



Elinor Chatrnuck

May 7, 2025

CHATRNUCK (nee Walter) Elinor (“Ellie”), 93, of Alpine, NJ, was welcomed into the arms of the Lord on May 7, 2025. Born and raised in Jersey City, NJ, Ellie graduated as Salutatorian of Dickinson High School. At Syracuse University, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Economics and English. As a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi sorority at Syracuse, Ellie met and later married Donald Chatrnuck. Ellie and Don began their life together in Fort Lee, NJ where Ellie was drafted to become a Bergen County committee member. For 40 years, Ellie worked alongside Don as Vice President of The Walter Machine Company which designs and manufactures a variety of marine and industrial equipment. In an industry dominated by men, Ellie was highly respected for being extremely knowledgeable and hardworking, always exhibiting grace and a welcoming smile. Ellie was a 30+ year member of the Knickerbocker Golf Club, where she enjoyed spending time with her closest friends, especially the Marinos and Mergemekes. Ellie and Don celebrated 63 years of marriage prior to Don’s passing in 2016.

Ellie is survived by her son Donald, adored daughter-in-law Karen, beloved granddaughter Christina, cherished grandson DJ, and sister Margaret Perri. She was predeceased by her mother, Herta Walter and her father, Gustave Walter. Born the daughter of two German immigrants, Ellie’s years of hard work, all while being an exceptional Mom, enabled her family to enjoy a comfortable life filled with blessings. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or the charity of your choice. Funeral Services were held privately at the request of the family.