



Elsie M. Cummings

March 13, 1927 - January 29, 2018

On Monday, January 29, 2018, Elsie M. (Campitella) Cummings passed away at the Lake Manassas Health and Rehabilitation Center in Gainesville, VA.

Elsie was born in Saltsburg, PA on March 13, 1927, the daughter of the late Anthony and Rose (Burrell) Campitella. After graduating high school, she moved to Washington, DC where she met her husband of 64 years, Eugene “Jackie” R. Cummings and started her Secretarial career as a civil servant with the Department of the Navy, most notably during the early years of the Satellite Communications Program.

Elsie was a lifelong reader, especially of American history and was an expert on the Civil War, U.S. Presidents and British history. She loved gardening. Her iris and lily beds were stunning in their variety and color and brought joy to all who were lucky enough to see them. She also loved shopping for and collecting antique glassware.

From 1953 to 2004, Elsie lived in the Northern Virginia suburbs. After retirement, she lived in Titusville, FL, Weyers Cave, VA, Fredericksburg, VA, Madison, AL, and Herndon, VA.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Eugene who died on June 18, 2012 and her sisters Emily “Mim” Palmiscno and Jean Adams and her

brothers Rocco, Anthony and Robert Campitella.

Survivors include her four children, Gail L. Buchanan and husband Robert of Gainesville, VA, John H. Cummings III and wife Barbara of Guntersville, AL, Charles M. Cummings of Colonial Beach, VA, and Jeanne M. Cummings of Reston, VA; one brother, Donald Campitella of Eighty Four, PA and one sister, Eleanor Palmiscno of Latrobe, PA and numerous loving nieces and nephews. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Joseph Buchanan and wife Monica, Michael Cummings and wife Kim, Elizabeth Buchanan and seven great grandchildren, Jacob Buchanan and wife Amanda, Kayla Buchanan, Rachel Buchanan, Katy Cummings, Rachel Buchanan, Annabel Cummings, Tara Cummings and Hannah Buchanan.

The family thanks the nursing staff at Lake Manassas Health and Rehabilitation Center for their loving and compassionate care of Elsie.

Visitation is from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Jeff Kesner officiating. There will be a reception at the funeral home immediately following the service. Interment is at 1:00 p.m. at Culpeper National Cemetery, New Section, East Chandler Street, Culpeper, VA on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Reception

FEB 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

FEB 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Culpeper National Cemetery
501 E. Chandler Street
22701, VA

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I was so blessed with a beautiful aunt that was so special to me. She stole my heart when I met her. Elsie was as bright as the sun and she lit up the room with her special warmth. We created so many memories together, weddings, graduations and family gatherings. Family was very important to her. I would enjoy her many visits to PA. Elsie was a very dedicated sister. This past year she made several trips to PA to visit sister Mim, my mom, and sister Eleanor which both had Alzheimer's. Elsie was a trooper because this took a toll on her heart. She worried about both sisters so I became her phone buddy. We touched base every week. In September Mim passed away and Elsie's heart was crushed. She went back home the calls stopped as Elsie got sick. Aunt Elsie was like a second mom to me so hearing of her passing put a huge hole in my heart. If I could only have her back for a little while, we would sit and talk like we used to. I will miss and love you forever in my heart.... YOUR NIECE...MARNIE TO YOU ...LOVE MARLENE

Marlene Helfer - February 10, 2018 at 07:54 PM

FR

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Elsie's Family. Elsie was a beautiful Lady inside and out. We were neighbors and enjoyed many good times with Elsie and Gene. May God bless the Family and give you peace during this difficult time. Ron and Gloria Frazier, Weyers Cave, Va

Fraziers - February 04, 2018 at 06:27 PM

PW

“ *Elsie was a lovely caring woman. I had the pleasure of working with her in DC at the Naval Electronic Systems. I was a novice and she took me under her wing. I rejoice that she is with her love ones in heaven but my heart is heavy for those that morn her. Pandora Mahalsky Wertz, Bedford, PA*

Pandora Wertz - February 04, 2018 at 04:50 PM

CC

“ *C. E., WAYNE, RUTHIE, CAROL AND CONNIE purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Elsie M. Cummings.*



C. E., WAYNE, RUTHIE, CAROL AND CONNIE - February 03, 2018 at 08:36 PM

SA

“ *Susan A. purchased the Loved One Vertical Blanket for the family of Elsie M. Cummings.*



Susan A. - February 03, 2018 at 04:36 PM

WJ

“ *With Deepest Sympathy, Love Maria and Tom Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elsie M. Cummings.*



With Deepest Sympathy, Love Maria and Tom Johnson - February 03, 2018 at 02:40 PM

PA

“ Pam and Mark Angotti purchased the Sapphire Sapphires Bouquet for the family of Elsie M. Cummings.



Pam and Mark Angotti - February 03, 2018 at 12:06 PM

BW

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. Elsie and I worked together for many years and I remember all the delicious cookies she use to bring to work. We had many talks about raising our kids and working. Sorry I did not know she was in the area would loved to have visited with her. God Bless . Bettie Williams

Bettie Williams - February 02, 2018 at 10:24 PM

GL

“ Geesey Family and Keith Leung purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Elsie M. Cummings.



Geesey Family and Keith Leung - February 02, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsie M. Cummings.



February 02, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Elsie M. Cummings*.



February 02, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Elsie M. Cummings*.



February 01, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Elsie M. Cummings*.



January 31, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Elsie M. Cummings*.



January 31, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Elsie M. Cummings*.



January 31, 2018 at 07:24 PM