



## Elsie Mae Tedford

July 2, 1931 - June 3, 2016

Elsie Mae Tedford of Chester, MD, died Friday June 3, 2016, at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. She was 84.

Born on July 2, 1931, on the family farm in Middle Creek Township, NC, she was the daughter of the late Simon and Elizabeth (Rowland) Stephens. She graduated from Garner Senior High School and lived with her family until marrying Wilbur Tedford in 1953. An Air Force serviceman's wife, Elsie travelled to various locations in the US and even lived in Italy for two years, shortly after the birth of her first child, Teresa. Upon settling on Kent Island near Wilbur's family, she soon had her second child, David. While raising children, Elsie also worked full-time for Sparks Oil Company in Chester as a bookkeeper.

At home, Elsie loved to garden and did so each year, diligently preparing fresh foods for all who walked through her door. She grew and loved many types of flowers as well. She imparted much wisdom to her children and grandchildren in the arts of growing, saving, and preparing nuts, vegetables, and fruits. Her abilities and the lessons she diligently taught transcended the physical realm, often entering the spiritual as she earnestly tied her knowledge of how to grow plants to how to grow people.

Elsie's greatest fruits were for the Lord Jesus Christ. She did her best to lead

a faithful life of service to the King. Elsie is remembered as a woman who willingly lent a hand to anyone in need, great or small, and one whose lips spoke the name of Jesus frequently. She shared her love for Jesus Christ and his saving grace with family, friends, and strangers alike. She has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Kent Island since its beginning, and faithfully served her church body in countless ways for many decades.

Elsie is survived by her loving husband, Wilber George Tedford of Chester, MD; daughter, Teresa Ellen Rainey (Frank) of Stevensville, MD; son, David Allen Tedford (Jo-Anne) of Chester, MD; eight grandchildren, Sarah Whitby, Amy Waskey, Jessica Bailey, Adam Tedford, Kimberly Rainey, Abby Dallaire and Aaron and Joshua Rainey; and five great-grandchildren, Jack and Emma Whitby, Joel Dallaire, Amos Tedford, and Jacob Dallaire; a brother, John Thomas Stephens (Betty Sue) of Raleigh, NC; and sisters Annie Lou Groth of Spokane, WA, and Peggy Jones of Raleigh, NC. In addition to her parents, Elsie was predeceased by her brothers, Bland, Mills and Joseph Stevens; and sisters Hazel Austin and Gwendolyn Parish.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday June 8, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD. A service will be on Thursday June 9, 2016, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Stevensville, MD. Burial will be in the Stevensville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the First Baptist Church of Kent Island.

# Cemetery Details

## Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Kent Island  
State Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elsie Mae Tedford*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - June 06, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ *Elsie Mae Tedford*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Elsie Mae Tedford*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Elsie Mae Tedford*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Yes, I remember Mrs. Elsie as well!! I'm Eddie Baker's sister, Debbie. We were neighbors in Harbor View. I remember Mrs. Elsie making me a peanut butter, banana, and mayo sandwich while we kids were playing outside. She was a very sweet and kind lady!!! She will be greatly missed!!! Prayers are with your family!!!*

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**Debbie B. Caldwell** - June 17, 2016 at 05:14 PM

CJ

“ Aunt Elsie was a loving and sweet spirited woman of God who loved her family dearly. She will be missed but not forgotten by family and friends. Her wonderful legacy is her family.

Charles Avery Jones - June 10, 2016 at 02:40 PM



“ Melanie Dalziel lit a candle in memory of Elsie Mae Tedford



Melanie Dalziel - June 09, 2016 at 10:11 AM



Kim, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

Melanie Dalziel - June 09, 2016 at 10:12 AM

DW

“ Elsie was a terrific neighbor and a joy to chat with. Brought a smile very time she drove past and often stopped to catch up. She could take a ribbing and give back as good as she got. Will be sorely missed on Parks Road. All the Tedfords are in our thoughts.

Nancy Wainwright and Dennis Weisberg

Dennis Weisberg - June 08, 2016 at 04:32 PM

HB

“ I remember how kind Mrs. Tedford was to all of us kids who lived in Harbor View. She always had kind words or would impart some words of wisdom to those of us who needed them. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Tedford family.

*The Baker Family, Eddie, Linda, Kelly and Cullen.*

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**Harry E. Baker** - June 08, 2016 at 05:16 AM

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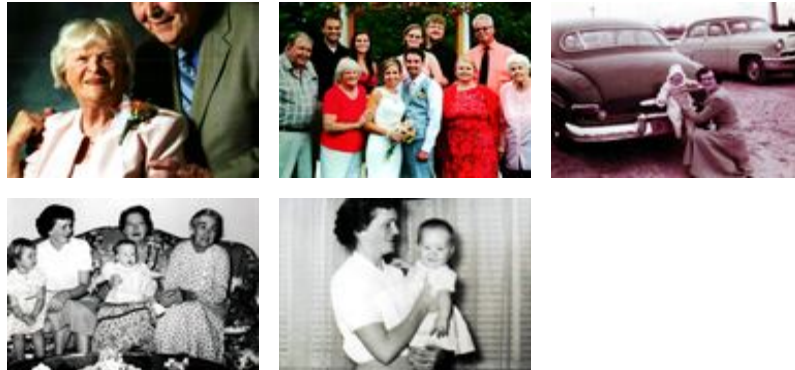
*Thanks so much Eddie, where did the years go. It's hard to believe moms gone. I hope all is well with you and your family.*

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**David Tedford** - June 08, 2016 at 02:01 PM



“ 108 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - June 06, 2016 at 03:42 PM

MW

“ *Peace Dear Friend,  
Peace to you & your family.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!  
Peace & Love  
Mark & Helga*

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**Mark Watson** - June 05, 2016 at 09:35 AM