



Elsie R. Selby

September 3, 1931 - November 30, 2017

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Elsie R. Selby, age 86, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 6:10 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017, at Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper, Indiana after months of deteriorating health.

Elsie was born in Jasper, Indiana, on September 3, 1931, to Frank and Theresa (Braunecker) Mehling. She married Melvin Eugene "Gene" Selby on Dec. 29, 1953, in St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Petersburg, Indiana. He preceded her in death on June 19, 1991.

She was a graduate of Jasper High School.

Elsie previously worked at Jasper Wood Products before marrying her husband. She opened Ye Ole Meat Shop, a meat market/grocery store with her brother, Robert "Bobby" Mehling in Petersburg, IN, in the mid 1980s. She worked there and at Clements Grocery Store until she moved back to Jasper in 1993, when she went to work at Big Lots in Jasper until her retirement in 2010.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper.

She loved St. Louis Cardinal and Chicago Cubs baseball and I.U. basketball. She enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren, helping others by driving friends to appointments, the grocery store, bingo, and church. She also liked spending time with her daughter's puppy, Dakota.

Surviving are one daughter, Tina Gross (Eric), Jasper, IN, one brother, Ralph Mehling (Frieda), Jasper, IN, four grandchildren, Megan Rice (Shad), Anthony Wheatley, and fiancé, Amanda Jesse, Heather Blunk (Dylan), and Jordan Wheatley, five great grandchildren, Carter Wheatley, Shaydan, and Keegan Rice, Bentley and Breighlee Wheatley, several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death besides her husband is one brother, Robert Mehling.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, IN with burial to follow in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, IN.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Hill

Petersburg, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie R. Selby*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM

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“ Tina (and family),

You probably don't know me, my name is Beth Doud. When I was very young, my family lived across the street from your parents & their basset hound, Corky, in Tuscola, IL. I didn't have the easiest home life, my father was only home every other weekend as he worked out of town & my mother blamed me for the fact that she was stuck in Illinois away from her family. Your mother was a wonderful friend to my mother, she'd even keep me for a day (and night) or two when my mother got too stressed out. At the age of four I developed a bleeding ulcer and lost so much blood I was sent home from the hospital to die. When I got home your mother was waiting in our driveway, she helped my mother get me settled on the couch and then asked mom to step outside with her where they both cried (I heard them through the open kitchen window). I'm told that I asked for Corky and your mom brought him to my bedside whereupon I perked up enough that I was able to suck on a wet cloth. I don't remember much of the first few months as I drifted in and out of consciousness. I'm told that your mother brought Corky to my bedside 9 or 10 times a day in order to get me to suck on a wet cloth and as I got stronger 4 or 5 times a day to get me to drink liquids, eat jello and finally eat soup. Your mother literally saved my life; I was dying until I got home where your mother's love gave me the strength to fight for life. I owe so much to your mother, she unselfishly gave me more than words can describe but most importantly she taught me how to love.

Words can't express my sorrow for your loss, I know what a cavern her loss will leave in your heart. I only hope that you find a bit of comfort in my story. I love the picture of her on this page...it looks just like I remember her...when I look closely I can see her wings.

Beth Doud - February 19, 2018 at 03:51 AM