



## Elfriede Mueller

October 15, 1927 - May 1, 2025

Amazing mother, Elfriede Mueller, 97, of Sarasota Florida, passed away on May 1, 2025, leaving behind a lifetime of crafty creations, incredible stories of strength and a family that misses her dearly. Born in Bukovina, Romania on October 15, 1927, through World War two events, was relocated at a young age in 1940 with her parents and brother. Fleeing/walking, in groups and alone, through 4 different countries, living in several refugee camps, separated from her parents, sisters and brother. Eventually finding her family in Austria and lived in a Displaced Persons camp for many years. Met and married her husband in a camp in Haid bei Ansfelden, Upper Austria in November of 1946 and had two of her 5 children (miscarrying one child) in the Austrian refugee camp.

Elfriede was a dedicated mother, wife, and a creative woman. She was a homemaker and a seamstress and an expert in handicraft like crochet, knitting and sewing. Her cooking was amazing and her desserts were even more so (including apple strudel and krem schnitten). She and her family immigrated to Dayton, Ohio in 1955, through a sponsorship with a Brethren Church on 3rd street. She was a Florida snowbird starting in 2001 and loved to spend time remodeling her homes and gardening. We cannot thank mom enough for struggling to give her family a better life and a safer corner of the world.

Elfriede is preceded in death by her parents Sigmund and Rosalia; and husband of 66 years Kurt Mueller; and her siblings.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Gerlinde Townsley, Harry Mueller

and his wife Lisa, Dagmar Sauers and her husband Steve, Edie Sacksteder and her husband Nick; grandchildren Christina Layton, Eric Townsley, Drew Sauers and great grandchildren Carter Layton, CJ Layton, Cashton Layton, and Austin and Ryan Sauers.

There will be a celebration of Elfriede's life held at Maloney Funeral Home in Sarasota, Florida on Friday July 25th at 5pm.

In honor of Elfriede, be sure to someday plant a flowering bush/plant in her memory. Memories and condolences may be left for her family at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration

JUL **25**. 5:00 PM (ET)

Maloney Funeral Home  
2401 Cattlemen Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
(941) 371-9711

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elfriede Mueller.*



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July 13, 2025 at 09:09 PM



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May 09, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elfriede Mueller.*

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“ Wir werden unsere geliebte Tante Elfi immer in bester Erinnerung behalten. Unvergessen bleiben unsere 3 Besuche bei denen wir immer mit offenen Armen und Herzen empfangen wurden. Wir fühlten uns immer willkommen und wie zu Hause. Wir erlebten von Herzen kommende Gastfreundschaft. Der Zusammenhalt in der Familie war ihr immer sehr wichtig.

*In liebevoller Erinnerung - ihre Nichte Gabi mit Familie*



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**Gabi** - May 08, 2025 at 04:07 PM