



Elna M. Larsen

February 1, 1926 - October 12, 2025

Elna M. Larsen passed away peacefully in her sleep at home in Great Kills, Staten Island on October 12th. She was 99 years old.

She was born February 1st, 1926 in Arendal, Norway, on the island of Hisøy to Thomas and Laura Syvertsen. At the age of 12, she immigrated with her mother to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

On September 29th, 1945, Elna married the love of her life, Harold E. Larsen. Their love story began at a party that Elna believed was a costume party. She arrived dressed up, only to realize she was the only one in costume. Harold noticed her, walked up with a smile, and asked her to dance. That dance was the beginning of a deep and devoted partnership that they cherished throughout their years together.

During World War II, Elna worked as a telephone operator. On March 19th, 1949, Elna and Harold opened Larsen's Jewelers in Annadale, Staten Island. After three years, they moved the business to Great Kills, where it would become a cherished community fixture for decades. Elna was the bookkeeper and created the store's beautiful displays and window decorations.

Together, Elna and Harold lovingly raised two sons, Karl and Erik. They enjoyed spending time with friends at the Fredheim Lodge, where they loved

to dance, and later, Elna was an active member of the Nansen Lodge Sons of Norway Folk Dancers. The couple shared a passion for travel and spent many joyful vacations in Aruba with their dear friends, Oke and Louise Olson.

Harold passed away in 1987, following 44 years of loving marriage. Elna continued to work in the family business well into her 80's.

Elna will be remembered for the kindness and warmth she extended to everyone she met. She had a gift for making people feel welcome—always ready to offer coffee, cake, and conversation. A phenomenal Scandinavian cook, she was especially known for her authentic Norwegian dinners.

Elna will be dearly missed by her sons, Karl and Erik, and their spouses, Marjorie and Margaret. She was blessed with three grandsons, Evan, Louis, and Thomas, and a granddaughter, Kristen. She was predeceased by her beloved sister, Lillian.

A Funeral service will be offered at 10:30 AM on Friday, October 17, 2025 at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc. located at 28 Eltingville Blvd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow in Ocean View Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Donations in loving memory of Elna may be made to Tunnel to Towers online at www.T2T.org, or Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org>.

Cemetery Details

Oceanview Cemetery

3315 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
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OCT **16**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **17**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EL

“ My sincerest condolences to all the Larsen family. I worked for Elna and Harold at the original store in Great Kills and later at the new store. I loved working for such wonderful people. Elna was a great lady and friend to me as I made my way through college. It has been an honor to know such a special person who will be missed and remembered always. Fly in peace my friend and be at rest. Thanks for all the good memories. 🇳🇴🇳🇴🇳🇴🇳🇴🇳🇴🇳🇴🇳🇴🇳🇴

Ellen Lindsay - October 16, 2025 at 07:22 PM

WG

“ With our love -- Mike and Gini purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Elna M. Larsen.



With our love -- Mike and Gini - October 15, 2025 at 05:07 PM

WG

“ With our love -- Mike and Gini planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elna M. Larsen.

With our love -- Mike and Gini - October 15, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Elna M. Larsen.



October 15, 2025 at 08:02 AM

JF

“ Jadach Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elna M. Larsen.

Jadach Family - October 15, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elna M. Larsen.



October 14, 2025 at 10:40 PM

GF

“ Gill/French family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elna M. Larsen.



Gill/French family - October 14, 2025 at 07:18 PM

GF

“ Gill/French family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elna M. Larsen.

Gill/French family - October 14, 2025 at 07:18 PM

JW

“ I was fortunate enough to travel to Norway for a family reunion at Else Marie & Kjell's home in Grimstad, Norway with Tante Elna, Tane Lillian, my Mom (Joyce~Tante Elna's cousin), my Father Frank, Uncle Harry, Jan, Uncle Ivar and Flo. Tante Elna was the best tour guide ever! She showed us all around her hometown of Arendal & Hisoy where she lived and gave us the whole history which was so interesting. I will never forget that wonderful trip and how Tante Elna made it even more amazing! We even had our whole family in the newspaper! Tante Elna made us famous! She will be missed! Love, Jeanine

Jeanine Walsh - October 13, 2025 at 10:33 PM

MO

We loves you all. We will always remember your great Hisøy dialect . Kind regard from Mona and family. ❤️

Mona - October 17, 2025 at 07:01 AM

TF

“ The Laudati Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elna M. Larsen.



The Laudati Family - October 13, 2025 at 05:13 PM

TF

“ The Laudati Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elna M. Larsen.

The Laudati Family - October 13, 2025 at 05:13 PM

GL

“ I have known Elna for many years. (77) She was married to my mother's cousin, Harold. Elna's sister used to come from Brooklyn to stay for a while and I met Lillian there. We became friends for years. Elna would come into the bedroom and say " quiet now, girls.' She was so sweet.

Gladys - October 13, 2025 at 01:47 PM

WJ

“ With love, Glennis & John purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elna M. Larsen.



With love, Glennis & John - October 12, 2025 at 09:24 PM

EC

“ Eitan Cohen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elna M. Larsen.



Eitan Cohen - October 12, 2025 at 06:25 PM

EC

“ Eitan Cohen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elna M. Larsen.

Eitan Cohen - October 12, 2025 at 06:25 PM

GG

“ Glennis G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elna M. Larsen.

Glennis G. - October 12, 2025 at 06:21 PM

ES

“ Evan and Sarah purchased the Sacred Garden S pray for the family of Elna M. Larsen.



Evan and Sarah - October 12, 2025 at 05:49 PM

ES

“ Evan and Sarah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elna M. Larsen.

Evan and Sarah - October 12, 2025 at 05:49 PM