



Elfriede "Elfie" Wolfel Mowell

December 15, 1939 - October 31, 2025

Elfriede "Elfie" Wolfel Mowell, age 85, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 31, 2025, at the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House. Her resilience was second to none. Strong-willed, with a unique sense of humor and a fiercely loyal heart, Elfie was a devoted friend to many.

Elfie was born on December 15, 1939, in Bayreuth, Germany. At the age of eighteen, she courageously moved to the United States in search of a fresh start. She made her home in Tallahassee, Florida, where she spent much of her life. Elfie devoted twenty-five years to the Leon County Court System, serving as an administrative clerk in the felony division.

She will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and youthful spirit. Elfie embraced her German heritage through her crafts and cooking, and she found great joy in the outdoors. At home, she could most often be found in her garden—she truly had the greenest of thumbs.

Elfie is survived by her daughter, Annette Jilek, and her grandsons, Michael Jilek and Martin Jilek. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Warren Dick Mowell, her parents, Friedrich and Elisabeth Wolfel, and her siblings, Alfred Reinecke, Paul Reinecke, Marianne Gebhard, and Emma Queissner. May they be dancing together in heaven after a fine meal of schweinebraten mit Klöße.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice in Elfie's memory. The family wishes to thank all of Elfie's friends and loved ones for their care and support.

"Möge ihr Licht weiterhin als der hellste Stern am Nachthimmel leuchten."

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

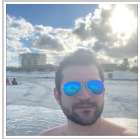
Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elfriede "Elfie" Wolfel Mowell*



Bevis Funeral Home - November 23, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *We knew Elfie as Michael's grandmother. The first time we met her was also our first time visiting Tallahassee, and Elfie let us stay in her guest room while Michael showed us around Tallahassee, and she made us feel welcome and at home.*

Elfie had a kind heart and an even funnier sense of humor. She called it how it is, and loved to talk about Germany, her cat, and cared deeply for her family and friends. Wherever she was, she made it feel like it was home.

We will carry Elfie with us always, and with that piece of her memory, a piece of how she made it home.

Lukas Göttke - November 17, 2025 at 04:24 PM

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“ I miss Elfie, she was a true friend to me. We shared so many laughs going for lunch or meeting with our german Kaffeeklatsch ladies or simply talking for hours on the phone sharing childhood memories that only german girls could have. I loved her Goulash and she shared a Roulade with me from a batch she had made for her special grandson Mike when he came to visit. She loved him so much and was so proud of him! And was she bragging about her devoted daughter cooking soups for her all the time! I miss her!

Rosemarie Thomas - November 10, 2025 at 12:08 AM

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Elfie was a Special Person. We saw each other regularly when the Rathaus German Club was still in existence and later for the German Christmas Evenings at the Lutheran Church, Octoberfests and our Open Houses and Parties. We were Facebook Friends and she loved my mother, also Elfie (Elfriede) every time she visited. She was a joyful and lovely person and kind to everyone she met.

Irma Daleen - November 10, 2025 at 05:35 AM

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“ The Don and Val-TishaTucker family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elfriede "Elfie" Wolfel Mowell.



The Don and Val-TishaTucker family - November 09, 2025 at 02:24 PM

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“ The Don and Val-TishaTucker family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elfriede "Elfie" Wolfel Mowell.

The Don and Val-TishaTucker family - November 09, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *Elfie was so beautiful and dear. She poured so much laughter and wisdom into my life. She spoke her mind and guided me often. I met her when I was in sixth grade when Annette and I were new best friends. We would go to their home near our school. She and Dick used to sit me down and ask me tell them all the things that were happening in my family. My family was a bit complicated. Their eyes would light up! They would smile and laugh with me, while pouring out love on me. Surprisingly, when I stopped talking, they would ask me to tell them more. This was something I was not used to having happen, because I already talked a lot. And I had lots of sisters. They showered Love on me over and over. Dick was my mentor and he helped me in my career. He and I were extremely close. Elfie was, and will always be a light in my life. She became a mentor and my friend, somebody that I valued very much. As I grow older, she shared much with me. She really stressed how important it was to stay connected to people that you love. And she thought forgiveness was most important! She had great compassion for people. She loved her family intensely. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She had many talents. She really knew how to listen, put deep thought into matters and used words wisely. Also, Elfie was extremely funny We had much fun together. I can't imagine a world without Elfie. It doesn't exist. And so I'm going to hold onto her closely in my heart, until we see each other again. My thoughts and sympathy go out to her family. They are all so close. I am thankful to be able to go to her celebration of life, because there is much to celebrate about Elfie. All of my love and compassion ,*

Val Tisha Williams Tucker

Valerie Tucker - November 09, 2025 at 02:09 PM

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“ *Devorita and Family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elfriede "Elfie" Wolfel Mowell.*



Devorita and Family. - November 08, 2025 at 05:32 PM