

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Elaine  
Mannhardt**



July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1932 - March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Harrisonburg, Virginia.**

## A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

7:00 pm

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Prelude

Celebration of Baptism

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer

Opening Hymn

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*

Remembrances

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-6, 25-27

Homily

Hymn of Response

*"In the Garden"*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

no.801  
*“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”*

Blessing

Postlude

*All are invited to join in the Commons for a reception following the service.*

## Service Participants

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor

Eric Ruple, Pianist

Cassandra Mannhardt

Samuel Mannhardt

**Elaine Mannhardt** of Harrisonburg Virginia, aged 93, went to be with her Lord on March 23, 2026. Elaine (Trepal) Mannhardt was born in the Phoenixville section of Eastford on July 28, 1932 to Edward A. Trepal and Leta (Sabin) Trepal. She had three older sisters: Jean, Helen, and Dorothy. Elaine was a 1950 graduate of Woodstock Academy and received a B.S. degree from UCONN in 1955 with a major in Child Development and a minor in Art. In 1953 Elaine married Lowell Mannhardt from Teaneck, New Jersey. Between 1955 to 1961 Elaine and Lowell had 5 children together (3 girls and 2 boys). In 1970 they adopted a 13-year-old girl from the nation of Korea.

For many years Elaine was a stay-at-home mom, enjoyed tending a large vegetable garden; cooking, canning and freezing the produce. She sewed clothes for her children and provided for her family in every way. When her children were older (1968-1970) she taught Elementary school in Suffield, Connecticut. Her children were taught to cook meals and be responsible around the home. Later in Westfield, Massachusetts she did long term High School substitute teaching in Home Economics and Child Development.

In 1989, Elaine was ready to settle down. She moved to Virginia and bought property and a modular home in Keezletown with the help of her father. In Virginia, Elaine worked at Sunnyside Assisted Living as a CNA and then later with the dementia unit in which she enjoyed spending time and making friends with the residents. One of her daughters, son-in-law and two foster children soon moved in with her in her Keezletown house. Elaine helped to raise her foster grandchildren. Family was always very important to Elaine and she always took every possible opportunity to welcome family members into her home. Elaine loved nature, kayaking and gardening. She had a sprawling garden which wandered aimlessly around her property in Keezletown. You could frequently find her in blue jeans, barefooted, tweaking her garden to suit her

latest imagination. As she aged, she spent more time sitting in her swivel Chair, dog and cat in lap, reading a book. She did, however, use her iPad frequently in the last few years of life. She shared her spiritual journey in Virginia with Broadstreet Mennonite Church, Massanutten Presbyterian Church and finally with Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Over the years, Elaine touched many people and made many friends over of whom we do not have time to mention here. She was deeply loved and will be missed by many friends and family.

Elaine will be missed by her six surviving children; Japan - Laurie (John), Fredericksburg VA - Cassandra (Joe), Eastford CT - Su Ann (Glenn), Rockingham VA - Samuel (Lois), Alaska - Matthew (Teresa), Japan - Ruth (Martin). Elaine's husband Lowell, to whom she was married for 36 years, preceded her in death. Lowell Mannhardt died in Anchorage AK on May 13, 2012. Elaine also leaves 17 nieces and nephews, 23 grandchildren (19 granddaughters and 4 grandsons) and many great grandchildren. She was also predeceased by her sisters Jean Barlow, Helen Yulo and Dorothy Clark.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heifer International online - [heifer.org](http://heifer.org) or Heifer International 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.mcmullenfh.com](http://www.mcmullenfh.com).

McMullen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.