



## Martha Elzer

November 5, 2009

Martha Elzer passed away on November 5th, 2009 after a brief illness. She was 84 years old.

From tending her roses and being part of the St. Petersburg Garden Club to trekking across Africa with her husband, she always lived life to its fullest. She was born in Intschede , Germany and immigrated to the US when she was very young. Her parents, Heinrich and Margarethe Krumradt, raised her and her sister, Elfriede Buck, in Woodhaven , NY .

After graduating Franklin K. Lane High School as salutatorian, she attended Katherine Gibbs School . She worked as an executive secretary prior to her marriage to Charles Elzer Jr. They raised three children, Barbara Havlik, Deidre Elzer-Lento, and Charles Elzer III, in Floral Park, NY. Martha was active in the Order of the Eastern Star. Aside from caring for her family, Martha worked with Charlie running their part time tropical fish breeding business as well as renovating and selling residential real estate. Family vacations were spent in Florida visiting with Eleanor and Charles Elzer Sr. After Charlie retired from Great Neck Public Schools, they relocated to St. Petersburg , Florida in 1983.

Martha and Charlie continued their real estate business in Florida and enjoyed their time together. She became active in the St. Petersburg Garden Club and

Rose Circle . The change in climate allowed her to enjoy gardening all year round. Traveling became more adventurous and exciting with each trip that they took to Africa . Eleven trips to the Dark Continent allowed her to excel at wildlife photography as well as enjoying the thrill of the hunt. Life on safari was quite rigorous at times, but Martha enjoyed every minute of it.

Nothing meant more to Martha than her family. She enjoyed her 6 grandchildren, Richard and Ashley Emmert, Melanie and Christopher Young, and Elizabeth and Charles Elzer IV. She was happiest when her house was full of family and friends and the wonderful aroma of the food she was cooking in her kitchen.

She will be missed.

# Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Martha Elzer uploaded a photo*

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August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chuck & Jan Entwistle - In-law posted a condolence Martha always supported her children and was keenly interested in hearing about the grandkids. We will miss her. Chuck & Jan*

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**Chuck & Jan Entwistle - In-law** - November 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barb+Jeff - Mother+Son in law posted a condolence So sad. Hang in there we will be there tomorrow with all the rest of the family to give our support. Thanks to all the family and others who were there at the end to send her off. See you soon. B=J*

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**Barb+Jeff - Mother+Son in law** - November 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM