



## Elsie Phillippe Whitfield

March 26, 1927 - April 27, 2021

Elsie Phillippe Whitfield, 94, of Ringgold, VA died Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at SOVAH Health in Danville after a decline in her health for the past year.

Elsie was born in Courtland, VA on March 26, 1927, a daughter of the late Ephraim Henry Phillippe, Jr. and Tressa Snavely Phillippe. She lived most of her life in Danville, VA and she retired from the Public Health Department where she worked as a Registered Nurse.

Elsie was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Danville. She was married to John Lewis Whitfield, Jr., who preceded her in death.

In addition to her husband, Elsie was predeceased by a son, David Whitfield, and one brother.

Survivors include a son, John L. Whitfield III (Karen) of Corolla, NC; two daughters, Nancy K. Whitfield of Fredericksburg, VA, and Jane W. Pratt (Ed) of Ringgold, VA; twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, and three nieces, Ginny Laubinger (Lars), Susan Stewart (Bob), and Peggy Ireson (Bob).

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with the Reverend Lydia Tatum and the Reverend Joe Northen officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park.

The family will receive friends on Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service from 1:00 until 2:00 P.M. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Danville Life Saving Crew, 202 Christopher Lane, Danville, VA 24541.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Whitfield family.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street  
Danville, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 8.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elsie Phillippe Whitfield*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - May 06, 2021 at 09:42 AM

JL

*What a Beautiful Tribute to a Beautiful and truly Wonderful Elsie Whitfield* 💕

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**Jeanne R Lavinder** - May 07, 2021 at 11:15 AM

CM

*I remember Itchie would come to our house in Atkins Virginia. She rode the Greyhound bus and it would stop in front of the house. I would wait on the front porch it she came across the road. I couldn't hardly wait to see her. She would play with me in the sand box and go for walks She was like the sister I never had. She even made me a little nurses uniform out of her nursing student uniform. I loved her so very much! But she is home now with her loved ones.*

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**Charley May Eller Maney** - May 07, 2021 at 06:59 PM

AR

“ *Mrs whitfield will be missed dearly she was a wonderful person to work with.*

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**angie robertson** - May 15, 2021 at 02:17 PM

KG

“ *Elsie was so fun to talk to and be with. I really enjoyed spending time with her.*

*In 1991 my sister was getting married and I and my daughter were both in the wedding party. We each needed a specified handmade dress, and Elsie graciously undertook the task. We visited her during the process, as she carefully and skillfully fitted them to us. We were beautiful in our dresses and were so proud and thankful. It was upon our return from the Georgia wedding that we learned, to our shock and dismay, that Lewis had passed away.*

*That year at Christmas I made Elsie an ornament for her Christmas tree that was a miniature look alike of my dress.*

*It was a happy and very sad time mixed together, but it also drew us together in a special way.*

*I have always been thankful for her friendship, and the example she was to me.*

*With love, memories, and prayers,  
Kathy Gardner*

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**Kathy Gardner** - May 11, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ *Will be greatly missed for your love for others and wellness to sit and talk and sharing your beach house with so many family bring so many happy memories you will surely be missed*

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**Gene Smith** - May 08, 2021 at 02:22 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Amy Harris** - May 07, 2021 at 09:34 PM

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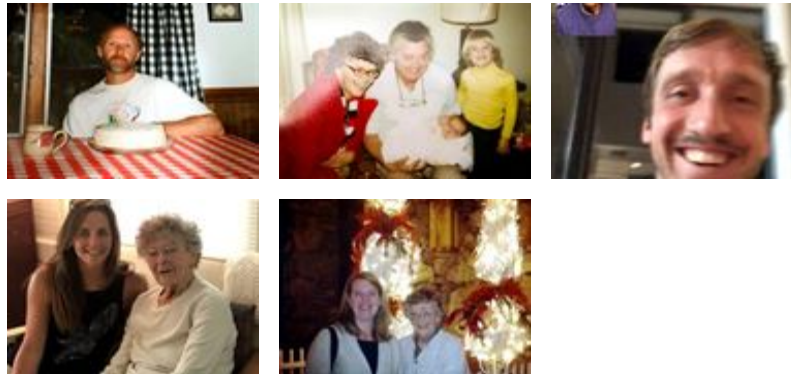
“ All our Love, Charley May and John, Amy and Greg purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Elsie Phillippe Whitfield.



All our Love, Charley May and John, Amy and Greg - May 07, 2021 at 07:46 PM



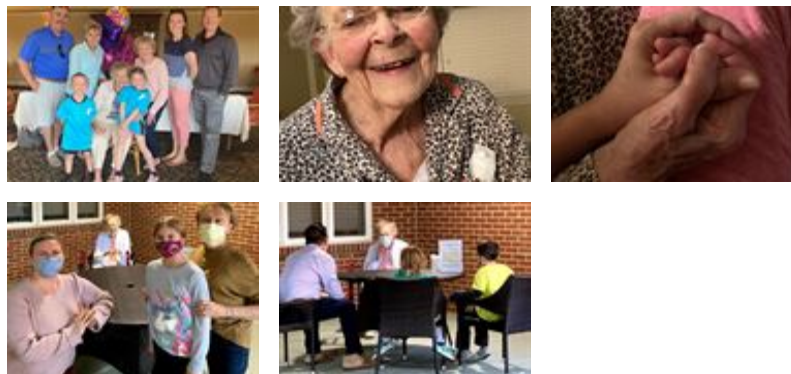
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Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - May 07, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ 147 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - May 06, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of *Elsie Phillippe Whitfield*.



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May 05, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Elsie Phillippe Whitfield*.



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May 05, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Love, Peggy, Bob, Laura, Michael and Kelly Ireson* purchased the *Love's Journey* for the family of *Elsie Phillippe Whitfield*.



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**Love, Peggy, Bob, Laura, Michael and Kelly Ireson** - May 04, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Elsie Phillippe Whitfield*.



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May 03, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Elsie Phillippe Whitfield*.



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May 02, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Elsie Phillippe Whitfield*.



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May 02, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Elsie Phillippe Whitfield*.



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April 30, 2021 at 01:19 AM