



Elva Lee Chaires

June 6, 1932 - June 11, 2020

Elva Lee Jacob Chaires of Rock Hall, MD, died on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown. She was 88.

Born on June 6, 1932, in Rock Hall, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Edith Wheat Jacob. She graduated from Rock Hall High School, Class of 1949. On June 24, 1950, she married James “Rocky” Chaires, who predeceased her in 1994. They resided in Rock Hall, where she raised her family.

Elva Lee worked as a substitute rural carrier for the Rock Hall Post office, Durdin’s Store, and Rock Hall Manufacturing Company. She was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church where she “sat the choir” and the Sgt. Preston Ashley Post #228 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She loved cooking, baking, and playing cards.

Elva Lee is survived by a son, James Chaires (Lynn) of Worton, MD; a daughter, Bonnie Chaires of Rock Hall, MD; a brother, Gene Jacob; two grandchildren, Jacob and Bradley Chaires; and adopted daughter, Debbie Elburn. She was predeceased by her siblings, Calvin Jacob, Charlie Boy Jacob, Zola Nicholson, and Marjorie Beck.

Services will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 1 p.m. at Fellows,

Helpfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, where relatives and friends may call from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Interment will be in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, following the service.

A reception will be held at a later date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wesley Chapel Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 626, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 17, 2020 at 12:43 PM

AE

*What a beautiful service! I am so sorry I was unable to be there in person, but watched the entire service. It was a service she would have LOVED!! Hugs to you all!
Love, Andrea*

Andrea Edwards - June 17, 2020 at 02:14 PM

SJ

Beautiful Service. I am sorry I was unable to come.

Sherrie jacobs - June 23, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Elva Lee Chaires*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Elva Lee Chaires*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Elva Lee Chaires*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jaimie I m so sorry to hear about your mom. May she rest in peace.
Boomer*

Boomer Bozarth - June 23, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Trish And Eddie Taylor lit a candle in memory
of Elva Lee Chaires*



Trish and Eddie Taylor - June 19, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ *I am blessed to have many memories of Elva
Lee including many card games and the best
lemon pie that I have ever had. She was a
presence and a people magnet. Wherever
she was, there was a crowd and , you can be
sure, they would be laughing. She had a wonderful sense of humor
and a kind, caring and giving heart. She will live on in our hearts
and many others. She is a Rock Hall legend.*



MARY ETTA REEDY - June 16, 2020 at 08:52 PM

DB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Deborah Boege - June 16, 2020 at 06:49 PM

DB

*We have many great memories of Miss Elva Lee from our time at Wesley Chapel and next door picking crabs with Miss Rose Beck. She brought joy and laughter to everyone with her great sense of humor and her warm smile. We are keeping you all in our prayers.
The Boege Family*

Deborah Boege - June 16, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ Rosie Gagalski lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Rosie Gagalski - June 16, 2020 at 11:26 AM

BE

“ Bonnie Whaland Edwards lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Bonnie Whaland Edwards - June 15, 2020 at 09:55 PM

HK

“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of Elva Lee. May the Good Lord comfort her family and friends. As this world becomes -1 on good people, heaven is +1. Rest In Peace Elva Lee and God Bless.

Helen Shirley Kendall

Helen Shirley Kendall - June 15, 2020 at 07:28 PM

HK

“ Helen "Shirley Kendall lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Helen "Shirley Kendall - June 15, 2020 at 07:17 PM

RO

“ RJ & Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



RJ & Kristi Osborn - June 15, 2020 at 09:41 AM

AG

“ So sorry for your loss. MS. Elva Lee Was an awesome person. Her personality radiated across the land of anyone that was blessed to know her. God Bless and cradle her family, as they, I'm sure will cherish many fun memories of Ms. Elva Lee

Arthur Godfrey - June 15, 2020 at 09:08 AM

LM

“ *Lee And Susan McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Lee and Susan McGinnis - June 14, 2020 at 06:55 PM

AT

“ *So sorry to hear of Aunt Elva Lee's passing. Sending our love and prayers during this difficult time.*



Allison Younger Taylor - June 14, 2020 at 07:26 AM

BH

“ *Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth - June 13, 2020 at 02:40 PM

GC

“ *Gail Kendall Claggett lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Gail Kendall Claggett - June 13, 2020 at 09:48 AM

JW

“ James And Linda Wachowiz sent a virtual gift
in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



James and Linda Wachowiz - June 12, 2020 at 08:54 PM

JS

“ Janet Seward lit a candle in memory of Elva
Lee Chaires



Janet Seward - June 12, 2020 at 06:29 PM

BC

“ RIP Miss Elva Lee. Hugs and prayers to
Bonnie, Jamie, and family. I remember her
when I first moved to RH. She was one of the
Brunch bunch at Jean Willson's on Sunday
morning. I'd come downstairs, and they would
all question me on what I did the night before. Making sure I was
staying out of trouble. I think, lol She was always so nice to me.
Good memories.



Bonnie Fitch Cullis - June 12, 2020 at 05:38 PM

DO

“ Bonnie, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. It seems that no matter how many friends and relatives we lose, none are as meaningful as the loss of our Mother. I pray that God carries you through this time and comforts you in your grief.



Dorothy Omelia - June 12, 2020 at 04:22 PM

PN

“ She was a dear sweet neighbor of mine when I Lived on haven rd. She was one of a kind!! 😭💙😘

Pat Newman - June 12, 2020 at 04:18 PM

SS

“ Bonnie your mom will be so missed. May you find strength in God. Dante was so looking forward to his next visit with her.



Shirley Spagnolo - June 12, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elva Lee Chaires.



June 12, 2020 at 02:53 PM

AE

“ Bonnie and Jamie, we are so sorry for your loss! I have many fond memories of Aunt Elva Lee, and Timmy always talks about his walks with the dog past the house on Haven when they would talk. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Andrea and Timmy



Andrea & Timmy Edwards - June 12, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - June 12, 2020 at 12:31 PM

DB

“ Deborah Rodney Burke lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Deborah Rodney Burke - June 12, 2020 at 11:37 AM

JB

“ Jim And Beverly Brown lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Jim and Beverly Brown - June 12, 2020 at 10:51 AM

JB

So very sorry for your loss.

Jim & Beverly Brown - June 12, 2020 at 10:51 AM

BC

“ *Butch Coleman lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Butch Coleman - June 12, 2020 at 10:35 AM

CN

“ *So sorry to hear about Mrs. Elva Lee, our thoughts and prayers are with you all, so glad I got to see her a couple weeks ago, she still had tthat smile.*



Chris and Vivian Nordhoff - June 12, 2020 at 10:15 AM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Denny and Judy Hickman - June 12, 2020 at 10:12 AM

DE

“ *Losing a parent is the hardest thing - she will be missed by so many, Bonnie and family! Sending you prayers and healing thoughts. She's with you still every day!*

Donna Hogans Engelmann - June 12, 2020 at 10:09 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Jo Ann Edwards - June 12, 2020 at 09:31 AM

GC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mrs. Elva Lee was one of a kind. Many memories of our trips to Amish country, telling stories of the past and sharing her wit wisdom. She will be missed.*

Gale (Edler) Chambers - June 12, 2020 at 09:19 AM

CC

“ *Chestertown Cardiology lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Chestertown Cardiology - June 12, 2020 at 08:53 AM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Connie Fithian - June 12, 2020 at 08:44 AM

CF

I was Elva Lee's pitch partner at Elk's. We had a great time and she didn't get upset with me too many times.

Connie Fithian - June 12, 2020 at 08:48 AM

BC

“ *Barbara Coleman lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Barbara Coleman - June 12, 2020 at 07:42 AM

NH

“ *NANCY HUBBARD lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



NANCY HUBBARD - June 12, 2020 at 06:43 AM

SH

“ *Sue Hague lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Sue Hague - June 12, 2020 at 05:02 AM

BG

“ *Bonnie and family,
So sorry to hear about your mom.i will keep you in my
prayers....Betty Ann Glenn*

BettyAnn Glenn - June 12, 2020 at 04:46 AM

SM

“ *So sorry to hear of Elva Lee's death. You all
are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Sandy McClary - June 12, 2020 at 12:14 AM

KM

“ *We will miss her so so much. RIP Ms Elva Lee
aka Gassie. We will love you forever.*

Kevin and Tracey Middleton



Kevin and Tracey Middleton - June 11, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Elva Lee Chaires.*



June 11, 2020 at 09:46 PM

DJ

“ *Denny Dalrymple Jr. lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Denny Dalrymple Jr. - June 11, 2020 at 09:41 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Debbie Dalrymple - June 11, 2020 at 09:41 PM

PT

“ *Paul And Dorothy Tolson lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Paul and Dorothy Tolson - June 11, 2020 at 09:33 PM

CC

“ *sorry to hear about your mom she will be missed*



charles crouch - June 11, 2020 at 09:31 PM

CR

“ Cheryl Reihl lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Cheryl Reihl - June 11, 2020 at 09:23 PM

LF

“ Ms Elva was my second mother.. Loving, caring, quick witted, alway made you laugh..Going to miss you dear friend ..till we meet again



Linda Foote - June 11, 2020 at 09:17 PM

DS

“ Denny Dalrymple St lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



denny dalrymple st - June 11, 2020 at 09:03 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a sweet person.



Doug Francis - June 11, 2020 at 08:56 PM

CS

“ Carol Smith lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Carol Smith - June 11, 2020 at 08:51 PM

TT

“ Trish And Eddie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Trish and Eddie Taylor - June 11, 2020 at 08:35 PM

DE

“ Donna Hubbard Edwards lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Donna Hubbard Edwards - June 11, 2020 at 08:03 PM

JH

“ Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Joan Hatcherson - June 11, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ so sorry for your loss Rock Halls loss....even though we never got to go tom cattin we had fun laughing about it...Will miss you at the Alumi dinner this year



Brenda Biddle - June 11, 2020 at 07:03 PM

FL

“ We are terribly sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.



Frankie and Cathy Legg - June 11, 2020 at 06:52 PM

LS

“ Laura Schuyler lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



Laura Schuyler - June 11, 2020 at 06:29 PM

JL

“ John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires



John M Larrimore - June 11, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *Kim Conley lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Kim Conley - June 11, 2020 at 06:20 PM



Miss Elva Lee always had a great smile! I remember her seating the choir when I was in it. Sending much love and hugs to her family.

Kim Conley - June 11, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Marie Usilton - June 11, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *Jeanne & Rick Geibel lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Jeanne & Rick Geibel - June 11, 2020 at 05:42 PM

BB

“ *Barney And Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Elva Lee Chaires*



Barney and Kaye Barnes - June 11, 2020 at 04:05 PM

BB

RIP Elva Lee you will be missed so much. You were such a special lady!

Barney and Kaye Barnes - June 11, 2020 at 04:06 PM

EB

Bonnie, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's death! Please know of my love and prayers. You have come to be one of my family. Love and sympathy!!

Ethel Bruner - June 12, 2020 at 07:30 PM