine to put something in her stocking. And so Elaine said, "Alright!", and she did! Kathy never caught on that Elaine was her Advent Pal until the reveal just before we left for Christmas break. Everyone had a good laugh!

God bless you!  
Sincerely,  
Rita Dominick, SJC, Class of '70

**Rita Dominick** - November 03, 2019 at 09:02 PM

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“ Dear Martin and Catherine, I am a member of Garden Club and would like to send all of my sympathy to you. She will definitely be missed by all of us. It will not be the same without her.

A heart of gold stopped beating  
Two shining eyes at rest  
God broke your hearts to prove  
He only takes the best.   
Deb Gelenius

**Deb Gelenius** - November 03, 2019 at 06:43 PM

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“ To the family of Elaine,

My most sincere sympathy to all of you. Elaine was truly a wonderful person.

We both graduated from St. John College, were dorm-wing friends and enjoyed many fun filled times together.

Some time after graduation we had a "mini reunion" at my home in Mentor by Lake Erie.

By then some of the guests had small children. Elaine brought Cathy who had apparently heard my name mentioned, Kathy Valko from college days. When introduced Cathy responded with, "Hello, Kathy Velcro!!!" A precious moment!!!

May God grant her rest and you peace.

Katherine Valko Sabol

**Katherine Sabol** - November 03, 2019 at 05:16 PM

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“ Mrs.Manges was one of the best teachers I had at St.Joe's. She was a kind, sweet person. For many years I would run into her after school hours coming and going on my way to coach CYO volleyball practices at St. Joe's gym. It was nice to see her year after year and catch up. She was so proud of her daughter Cathy. My deepest sympathies for all her friends and family. She truly touched the lives and hearts of so many kids and families throughout her time at St.Joe's. A donation will be made to St.Joe's in her memory and honor.

Sincerely,

Katie McGannon

**Katherine McGannon** - November 03, 2019 at 03:08 PM

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“ Elaine Manges was one of the finest people we have ever known. She was bright, articulate, sincere, humble, kind always ready to help someone in need. Her students loved her, everyone trusted her. We are all better people because we knew Elaine. If there were more Elaines, the world would be a better place. Her death is a great loss to the Amherst community. Truly, heaven holds a spot for Elaine.

Marty & Linda Conry

**Marty & Linda Conry** - November 03, 2019 at 12:42 PM

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“ Mrs. Manges was my favorite teacher and I think about her often in my own teaching. She, above all others, is the teacher I strive to be like. (And I had many great teachers at SJS and Steele, for which I am blessed). She had such enthusiasm with wanting to help her students. I remember she would stand at the board and ask "Questions? Who has questions?" And then when someone's hand went up she'd briskly move to assist them. She had such a firm, caring nature. I was able to work with her briefly when I did my college field experience at SJS.This news breaks my heart and I wish I had told her how much she inspired me.

Amanda (Smith) Lucero  
5th grader, 1997-98

**Amanda Lucero** - November 03, 2019 at 12:24 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Elaine. Cherish her memories.  
Dennis and Kathy Norheim



**kathy norheim** - November 03, 2019 at 11:40 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine L. Manges.



November 03, 2019 at 11:08 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Elaine's family. Elaine and I go back quite a few years ago. We both graduated in 1970 from St. John College, Cleveland, lived across the hall in the same dorm, often commuted back and forth from Cleveland to Amherst/Lorain. Recently we enjoyed a luncheon with some of our old college friends. She was a wonderful, intelligent, kind friend and fellow teacher. May her memories that we shared give all friends and family comfort. Love, Linda Simoni Soeder

**Linda Soeder** - November 02, 2019 at 09:51 AM

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“ One of the best teachers to ever grace the Earth. Thank you for your devotion to teaching me math. You will forever be missed.

**Rachel Bennett** - November 02, 2019 at 09:16 AM

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**karen lesner** - November 02, 2019 at 08:07 AM

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**karen lesner** - November 02, 2019 at 08:06 AM

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“ Best and most influential math teacher ever. God bless you!

**a muir** - November 01, 2019 at 11:45 PM

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“ Mrs. Manges you were loved by so many. Thank you for teaching me so many math tricks. I still use them to this day. You'll be missed.

**Talyah Bernardone** - November 01, 2019 at 08:02 PM

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“ Mrs. Manges was definitely one of my favorite teachers at St. Vincent! It was so nice to reconnect with her a few years ago on Facebook. Thoughts and prayers to her family!

**Sherie Schmidt McCaffrey** - November 01, 2019 at 07:45 PM

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“ Mrs Manges, your legacy will forever live on through all us who have been blessed to have been taught by you - especially the countless students you have inspired to have become teachers themselves, and the future generations they will go on to teach.

My deepest sympathy goes out to the Manges family, my thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

**Andy Flynn** - November 01, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ My condolences to the Manges family.

**Joan Zaleha** - November 02, 2019 at 09:00 AM