



Mary Eloise Sargent

August 1, 1930 - March 21, 2015

Mary Eloise Sargent, 84, of Delaware, OH and formerly of Bandy, Virginia, passed away early Saturday morning

March 21, 2015 at her niece's residence in Ashley, OH.

She was born August 1, 1930 in Bandy, Virginia to the late William Baylor Sargent and Grace Elizabeth (Vernon) Sargent.

Eloise was a 1947 graduate of Richlands High School in Virginia and she later retired from the Tazewell County, Virginia School District after decades of filling whatever was needed from bus driver, tutoring homebound students and substitute teaching. She attended the Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church in Bandy, VA and was an ordained minister with both Assemblies of God and later the Church of Gospel Ministry. She was also a member of the Bandy Volunteer Fire Department for a number of years.

She loved life and was happiest when sharing her faith and spiritual enthusiasm in word, song and deed. Described as a "Maverick from the mountains" and a "mountain evangelist", she was sassy, savvy, never bashful and thumbed her nose at conformity and marched to a different drummer. She believed we are our brother's keeper and in times of need it wasn't uncommon to find Eloise rolling up her sleeves, hanging up her cane on the nearest prop and lending a helping hand in changing a neighbor's flat tire or delivering a bag of groceries or whatever was needed. Some believe she was even born with a chain saw in one hand and a car-jack in another.

Eloise had hundreds of stories of friends she'd met and the wonderful times

they'd shared. She spent her last year in Ohio and was full of glee when receiving letters from those who knew her from "back home". Even though severely physically injured in a fall at 83 years of age, she fought back to walking, picking beans and singing "Amazing Grace" at the community street fair.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her fiancé Charlie Smith of Bandy, VA who was killed in the Korean Conflict. Charlie and Eloise had known each other from childhood and they started dating when she was 16 and they were engaged when she was 19. Eloise spoke of Charlie often and loved and quietly grieved his passing throughout her entire life. She was also preceded in death by sisters Velma J. Sargent and Gladys Marie Sargent of Bandy, VA, sister and brother-in-law Beulah and Ruel Sparks of Cedar Bluff, VA, brothers Sherman N. Sargent of Ashley, OH, Ernest Sargent of Cedar Bluff, VA and Myrl Sargent of Bandy, VA and brother and sister-in-law Lloyd and Helen Sargent of Galion, OH.

Left to cherish her memory is her sister Essie Faye Vrooman of Marion, OH; sisters-in-law Lola (Shinault) Sargent of Roanoke, VA and Wilma J. (Burnette) Sargent of Ashley, OH; 3 nieces, 5 nephews, numerous great nieces and nephews and several great-great nieces and nephews; numerous special friends including Linda Smith of Pounding Mill, VA, Janice Cottrell and Lola Walters of St. Albans, WV, and Hazel and Dave Willoughby of Uniontown, OH. The family would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Grace Hospice of Columbus, Harold Arvin RN, Chaplain Lloyd Markley, Kristin, Amy, Samantha and Renee; Arlingworth Home Care of Dublin, Hang Nguyen RN and Mimi Filipova LPN; Visiting Physicians of Westerville, Ana Moore NP, Melissa, Angie, Jennifer and Dave; River Rock Rehabilitation, Janelle and Ronda; Visiting Podiatry Dr. James Blain MD; and all other members of "Team Eloise" – Tari, Alex, Sandy, Renee, Nikki, Tammy, Audrey, Andrea, Laurie, Jenny, Amy, Kaylee, Bobbie and Cassie – nurses, STNA's, aids and family that provided Eloise with around-the-clock loving care.

The family will receive friends on Saturday March 28 from 12:00 pm until time

of funeral services at 2:00 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home, 1401 Second Street, Richlands, Virginia. With the Pastor Ray Justus officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenhills Memory Gardens in Cedar Bluff, Virginia. Friends and Family will serve as pallbearers.

The Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center of Delaware, OH is honored to assist the family locally.

Condolences may be expressed to the family and memories may be shared by visiting www.snyderfuneralhomes.com

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Eloise Sargent*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Mary Eloise Sargent*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *I remember Eloise so well from when we lived on Indian Creek . She was a wonderful lady . ,and a very hard worker . I remember her driving the bus when I started school . I don't believe there was anything she couldn't do when she set her mind to do it . Sending love and prayers to her family , her niece Judy , who was one of my best friends in school. May GOD bless each and every one of you .*

Kay Vencill - April 02, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Eloise's family. She was a wonderful Christian lady and will be missed by all who knew her. She was so kind to our family when Dad died and also during Mom's sickness. May she Rest In Peace.*
Carol Myer Raines

Carol Myer Raines - March 31, 2015 at 07:00 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this Eloise was my first school bus driver on Whittaker Ridge I loved her so she was so good to us on the bus she was more than our bus driver she was our family .*

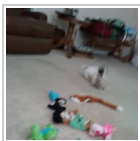
sharon - March 31, 2015 at 06:38 AM

DR

“ I will always remember Eloise. She was driving the school bus when my Mom started driving. I remember her always being so willing to help, no matter what was needed. My Dad moved back to Bandy after he and my Mom separated, and when visiting him, or taking him to Richlands, we would often see Eloise along the way. She was one of the kindest people I know. She will be missed! She was a true Christian, if there has ever been one!



Debbie Kinder Ratliff - March 28, 2015 at 09:15 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Eloise will be missed by all. Godspeed go home God is waiting for you. You are an angel. We will miss you.

Belle Nageotte - March 28, 2015 at 12:09 PM

NB

“ Nancy Beavers-Whaley lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent



Nancy Beavers-Whaley - March 28, 2015 at 11:02 AM

EH

“ Evelyn Sparks Hess lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent



Evelyn Sparks Hess - March 28, 2015 at 07:14 AM

BN

“ *Belle Beavers Nageotte lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent*



Belle Beavers Nageotte - March 27, 2015 at 11:52 PM

DW

“ *Jeraldine Houchins, Stanley, Denise and Makenzie Wingo and Lee , April and Maddie Houchins*



Denise Wingo - March 27, 2015 at 05:33 PM

JD

“ *Janice, Lola, Hazel & Dave purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Eloise Sargent.*



Janice, Lola, Hazel & Dave - March 26, 2015 at 08:59 PM

DS

“ *Eloise and her family were good Godly people. Our dad passed away in the early 60s and left Mother to raise 7 young children of whom I was the oldest (same grade as Eloise's nephew Roger.) Eloise, her mother and all the family were always there to help us in so many ways. I am grateful that me and some of my sisters visited her a few years back up on Sinking Waters. She was happy to know we remembered and loved her and her family. Good memories of good people.....*

DOROTHY BEAVERS SAUNDERS

Dorothy Saunders - March 26, 2015 at 06:17 PM



“ *My ex husband rode the bus she drove in bandy years ago Clayton R (Rick) Wyatt he just told me she stoped the bus one time so his younger brother Charlie could get a snake out of the road so she would not run over it but then worried Charlie would bring it on the bus the Wyatt family sends there condoleces to her family an to say they have lots of memories of there days on her bus in bandy*

Nancy Whited Wyatt - March 26, 2015 at 05:19 PM

RA

“ *RUBY ASBURY lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent*



RUBY ASBURY - March 26, 2015 at 04:33 PM

MS

“ *Mark and Melissa Sargent purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Eloise Sargent.*



Mark and Melissa Sargent - March 26, 2015 at 01:37 PM

NR

“ *Norma Jewell Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent*



Norma Jewell Richardson - March 26, 2015 at 12:33 PM

NP

“ *wonderful Christian lady our bus driver on whittaker ridge we grew up with her driving our bus and remember the bibles she gave when we graduated from high school*

nancy barnett powell - March 26, 2015 at 09:39 AM

NW

“ *I am so sorry. She will be greatly missed. She was a good friend and did a lot to help our family. I will never forget her kindness.*

Nancy Jane Beavers Whaley - March 26, 2015 at 08:25 AM

PM

“ *Eloise was such a wonderful woman. I also have many stories. She is in my memories for as long as I have them. I grew up around her. She will be missed. I was blessed to have known her. My prayers are with you all.*



Pam Houchins Mitchell - March 26, 2015 at 07:27 AM

BC

“ *Bonnie Sparks Cook lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent*



Bonnie Sparks Cook - March 26, 2015 at 07:01 AM

LS

“ *Larry Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent*



Larry Sparks - March 26, 2015 at 07:00 AM

 Ashely Blankenship

“ *Ashely Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent*



Ashely Blankenship - March 25, 2015 at 09:35 PM



“ Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent



Carolyn Pyles - March 25, 2015 at 09:19 PM



“ We will miss you, your company, and your wonderful singing. You are among His chosen ones. Godspeed and know that you were loved.
The Cantrells
Walt, Shelvie, and Lynne
And your furry friends that loved to sit in your lap....Chi-Chi, Rebel, and Miss Daisy.



Lynne Boyd - March 25, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ In memory of a wonderful woman who we cherished dearly.
Cantrell Enterprises
Terry, Terri, McKenna, and Carrie



Lynne Boyd - March 25, 2015 at 06:44 PM



“ Lynne Boyd sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent



Lynne Boyd - March 25, 2015 at 06:42 PM

MW

“ Mike & Dottie Wingo lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent



Mike & Dottie Wingo - March 25, 2015 at 04:08 PM

MI

Will always remember Eloise as a # 1 bus driver, and someone that always had time to talk, ask how all the family was doing. Our thoughts & prayers to all the family.

Mike - March 25, 2015 at 04:16 PM

MA

“ Marie Altizer lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Sargent



Marie Altizer - March 25, 2015 at 03:50 PM