



Elva (Giebelhausen) Kowalske

September 3, 1934 - March 17, 2021

Elva (Giebelhausen) Kowalske, 86, of East Peoria passed away on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at her home. She was born on September 3, 1934 to Adolf and Gertrude (Schoedel) Giebelhausen in East Peoria. Elva married Mark Kowalske on March 6, 1955 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in East Peoria; he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dr. Keith Kowalske and Dr. Randy Kowalske; and one sister, Aleene Geier, all of East Peoria.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gerald "Bud" Giebelhausen and her sister, Bernice Giebelhausen.

Elva was a graduate of EPCHS class of 1952 and went on to become a longtime medical assistant to Dr. Alfredo Alcocer. She was President of Peoria's chapter of the American Association of Medical Assistants and held several other state offices in that organization.

Elva was born on Springfield Hill, raised on Springfield Hill, built a house on Springfield Hill, and ultimately died on Springfield Hill.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service, with burial at Fondulac Cemetery, will be held at a later date.

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with services. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church or Shriner's Hospital for Children. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Elva (Giebelhausen) Kowalske*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Very sorry for your family's loss. She was a loving, fun and wonderful woman. I remember the 4 day trip her and I took to Las Vegas and our day trip to Atlantic City for gambling and entertainment fun. She leaves behind a wonderful husband and 2 loving sons. My memories of her make me smile. Sending prayers for her family.*

Love, Gwynne Cotton

Gwynne and Alan Cotton - March 20, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Elba was a great neighbor & friend. Carole (Humphrey) Garner*

Carole Garner - March 20, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear about Elva . She was a great person.*

Greg Smith

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