

# ELAINE EFFORT



Elaine Effort was born on July 21, 1950, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Evelyn and Vurnol Leaphart, a Tuskegee Airman veteran. She unexpectedly departed this life on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Elaine graduated from the University of Michigan, earning a BA in political science and MA in journalism. For 38 years she served as a reporter for the Pittsburgh news radio station KQV 1410. She co-founded

the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation and was awarded the Golden Quill for expert storytelling and accountability work. One of Elaine's proudest traditions is her family's four generation involvement in Girl Scouts where she served as a troop leader for almost 40 years. Elaine's faith was important to her; for years she was a member and leader of Holy Cross Episcopal Church and then at Calvary Episcopal Church. Loving memories of Elaine will be cherished by her husband of 47 years, Dr. Edmund Effort; son, Edmundson of Greensboro, NC; and daughter, April (and Hansy) Eugene of Milton, MA; granddaughters, Hannah and Haniya Eugene; and sister, Erma Leaphart of Detroit, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Elaine Effort may be made to Pittsburgh Black Media Federation, Urban Journalism Workshop by contacting [info@pbmf.org](mailto:info@pbmf.org). The family will receive friends Sunday, November 17, 2024, from 2-6 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Avenue, Pgh., PA 15206 and services on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 11 a.m. Interment will be at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **ROBERT A. WATERS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 449 Mitchell Ave., Clairton, PA.

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