



Mrs. Elfriede Martha Elisabeth Joyce

December 19, 1942 - April 6, 2017

In Loving Memory Of Elfriede Martha Elisabeth Joyce:

Elfriede Martha Elisabeth Joyce was born to the wedded union of Otto Herman Paul Boeck and Martha Johanna Elisabeth Boeck on December 19, 1942 in Belgard, Germany which was in the North but she was raised in the West. Elfriede was known as Elfi and as "Effie" to family. She had two siblings, Renate Boeck (sister) and Rudolph Boeck (brother) who both preceded her in death.

She met her husband Claxton Joyce in Germany and later traveled to Paris with him. Upon his returning to the U.S., they corresponded via letters and phone calls. They had one child, Nancy Joyce, who was born in Germany. Clax eventually convinced her to move to the U.S. and marry him in 1967 when Nancy was four years old.

Elfi worked as a seamstress at Hudson's briefly and later as a licensed Real Estate Agent. Prior to moving to the U.S. she modeled occasionally in Paris.

She had a second child, Monique "Nickie" Joyce, ten years after Nancy.

She graduated from high school and furthered her education in a traditional German business school.

She quit working to be a stay at home mom to her two children and later her grandson, Brandon Joyce, who became the love of her life. Nothing brought her more joy. Her husband preceded her in death in 1994. Her husband, children, and grandson were her life. She was actively involved in her children's events and education. She spoiled her family and enjoyed doing so.

She enjoyed travel and vacationing with her family, sewing, going to the beach, and was an excellent swimmer. She loved her music and especially enjoyed listening to James Brown, The Manhattans, Ray Charles, and Tina Turner on her iPod Shuffle and on some occasions some German tunes.

Elfi was ALWAYS fashionably dressed; and every hair on her head had to be in place. Her makeup, and her CoCo Chanel perfume were a necessity. She never left home without her jewelry, all the way until God called her home. She was "Jazzy" and she always had a proud, classy, confident demeanor. She was poised and elegant and she would often tell her daughters what a "lady" should and should not do.

She was a loving and generous person and loved by many. She never saw race or color but only good people. She was "momma" to many and in the later stages of her life you could hear young people address her affectionately as "granny." You better believe she would tell young men to pull their pants up if they were sagging.

She was an awesome cook and cooked five days a week until her health no longer allowed her to do so. She was an avid reader and some would say that she had a "beautiful accent." She believed she did not have an accent at all. She would jokingly say she spoke two languages and that she spoke English better than most Americans, meaning that her written and verbal grammar were perfect. She often used a "V" pronunciation when speaking any words that began in W. She proudly stated that she was born in North Germany and

spoke high German which was the proper dialect.

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Tribute Wall



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