



Elsie Frieda Hawkins

May 24, 1937 - June 1, 2025

Elsie Frieda Hawkins, 88, of Venice, Florida passed away peacefully on June 1, 2025, surrounded by family in her final days. Born on May 24, 1937, in Stuttgart, Germany, Elsie was the daughter of Karl and Frieda Muller. She was one of eight siblings who were raised in the World War II era.

Elsie worked as a night nurse for infants in Switzerland prior to moving to the United States at around 20 years old. She then built a career running the family sheet metal business for over 40 years on Long Island, New York.

Elsie was known to be a world traveler, visiting countries in almost every continent throughout her lifetime. She truly enjoyed experiencing new cultures and sharing stories about them. She also loved visiting Germany and reuniting with relatives, as well as spending time with close family in Florida.

Elsie was an outgoing, social butterfly during her life. She enjoyed gatherings with friends and being the life of the party. She dedicated her time and efforts to charitable work, taking pride in her participation in the Rotary Club of Sayville, New York, her local Methodist church, and programs increasing education opportunities for children in Third World countries.

Elsie was full of life, exhibiting generosity, vigor, strength, perseverance, and grace everywhere she went. She took challenges in stride, beating cancer

multiple times over several decades. She continuously said, "I'm a survivor," and would not give up easily. She loved her family deeply and was always present for her children and grandchildren, who knew her as their "Omi."

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Hawkins (married 1961), and her husband James Ruddy (married 2002). She is survived by her children, Linda DeSane (Thomas), and Thomas Hawkins, and her two grandchildren, Brigitte (Dominick) and Nicole.

As per Elsie's wishes, an intimate celebration of life will be held at a later date with close family and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest condolences to the family. We were neighbors in Holbrook for years, we just found out Elsie passed. May your memories comfort you
Laura & Ted Pawelec
The Colony of Holbrook

laura pawelec - August 08, 2025 at 06:36 PM

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“ My dear sweet and loving friend of more than 36 years. Elsie touched the lives of her family and her friends. For whatever the occasion or need, Elsie was there to bring cheer, joy, love, help, compassion, comfort or sympathy as needed. No one loved life more than Elsie; and with a childlike wonder, she embraced the beauty of nature; the setting sun, the vast oceans and the beauty of the mountains. With grace and bravery, she stoically faced all of life's challenges and endured. She will forever be missed, but the fond memories are cherished and will last forever. One can find solace in knowing that Elsie had made the most out of life and had a life that was well lived and well loved.



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Marge - July 04, 2025 at 01:52 PM

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“ Carol Klemm lit a candle in memory of Elsie Frieda Hawkins



Carol Klemm - June 09, 2025 at 01:58 PM

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Elsie was one of the nicest people I know. She was always smiling and want everyone to have fun and love everyone. Never said a bad word or had a bad thought. Always ready to help.

Carol Klemm - June 09, 2025 at 02:01 PM

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“ *I have 10+ wonderful years of this wonderful person. Not only was she was my boss she was also my friend/ mother. Loved hearing about her adventures through life. Will miss her wisdom she shared with me through the years. Elsie was a loving person. Will miss her dearly. Rest and live in peace Elsie*



Paula Caracappa-Doherty - June 03, 2025 at 11:34 PM