



## 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.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Ellie was a lovely person inside and out. Her laughter still echoes in my mind as a sound of joy with good friends getting together over the years. She and Don were "bosom buddies" to my mom and dad, Lucy and Bal Balestri, and it always warmed my heart to witness their close friendship. They worked together with my dad to secure the Republican ticket in Fort Lee and Bergen County and organized various social gatherings and fundraisers along with Mary and George Tully as a trio of couples who went out together often and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They were also our neighbors living on McCloud Drive where they had block parties and house hopping fun for all, singing and laughing! She even was my tutor when I had lost interest in the mundane teaching style in fourth grade during my Madonna School venture. She inspired me by her upbeat attitude and with a bowl of ice cream with caramel, butterscotch, or chocolate topping at the end of each of my lessons that left a lasting impression on my scholastic achievements and tummy! I also went for a few weekends for a visit with her mom and dad on their boat and to the many boat shows that she had promoted and gave us free tickets for. After my dad passed away and my mom had her days of feeling pretty down-hearted, I would sneak a call to Ellie and ask her to call Lucy to give her a lift, and she always came through as a truest of friends. May God rest her sweet soul and grant her His perpetual light. Our heartfelt condolences to Don Jr. , Karen, and family for the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother. She was a very good-hearted person and priceless friend to our family. With all sincerity, Bruce Robert Balestri & Family*

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**Bruce Robert Balestri Family** - May 06 at 03:08 PM