



## Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott

July 28, 1922 - January 27, 2019

Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott of Coleman's, MD, died peacefully in the presence of her family on Sunday, January 27, 2019. She was 96.

Known as Miss Ruth by many, she was born on July 28, 1922, in Kennedyville, MD, the daughter of the late William Benjamin Groves and Catharine Cooper Roe Groves. She graduated from Chestertown High School in 1937 and married her high school sweetheart, Robert Harding Elliott, on June 7, 1942, at the Still Pond Parsonage. They spent their honeymoon camping and fishing on Still Pond Creek. Ruth and Bob were married 68 years before he preceded her in death.

Ruth and Bob were owners of Elliott's Sporting Goods and General Merchandise Store in Coleman's, MD. She greeted customers with a broad smile and a story until the store was closed in 1985, when the couple retired.

In the late fifties, the couple began breeding and raising yellow Labradors. Ruth lovingly cared for their many litters of puppies, which were prized for their hunting skills and gentle dispositions. She was co-founder and leader of the Winneconne 4-H Club in Betterton. An accomplished seamstress herself, Ruth taught many 4-H girls the skill of sewing. She also served as a judge in the county 4-H cooking and sewing competitions.

She loved being outdoors. One of her great pleasures was fishing on the couple's boat, the Rubob. She also loved growing vegetables and flowers. She was an accomplished cook, who skillfully prepared meals for her family and friends using ingredients from her garden as well as wild game and fish.

Ruth will be greatly missed by her friends and family. She is survived by her four children, Virginia (Ginger) Black of Hamburg, NY, Arthur Elliott and his wife, Ethel, of Quaker Neck, MD, Nancy Kenney and her husband, Charles, of Easton, MD, and Linda Elliott and her husband, Terry Walman, of Annapolis, MD; as well as her three sisters, Mary Roe Walkup of Worton, MD, Virginia Liddell of Federalsburg, MD, and Ethel Brandon of Elkton, MD; and her seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by one brother, Bedford Groves; two sisters, Rebecca Smith and Anna Belle Owens Darwin; and one grandson, Steven Rolph Townshend. She is also survived by her beloved yellow Labrador, Sassy.

A celebration of Ruth's Life will be held at the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company at noon on Saturday, April 20.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions in her memory to the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company, 2 Howell Point Road, Betterton, MD 21610; the Betterton United Methodist Church, 300 Main Street, Betterton, MD 24068; or the Union United Methodist Church, 13223 Wyble Rd, Worton, MD 21678.

## Cemetery Details

### Still Pond Cemetery

Still Pond, MD

## Previous Events

### Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Betterton Volunteer Fire Department  
Betterton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

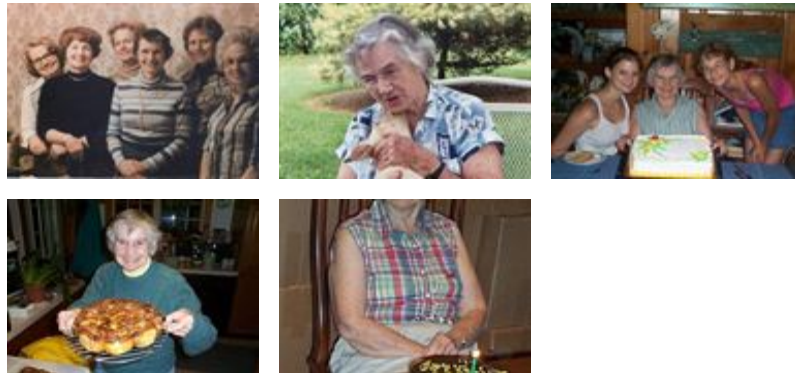


“ *Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *128 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 18, 2019 at 08:19 AM

AS

“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Ruth's passing. I remember as a very young kid going to Elliotts sporting goods store with my Dad and also stopping there on the way home from the Archery Club down in Still Pond Neck. Those memories are everlasting and we have lost a Great Grand Lady in Mrs. Ruth Elliott. May the family be comforted that their Parents were true Kent County Legends and will not be forgotten by anyone who had the opportunity to meet them.

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Allan Schauber - February 01, 2019 at 02:42 PM

DS

“ Donell Crowding Smith lit a candle in memory of Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott



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Donell Crowding Smith - January 31, 2019 at 05:04 PM

LM

“ Miss Ruth was so important to me as I was growing up. I was so honored to be a part of the Elliott family. My heart broke when I heard the news. She was one of the sweetest and kindest souls that I have ever met. To my "adopted" family please take comfort in knowing that she is now with Mr. Bob and they are no doubt enjoying a fishing trip. I love you all. - Lisa Moore-Hauser



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Lisa Moore-Hauser - January 31, 2019 at 11:01 AM

SC

“ Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott



Sharon Crew - January 30, 2019 at 07:01 PM

RJ

“ ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott



ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER - January 30, 2019 at 03:01 PM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. I have lots of good memories of her, she was such a nice person.



Louise Hendrickson Stonesifer - January 29, 2019 at 03:35 PM

DJ

“ I am so sad to hear you are gone. In the short period of time you taught me so much. I enjoyed sitting with you. You always had wonderful stories to tell and I enjoyed listening to them. May you rest in peace sweet lady.

Dianne Jacob - January 29, 2019 at 12:34 PM

JM

“ My Mother, Mary Tucker (Lusby) Mullikin, said more than once that Ruth was her "Best Friend" in high school. My Mother introduced me to her at a high school reunion a few years ago. They were also close farm neighbors. Maybe (?) there is a reunion going on now!  
(Joe Mullikin)

Joe Mullikin - January 29, 2019 at 11:45 AM

LZ

“ Just wanted to say what a pleasure it was to work with such a sweet lady, thoughts are with your family.



Lisa Sewell and Harley Ziokowski - January 29, 2019 at 09:17 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your loss, You are all in our thoughts and prayers  
Joyce (Dulin) & Wayne Bradley

Joyce Bradley - January 29, 2019 at 08:44 AM

EP

“ Elmer Lola Price lit a candle in memory of Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott



Elmer Lola Price - January 29, 2019 at 07:35 AM

FL

“ Frankie Cathy Legg lit a candle in memory of Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott



Frankie Cathy Legg - January 28, 2019 at 08:14 PM

SB

“ Sandra & Jeff Baker lit a candle in memory of Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott



Sandra & Jeff Baker - January 28, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ Gretchen Kohl lit a candle in memory of Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott



Gretchen Kohl - January 28, 2019 at 07:36 PM

DN

“ Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - January 28, 2019 at 06:58 PM

DN

*We will always remember Ms Ruth and her sweet smile! Thoughts and prayers are with the family...*

**Debbie and Bob Nickerson** - January 28, 2019 at 07:00 PM

JP

“ *Ruth was my special friend and mentor and we were very close.*



**Jean& Bob Payne** - January 28, 2019 at 03:17 PM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Ruth Catharine Groves Elliott*



**Marie Usilton** - January 28, 2019 at 03:02 PM