



Myrtle Elliott Searce

September 22, 1923 - February 8, 2017

Myrtle Elliott Searce, age 93, of Stratford House, 1111 Main Street, Danville, VA, died Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at her residence.

Born in Boxwood, VA, on September 22, 1923, she was a daughter of the late Tobe S. Elliott and Mary Susan Young Elliott.

Mrs. Searce lived most of her life in Danville, VA. She retired in 1988, after 38 years, from Danville Regional Medical Center where she worked as a Head Nurse Coordinator. She trained under Miss Ferma E. Hoover, who was the Administrator at Danville Memorial Hospital during and after WWII. She was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church for over 70 years, and assisted in the Nursery. She was a member of the American Red Cross, and the Kings Daughters and Sons.

On April 27, 1946 she married Lewis Freeman Searce, he died on April 4, 1993.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a brother, Franklin Elliott, and two sisters, Louise Hogan, and Kathleen Stroud.

Survivors include two sons, J. Steven Searce, of Evans, GA; and Dennis Cordell Searce, and wife Barbara Greiss, of Mooresville, NC; six

grandchildren, Andrew Searce (Jamie), Justin Searce, Jodi Paige Kines (John), Ryan Searce, Garrett Searce (Crystal) and Meredith Welsh; and five great grandchildren, Hunter Searce, Chasen Searce, Cayden Searce, Greyson Kines and Graham Kines.

The family would like to thank the staff at Dean Care Services, Liberty Hospice, Riverside Rehabilitation, and Danville Regional Medical Center for their loving care provided to Mrs. Searce.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Fairview United Methodist Church at 4:00 PM with the Reverend Levi Stroud and the Reverend Jennifer Coffey officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday at the church from 3:00 until 4:00 PM. A private graveside interment will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at Highland Burial Park.

The family suggest that memorials may be made to the Danville Life Saving Crew, 202 Christopher Lane, Danville, VA 24541 and to Fairview UMC, 1013 Westover Drive, Danville, VA 24541.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Searce family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fairview United Methodist Church
1013 Westover Drive
VA 24541

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

Fairview United Methodist Church
1013 Westover Drive
VA 24541

Tribute Wall

GA

“ I worked with Myrtle at DRMC in management for a number of years. She was know as a task master by her staff but also had a heart of gold. Myrtle put up a tough management front but had the support of her staff and, deep down, was a kind, caring individual, based on my experience. She also cared for her patients- they came first and I remember seeing her toughness when it came to making sure her patients got the care they deserved.
Gerald Adcock

Gerald Adcock - February 12, 2017 at 01:11 PM

IH

“ From Irving (Red) Hardy and Family send our prayers to the family. We are so sorry for your loss. She was a dear sweet lady. God Bless you all.

Irving Hardy - February 11, 2017 at 08:36 AM



“ I was Mrs Searce's first shift full-time caregiver at Stratford House for the past year 1/2. She was more like a Grandmother to me rather than a "client". We shared many stories, and secrets, had countless morning laughs and silly moments. She would often share a farm, war, or nursing story that she'd shared before, but I'd still listen and respond as if it were my first time. She was so kind and caring, always concerned if I had a jacket, umbrella, if I had brought breakfast or lunch. She often asked about my 2 year old son who I brought to visit her on my day off. As much as I took care of her, she took care of me. We were a team. She would express how she wanted the best for me, and even told me one day "you can't die you have too much to live for". She prayed for me when I'd go out of town, and we were both happy to see each other upon my return from a day or weekend off. Mrs Searce was so special to me, I loved her dearly and I miss her every morning when I wake up knowing I won't see her that day. I'll never forget the day we sat outside with the sun on our faces rocking and singing together "Blessed Assurance". My prayers are with the family, you were blessed with a rare jewel and she will be greatly missed. With love,
Vastish "Vee" Cooper

Vastish Monique - February 10, 2017 at 03:53 PM

LS

“ Myrtle lit up a room with her beautiful smile and hearty laugh. I remember the most wonderful family reunions at her home, at her sisters' and brother's home and at the church. We all shared so much love and great joy together. She had the best hugs and a heart of gold. We all felt like she was our Aunt Mutt, too. Myrtle, Freeman and her entire family of siblings, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren, et. al. serve(d) everyone with great love and grace in His presence always. Oh, how I miss Cat, Louise, Frank and now Myrtle. They mean the world to us.
We're sending all our heartfelt love from my entire family to the entire family filled with God's blessings and peace. We are with you in great love and spirit.
May his arms surround and comfort you. Love Lois, Fenton, Linda, and all our family
and also from Aunt Lois who passed in October

Lois Simmons - February 10, 2017 at 03:51 PM

WM

“ With love, Carol Martin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Myrtle Elliott Searce.



With love, Carol Martin - February 10, 2017 at 11:12 AM

BT

“ To her she called us all her girls who worked on her floor. She was fair looked after staff made sure all the Patients got what they needed, best floor in the Hospital to be on every one said that even the Drs. Helped me out when my Husband got killed met me at the Emergency room. She loved him too , he was a friend of one of her Sons. She did what I could not do went in with him. I was in shock could not move, she told me I am glad you did not go in there what she saw was hard on her. She came to see me and my small children came to the funeral . Rest in peace you earned your wings we need more like her. Billie Eanes Thompson



Billie Thompson - February 10, 2017 at 09:37 AM



I've heard so many stories of her days of nursing and her "girls" on her floor. She really loved you ladies, talked about you all very often. Prayers are with you.

Vastish Monique - February 10, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Myrtle Elliott Scarce.



February 09, 2017 at 09:28 PM

BP

“ *The first time I met Myrtle she was hurrying down the hallway with a cup of dimes attached to her walker 😊 and she told me she would have to talk to me later because she didn't want to be late to her afternoon bingo game. I thought that was the cutest thing I'd ever seen. I will always remember fondly my first meeting with you. May God hold you in his arms and comfort your family.*



Bruce Putnam

Bruce Putnam - February 09, 2017 at 08:47 PM

CM

*Myrtle was one of a kind. I will always remember how nurturing and generous she was to me as I started out my nursing career by working with her on my weekends when home from school. Even after all these years I fondly remember her sly smile, laugh and wonderful stories. A life well lived who touch so many. May God bless Myrtle and her family.
Claudia Mazur*

Claudia Mazur - February 10, 2017 at 10:28 PM