



E. Elaine Merrill Gowan

June 4, 1924 - March 16, 2015

E. Elaine Merrill Gowan, 90, of 1497 North St., Wyalusing, Pa. passed away Monday, March 16, 2015 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa. Elaine was born on June 4, 1924 in Merrill, NY in the northern Adirondacks in the town founded by her great grandfather. She was the daughter of Edward and Mildred Shutts Merrill. She lived in the North Country of New York State until she was 14 years old and later moved to East Rochester, NY with her family. Elaine met her future husband, Robert, just after the end of World War II through her brother, Glenn. Elaine worked at Crossman Seeds in East Rochester as a young woman. After her marriage to the love of her life, Robert, on April 5, 1947, the couple lived in Fairport and Penfield, NY until the early 1960's when Elaine and Robert moved their family to Lyndonville, NY. Elaine was employed by T.J. Lipton's in Albion, NY until her retirement in 1980. Following Robert's retirement in 1991, they made their life-long dream come true by moving to North Street near Evergreen, Pa to the house Robert's grandparents had built. Elaine lived there for the remainder of her life. Elaine always began each day with her Bible and prayer. She will be remembered as a devoted and fabulous mother, grandmother and great grandmother and leaves a legacy of devout faith, kindness and hope that will strengthen her family for generations. She is survived by her children, Pamela (Anthony) Alvarez, Nathan (Jeanne) Gowan, grandchildren, Alicia (Adrian Tierson) Alvarez, Jennifer (William) Button, great grandchildren, Abby Button, Brittany Button, Gabriel Alvarez-Tierson, brother, Paul (Ruth) Merrill and many

nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Gowan, parents, Edward and Mildred Shutts Merrill, sisters, Leona Merrill Malark, Pauline Merrill Wright and brothers, Earl and Glenn Merrill. The family will receive friends Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, Pa. The funeral service will be held Friday, March 20, 2015 at 12 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Adrian Tierson officiating.

Interment will be in Bradford County Memorial Park, Burlington Township, Pa. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the United Church of Phelps, 58 Main St., Phelps, NY 14532 in Elaine's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
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Service

MAR 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I love you Amie. I miss you.

Alicia - December 26, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ Alicia lit a candle in memory of E. Elaine Gowan



Alicia - December 26, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ E. Elaine Merrill Gowan

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ E. Elaine Merrill Gowan

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ E. Elaine Merrill Gowan

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ E. Elaine Merrill Gowan

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *E. Elaine Merrill Gowan*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Tina Marie Shellard-Lasco lit a candle in memory of E. Elaine Merrill Gowan*



Tina Marie Shellard-Lasco - February 13, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family of Elaine. We are so sorry to hear about Elaine. She was such a wonderful person she will be greatly missed.*



David & Tammy Johnson - March 19, 2015 at 08:11 AM



“ *Every memory I have of Elaine is a good one. She was a wonderful, kind lady that loved life and her family. She took such joy in her grandchildren and great grandchild! And talk about a good cook! I could gain weight just sitting at her table! She loved Bob with all her heart and showed it in every way. I can still hear her giggle at things he said and did. I will miss her. God Bless.*
Alice Barry

Alice W - March 18, 2015 at 09:39 PM

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“ *Phyllis M. Garnand purchased the Pink Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of E. Elaine Merrill Gowan.*



Phyllis M. Garnand - March 18, 2015 at 08:30 AM