



Virginia "Elaine" Siminoe

May 17, 1933 - March 29, 2026

Virginia Elaine Siminoe, 92, of Cozad, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 29, 2026. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born May 17, 1933 in Kiowa, CO to Lester and Eunice (Pearson) Sims. Elaine graduated from Clifton High School in 1950. She worked as a peach packer and librarian while in that area and met Bill Siminoe while attending Mesa Junior College in Grand Junction, CO. She left before completing her teaching degree to marry Bill on October 20, 1953, and they moved to Ft. Sill, OK so he could begin basic training.

Upon his discharge they returned to Colorado to take advantage of the GI Bill at Colorado State University. In the summer they traveled as Bill worked road construction and while in Fort Collins, Elaine managed the trailer court where they lived. Judith Lee was born in July of 1956 in Denver. Two years later, Cindy Jo was born in Meeker, CO. Bill graduated with his Vocational Agriculture Education degree and accepted a teaching position in Holbrook, NE. Jonathan Wayne was born in 1967. The following year the family moved to Curtis, NE where Bill led the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture. Elaine worked as a homemaker, leading in every activity each of the children engaged in, she taught Sunday School, served as a leader in Awanaa and tutored people in the Frontier County Jail. She worked as a store clerk and a bank clerk. As Bill neared retirement, she decided to complete the

undergraduate degree she had started in the 50's and commuted to Kearney, NE where she graduated in 1955. Upon Bill's retirement, she began a career in substitute teaching, and both were very involved in the First Baptist Church in Kearney.

Elaine loved to read, play cards and spend time with family and friends. She was a lifelong member of PEO, known for her humor, her kindness and faith in Christ. In recent years, she has struggled with Alzheimer's disease and its effects and is now with her Lord and Savior.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ I forgot her name is Virginia! Known only to me as Elaine, she tutored me in algebra and told me my face mole, which I hated, was beautiful. There were so many day to day bonus mom things she did for Becky and me. All of our parents are together again, probably playing cards, and my mom is pulling out our only ash tray from the back of the drawer for Bill. Those were truly the days. May peace settle down on you as the days without all of our physical parents unfolds.

Andrea Long - April 06 at 04:58 PM

JB

“ Judi, Cindy, and Jon.....so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was a wonderful lady. I hope you carry the happy memories of her with you into the future. She made your home into a great place for many of us to gather during high school, and I am thankful to have known her.

Jane Burton - April 03 at 12:32 PM

JN

“ Elaine was a wonderful mother and I have fond memories of hanging out at their house on the campus of the Tech School in Curtis. I remember getting ready for prom at their house up in Cindy's bedroom and having a blast. My condolences to all of you Cindy, Judith and Jon.



Janice Nelsen - April 02 at 01:47 PM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss and Elaine's struggles. She was a wonderful person. I admired her very much for the work she did with the Frontier Country jail inmates. Her understanding and gentle advice to me during a time of struggle will always be remembered.

Barbara Berg - April 01 at 12:42 PM

BB

“ Barbara B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia "Elaine" Siminoe.

Barbara B. - April 01 at 12:38 PM