



Elma Louise (Lutz) Manahan

January 24, 1935 - April 7, 2026

Elma Louise (Lutz) Manahan, 91, of Burlington Township, PA passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at her home. Elma was born January 24, 1935, in Poyntelle, Preston Township, Wayne County, PA. the daughter of the late Elmer Lutz and Olive M. (Quick) Lutz. She was a 1952 graduate of Troy High School. On February 10, 1956, she married Leonard M. Manahan. The couple enjoyed 46 years of marriage until Leonard's passing on September 1, 2002. Elma was employed by Herman Rynveld Sons Wreath Company in New Albany until the business closed and was subsequently employed by Bradford County Daycare in many locations where she was truly fulfilled and passionate in her love for caring for children until her retirement. Elma was a 4-H leader, enjoyed singing, and sharing her love of cooking and baking by teaching others.

She enjoyed Bible study, cooking, baking, Counted Cross Stitch Embroidery, sewing, crocheting, working puzzles, Words! Word Search, spelling, and writing poems. Although being affected by dementia, Elma never forgot her favorite horse, "Gent".

Elma's family includes her children, Wayne (Susan) Manahan, Darla Manahan (Stephen) Sherman, Glenn (Deborah) Manahan, Carolyn Manahan Piper, and Jillann Manahan Cole, grandchildren, Sarah, Jeffrey, Stephanie, Aimee, Katherine, Rich Jr., Christopher, Raisha, and Kristen, great grandchildren, Connor, Isabella, Taylor, Riley, and Olivia, her sister and brother-in-law, Juanita Lutz Williams

and Donald Williams, sister-in-law, Elizabeth Lutz, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her parents and husband, Elma was predeceased by her siblings, Oliver Lutz, JoAnne Lutz Gray, Ivan Lutz, and Nathan Lutz.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, April 14, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. Interment will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, New Albany, PA.

The family suggests that contributions be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 or to the Bradford County Library, 16093 Route 6, Troy, PA 16947 in memory of Elma Louise (Lutz) Manahan.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

2 Overton Street
New Albany, PA 18833

Previous Events

Receive Friends

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

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Tribute Wall

NC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Elma’s passing. She was a true treasure of a woman. I so enjoyed many conversations with her at the daycare center. My deepest sympathy to you all.

Nancy Callear - April 20 at 12:35 PM

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Nancy Callear - April 20 at 12:32 PM

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“ Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Elma Manahan



Claire Holton-Lizon - April 12 at 09:43 AM

TS

“ To the family of Mrs Manahan, I am truly sorry for your loss. To the neighbor and my 4-H teacher of my sewing days, to the daughters and sons I shared on our school bus, she was such a amazing person and my heart hurts not to be able to share my time with her and with your family. Please except my feelings for you all and know your past neighbor on the other side of the head roll is remembering you all on this day!

Theresa McDonald- Strobe - April 11 at 07:19 PM

JC

Thank you so much Teresa!

Jillann Cole - April 13 at 11:23 AM

DO

“ Elma took care of my 3 oldest children at daycare. She was amazing and we used to visit her after and she would always bake us something fresh and give lots of hugs and love. She was an amazing woman and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. (She had quite the rhyme about taxes too but not on line appropriate) LOL Gosh I loved this woman!!!!

Donna - April 11 at 11:58 AM

PF

“ Patty, Terry, Connie, Sally and families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Elma Louise (Lutz) Manahan.



Patty, Terry, Connie, Sally and families - April 11 at 11:13 AM

MB

“ thoughts and prayers to the family on your loss

marleta bailey - April 11 at 05:49 AM

JS

“ Jess Shipman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elma Louise (Lutz) Manahan.

Jess Shipman - April 10 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ Jess Shipman purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Elma Louise (Lutz) Manahan.



Jess Shipman - April 10 at 03:23 PM

DK

“ Debbie Kaiser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elma Louise (Lutz) Manahan.

Debbie Kaiser - April 10 at 01:42 PM

DK

“ Debbie Kaiser purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elma Louise (Lutz) Manahan.



Debbie Kaiser - April 10 at 01:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elma Louise (Lutz) Manahan.



April 10 at 12:47 PM