



## Eleanor Kay Mirich

November 27, 1937 - August 20, 2017

Eleanor Kay Mirich, age 79 of Crown Point, passed away on August 20, 2017 after an arduous battle with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. She was born on November 27, 1937 in "The Harbor" of East Chicago. Elle is survived by her adoring husband of 57 years- Ernest; five children-Michele Mirich, Melissa (Peter) Reardon, Ernest Carl Mirich II, Marcella (Steve) Larson, Eric (Amy) Mirich; 14 grandchildren-Michael Edward (Sasha), Nathaniel, Joseph, Gabrielle (Darryl) Wiederhold, Thomas, Francis, Catherine Grace, Callum , Jack, Jonas, Sophie, Mathew, Nicholas, and Ryan; great grandsons-Gabriel, Luka and Expecting baby; sisters-Dottie (Ron) Klingen, Ronnie (Jim) Morse; brother-in-law-John Marter; godson-Terry Chouinard; many loving nieces and nephews. Elle was preceded in death by her loving parents-Joseph and Josephine Kay; sister-Mary Jo Marter. Eleanor began her career in the health field at the early age of 16 after graduating from Bishop Noll HS in Hammond and entering St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Lafayette, IN, where she graduated with her RN in 1958. She continued her studies earning a BS and Master's degree in Health Service Administration from the College of St. Francis in Joliet, IL. Eleanor's professional life included modeling for Patricia Stevens of Chicago; surgical nurse at St. Margaret's Hospital; Oncology research nurse for Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit MI. In 1973, Eleanor became chief executive officer, chief financial officer and health administrator of Mirich Medical Corp. in 1983, she became the Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Prevention at Heart Pace 2000 in Merrillville. She was board director of Northern Indiana Arts Association, Hospice of Calumet Area, Chair of Development and Board of Director, Catholic Charities Board of Director, Tradewinds Rehabilitation Women's Board Development Committee, Friends of Hospice Member and Mensa Member. In 2002, Eleanor and her husband Ernest established The Eleanor Mirich Home, a Tradewinds Group Home for men with disabilities, located in Crown Point, IN. Her published works included " Health Care Economics, Megatrends and Overviews." Eleanor has received numerous honor and awards over the years. She has been listed in Who's Who in American Women, International Who's Who in Medicine, International Who's Who of Intellectuals, and Foremost Women of the 20th Century. In 2004, Eleanor was appointed the rank and title of "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Joseph E. Kernan, State of Indiana. In 2015, Eleanor was inducted as an Emeritus Board Member of

Hospice of the Calumet Area for her exceptional service as Board Director from 1985-2015. Friends may meet with Eleanor's family for visitation on Friday, August 25th from 2-8 p.m. (2 pm prayer service) at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 10 a.m. at St. Matthias Church , 101 W. Burrell Dr., Crown Point, IN with Monsignor Joseph Semancik officiating. On Saturday, funeral will start with prayers at Burns Funeral Home at 9:15 a.m. before church. Entombment at Calumet Park Cemetery. Donations may be made to Hospice of the Calumet Area or Tradewinds Rehabilitation Center Inc. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Prayer Service

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

AUG **26**. 9:15 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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AUG **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthias Catholic Church  
101 W. Burrell Drive  
Crown Point, IN 46307

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Eleanor and I were classmates at St. Elizabeth Hospital. So sorry for your loss. A very beautiful talented woman who will be missed. May God bless. Jean Powell Huff

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**Jean Powell Huff** - September 01, 2017 at 09:56 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Dr Mirich and your family. take comfort in knowing you took great care of her and she is now at peace Sincerely Lois Lopez (retired cardiac care nurse 4th floor St. Anthonys)

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**Lois Lopez** - August 26, 2017 at 08:03 AM

SW

“ So very sorry for your loss! Spoke to Michelle back in December and would love to have seen the rest of you children! Can't drive so was not able to attend the wake! God bless all of the Mirich family! May you all be raised up in prayer. Thanks, Snooky Williams & family

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**Snooky Williams** - August 25, 2017 at 05:34 PM

SW

“ Snooky Williams lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Kay Mirich



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**Snooky Williams** - August 25, 2017 at 05:29 PM

WS

“ Whiteco Pool Solutions purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eleanor Kay Mirich.



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**Whiteco Pool Solutions** - August 25, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanor Kay Mirich.*



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August 25, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanor Kay Mirich.*



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August 24, 2017 at 08:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eleanor Kay Mirich.*



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August 23, 2017 at 09:33 AM

JY

“ *Eleanor-One of the nicest, most Beautiful Ladies I know! They say "beauty is only skin deep" but she had as much beauty on the inside as on the outside! Eleanor was someone who dedicated her life to giving and helping others. She will be sadly missed but NEVER FORGOTTEN! My deepest condolences to Doc and the Mirich family. May she Rest In Peace and GOD BLESS HER! With Love, Rick Yover*

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**John Rick Yover** - August 22, 2017 at 09:51 AM