



Elsie Woodson Nowlin

September 22, 1933 - June 5, 2022

Elsie Louise Wagoner Woodson Nowlin, 88, of 152 Avalon Drive, Danville, VA, went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at Riverside Health and Rehab after a decline in health for the last two and a half years.

Elsie was born in Bassett, VA on September 22, 1933, a daughter of the late Beaufort T. Wagoner and Dovie Weddle Wagoner. She spent most of her life in the Danville area where she was a registered nurse. She first went to work for Dr. Updike and Dr. Turner, and then she went to work at Piedmont Prime Care, before she retired she was working as a school nurse at Stony Mill Elementary School.

After her retirement, she became the honorary supervisor of Woodson Marathon, where she loved to greet customers, run errands and do a variety of other jobs at the gas station. She also loved to cook and share her baked goods with her family and customers.

Elsie was a devout Christian. She was a member of Woodlawn Baptist Church, where she was involved with the Lady's Ministry, served as chairman, sung in the choir, was a Sunday School teacher, a teller for the church, served on the Hostess Committee, and taught Bible School. She was also a member of La Sertoma, the ABWA and the Nursing Alumni Association.

Elsie first married Lawrence Woodson, Sr. who died in September of 1984, she then went on to marry, Jack Nowlin who died in February of 1992.

In addition to her parents, her first and second husband she was predeceased by her brothers, Eugene, Earnest, Elbert and Earl Wagoner.

Survivors include her daughter, Kimberly W. Gatewood and husband, Randy of Danville, VA; her son, Lawrence Woodson, II and wife Ramona of Danville, VA; grandchildren, Ryan Gatewood (Rachel), Kory Gatewood (Kelly), Kevin Gatewood (Caroline), Trey Woodson and Seth Woodson; and her great grandchildren, Ella Gatewood, Grant Gatewood, Addison Gatewood, Weston Routh and Crew Gatewood.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Woodlawn Baptist Church with the Reverend David Duncan and the Reverend Ryan Riley officiating. Interment will follow the service in Danville Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday night from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the church and at other times the family will be at the residence of her daughter, Kim Gatewood at 3188 Stony Mill Road, Danville, VA 24541 or her son, Lawrence Woodson, II at 1710 Buckhorn Drive, Danville, VA 24540.

Memorial donations can be made to Woodlawn Baptist Church.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Danville Memorial Gardens

510 Church Avenue
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Baptist Church
2500 Westover Dr
Danville, VA 24541

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Woodlawn Baptist Church
2500 Westover Dr
Danville, VA 24541

Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elsie Woodson Nowlin*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - June 07, 2022 at 08:55 AM

MD

“ *Lawrence, I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. You and your family are in my prayers.*



Melinda Davis - July 15, 2022 at 09:39 PM

BG

“ *Lawrence, and family.
Just found out Elsie had passed away. What a wonderful Christian woman she was. She was my nurse when she worked for Dr Updike, and would see her at the station. She was a wonderful human being, and this world will be a lot sadder without her in it. She always had a smile. May God grant you all peace through this sad time.
Beth Gentry*

Beth Gentry - June 08, 2022 at 09:00 PM

GE

“ I am so sorry to hear about your precious mom. I just seen it on the internet. Praying that the LORD will send comfort and peace like a river to you and your family. I loved talking and picking with her. I always called her Pretty Lady. she was so special just like you are. I realize that you have lost the best friend you will ever have this side of eternity and it hurts terrible but the beauty of it all is that this is not goodbye, but I will meet you in the morning. GOD bless and keep you all. Love you in t
he LORD. Gary Edwards

Gary Edwards - June 08, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ John and Sandy Updike send our sincerest condolences for your loss. Elsie was much beloved by the Updike family for many years. She was such a gentle, pleasant lady, always ready to listen and lend support. She will live on in our hearts.

Sandra Updike - June 08, 2022 at 12:26 PM

SR

“ Kim and Lawrence:

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sonya Rowland

Sonya Rowland - June 08, 2022 at 11:56 AM

BA

“ *Lawrence. and famiy, I know how if you love your Precious mom.. This not the end, but just the begnnung!May God are his lounge arms around y'all You are so oved!!! Barbara and Ray Guill*



Barbara - June 07, 2022 at 08:21 PM

BA

Please excuse my mistakes!

Barbara - June 07, 2022 at 08:22 PM

CS

“ *Lawrence, Kim and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. She was always smiling and happy. Heaven gained an Angel*



Cathy Stratton - June 07, 2022 at 08:03 PM

PL

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Penny Mccune Lastinger - June 07, 2022 at 06:17 PM

HR

“ *Hutchens Rentz-Eden purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elsie Woodson Nowlin.*



Hutchens Rentz-Eden - June 07, 2022 at 12:48 PM

PP

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the family and friends, so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in prayers during this sad time.*
Peggy Parsons

Peggy J Parsons - June 07, 2022 at 10:34 AM

SF

“ *Stacie Pritchett & Family lit a candle in memory of Elsie Woodson Nowlin*



Stacie Pritchett & Family - June 07, 2022 at 10:14 AM

SP

Such a special lady that we will miss! She always made us laugh and smile each time we was around her. I am happy I was able to enjoy her sweet and kind and funny words over the past 20+ years. Praying for you all!!

Stacie Pritchett - June 07, 2022 at 10:15 AM

JR

“ *One of my favorite memories of Elsie is when a bunch of us went to Myrtle Beach. I believe it was in the early 90s and it was bike week. We all went for a long walk and Elsie got tired so we ask one of the bikers to take her back to the hotel and she climbed on that bike and he took her back to the hotel!What a terrific memory of a terrific woman. Rest in peace sweet Elsie.*

judy ruev - June 07, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - June 07, 2022 at 08:44 AM

MM

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Mitzi Marlow - June 07, 2022 at 06:55 AM

LR

“ *Kim, Lawrence and your families,
I'm so sorry to read of your mother's passing. My own late mother held her in high esteem. And it sounds like she followed a similar path, retiring from one job then getting another. I think they were both called to nursing the same way some people are called to ministry. I hope all the many years you had with such a wise and wonderful woman will comfort you in the days ahead. I send up prayers for you all...*

Laura Reid - June 07, 2022 at 12:39 AM

BB

“ *Such a SWEET SWEET LADY!! She was such a PLEASURE to talk with while waiting for my car to be serviced.
R I P LOVELY LADY*



BRENDA BARTS BRYANT - June 06, 2022 at 10:58 PM

LH

“ *Special lady!*



Lynn Hudgins - June 06, 2022 at 07:47 PM

HT

“ *So sorry for your loss...she was a sweet and lovely person* ❤️ 🙏🙏

Harriet Taylor - June 06, 2022 at 07:05 PM

DS

“ *Please accept my sympathy for the loss of this beautiful woman.
She will be sorely missed.
Debbie Rich Smoak*

Debbie R Smoak - June 06, 2022 at 05:14 PM

CW

“ *Cindy Walker lit a candle in memory of Elsie Woodson Nowlin*



Cindy Walker - June 06, 2022 at 04:56 PM

VR

Elsie is now singing with the heavenly choir. Prayers for her family.

vera reid - June 06, 2022 at 06:54 PM

JF

“ *So sorry for your loss! Prayers for your sweet family!*

Joyce Ferguson - June 06, 2022 at 03:33 PM

KS

Elsie was a sweet & kind nurse, friend & a good neighbor Our prayers & love to all the family ❤️🙏

Kathy & Doug Soyars - June 06, 2022 at 05:24 PM



So very sorry for your loss of this sweet lady. I will miss seeing her and talking to her at the service station. May God give you and yours Comfort and Peace until you meet her again in Heaven.

Kenny Powell

Kenny Powell - June 06, 2022 at 05:43 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - June 06, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Elsie Woodson Nowlin*.



June 06, 2022 at 12:55 PM