



## Sylvia Mende Griffith

November 26, 1920 - May 11, 2013

Sylvia Mende Griffith died on May 11, 2013, at Talbot Hospice House. She was 92.

She was born on November 26, 1920, in Cambridge, MD, to the late Gustaf and Laura Cox Mende.

Mrs. Griffith worked at the Maryland State Health Dept. Bureau of Laboratories in Cambridge and Easton for many years. After retiring from the State of Maryland, she worked for various doctors in Easton and Cambridge.

In 1940, Sylvia Griffith married Franklin W. Marshall of Easton. Their daughter Frances Dee Newnam died on September 21, 1990.

In 1960, she married H. Matthew Griffith who died January 9, 1989.

She was a member of Trappe United Methodist Church, past President of Trappe Homemaker's Club, and was a dedicated helper at the local polling stations. Sylvia was also the very first Miss Outdoors, Cambridge, MD.

She was very interested in painting and had a number of showings. Flowers and gardening were a lifelong hobby and she enjoyed writing poetry.

Mrs. Griffith is survived by one sister, Joyce M. Tschantre and her husband

Leon of Milford, DE, one grandson, Michael Eric Williamson of Easton, and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H. Matthew Griffith; her daughter, Frances Dee Newnam; brothers, Gus M. Mende and Gordon R. Mende; and three sisters, Selina Ann Kurlak, Betty Mende Abele, and Carolyn Becker.

A visitation will be held on Friday, May 17, 2013, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., in Easton. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at 11a.m., at Trappe United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Easton, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trappe United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 362, Trappe, MD 21673.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trappe United Methodist Church  
29421 Maple Avenue  
Trappe, MD 21673

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia Mende Griffith*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sylvia Mende Griffith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sylvia Mende Griffith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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**Mark Devlin Callaway** - May 16, 2013 at 10:41 PM



*Sylvia was my father's older sister. I will always think of her as an artist. I have a painting that she gave to my parents long ago of an autumn woodland scene and it will always be "Aunt Sib's Painting." When I visited her home the last time, she showed me some of her other paintings that I had seen long ago- one of her mother on the porch of the farm house eating a piece of watermelon. Then there was one of a snowy street corner in Cambridge. There may have been others, but those I remember well. Sylvia had a distinct way of talking that I always found enjoyable. She was always sounded very matter of fact- whether she was or not.*

**Mark Devlin Callaway** - May 16, 2013 at 11:00 PM

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“ *The opportunity to know Sylvia just for a short time and a few visits was much appreciated as she was so graciously hospitable and helpful to extended family in-laws trying to fill holes in the Jones family history. I am so glad that my cousin and I were able to see Sylvia when we were in Maryland last fall. My condolences.*  
*Lucy*

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**Lucy Jones Fridley** - May 16, 2013 at 05:45 PM

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“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Mende Griffith*



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**Phil Foster** - May 16, 2013 at 12:04 AM