



## Elinor Martha Glaser Seifried

September 16, 2025

Elinor Martha Glaser Seifried, 96, formerly of Tenafly NJ and Deerfield IL, died peacefully on September 16th 2025 in Sussex County NJ of old age after a long healthy life. In her final weeks, she received visits and calls from family members and friends from across the US and the world. She felt your love.

Elinor was born on February 11th. 1929 at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. She didn't stay long, as her parents couldn't afford the hospital and her first crib was a bottom drawer at 143 Amsterdam Ave., NYC.

Her parents were Frieda Martha Henrietta Maria Reinhardt Plaul Glaser 1903-1979 and Herbert Paul Glaser 1902-1997; both German immigrants who arrived in 1923. They met in NYC and married in 1927. Later Elinor was joined by two brothers, Herbert (1937) and Walter (1940).

Elinor attended Tenafly High School and was voted most popular. In the period 1947-51 she studied at Cornell University, Bates College, and graduated with a BA in Music from Douglas Women's College, the women's college of Rutgers University. During this time, she worked at Culvermere Resort in New Jersey where she entertained as an accordionist and taught archery.

In 1955 she married Frank Edward Seifried (later divorced), with whom she

had four children (Joan, Paul, David and Nancy)

Music remained the defining thread of Elinor's life. At the age of 15 she performed her first Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto. She was pianist for the Cornell Glee Club and accompanist for many other musical organizations (some world famous). She was the founder of the internationally acclaimed Melodeers, seven-time Sweet Adelines world champions (she directed the first winning chorus). She taught piano from 1958-1969 to numerous students. From 1997-2017, Elinor performed as a pianist for religious services, plays, and concerts (including Four Hands on Two Grand Pianos) for the Moorings in Arlington Heights IL. Her interests went beyond music to include investing, bridge, books, travel, golf, and bowling where she was a star and regularly bowled games well into the 200s.

Elinor is predeceased by her parents Frieda and Herbert Glaser, and her brothers Herbert and Walter. She is survived by her children Joan, Paul (wife Melissa), David (wife Mette), Nan (husband Hugh). Six grandchildren and their partners: Emily (husband Matt), Laughlin (wife Meredith), Doug (wife Libby), Beatrix (fiancé Sean), Mariana, and Luisa, and four great grandchildren Elinor, Madeleine, Callan and Orla. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Ann and Judy Glaser and by nieces, nephews, and non-family "family," too many to mention but whom she loved greatly.

She will be laid to rest at Brookside Cemetery in Englewood, NJ, buried by her mother's side, near her father, near her brothers and close to her favorite "aunt and uncle".

The family thanks all those who have been there for our mother throughout her life, including caregivers in her later life.

She will be remembered as someone who encouraged others to live life to the

fullest and to make memories that could be carried and cherished forever. She saw this as the greatest gift that anyone could leave behind to those they love. And for these memories we thank her.

Below are the details of Elinor's visitation which is open to all who wish to attend. We would love to see you there.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to the following musical charity: UpBeat NYC which helps kids in the Bronx flourish through music: <https://upbeatnyc.org/?form=give>

Memorial Visitation Thursday October 2, 2025 from 3pm - 6:30pm at the Barrett Leber Funeral Home Tenafly. Between 5:00-6:00 Memories of Elinor will be Shared by the Family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home

148 Dean Dr

Tenafly, NJ 07670

(201) 568-8043

<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ To all Elly's children, I am thinking of you today and was hoping to view her memorial service, but the funeral home does not have this capability. Please know that my heart is with you and your families. She will be sorely missed by many people, especially me. God Bless!  
Ann Janus.



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**Ann Janus** - October 02, 2025 at 03:29 PM

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“ To Elinor's children: We are sorry to hear of the loss of your dear mother. This is a beautiful tribute to special lady. Marian & Paul Newman

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**Marian Newman** - September 26, 2025 at 12:43 PM

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“ It is with a sad heart I say goodbye to sweet Elly!!! So many happy memories of spending time with her and her children as a child myself. Joan and I spent countless hours playing in their backyard pool and log cabin not to forget the tree we always climbed. One memory that stands out is the big ice and snow storm that crippled our neighborhood. We stayed at your house all huddled together as you had a gas stove. Joan you and I destroyed with glee your parents down comforter-feathers everywhere! Paul you and David were so wonderful for me as I only had sisters. You had bunk beds and I was sooo jealous. And then you Nan I babysat you and loved dressing you up.

Another not so famous infamous memory was your Mom teaching me piano which I did not like dang that notespeller... while my sister Julie got many statues for her piano accomplishments I only had a collection of ONE! Your mother and I laughed at this years later! I spoke with her every Sunday for years until I didn't which was a hole in my heart. She always talked so lovingly of all of her you and her grandchildren and great grandchildren!

She shared her musical talents and love of music with my family. WHILE PIANO WAS NOT FOR ME she instilled a love of musicals for me. She was my Mother's best friend and they always referred to themselves as Felix and Oscar-always debating who was who. No matter what their friendship was cherished by both of them. Your Mother will always be in my heart I lovespd her so!!! Every 4th of July I miss her playing accordion and her German potatoe salad. I have so many more memories please call me and we can celebrate a very wonderful lady❤️

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April Straight - September 25, 2025 at 09:19 PM