



Margaret Elaine Wedding

July 19, 1931 - June 5, 2015

Margaret Elaine Wedding of Indian Head, MD passed away on June 5, 2015 in her home surrounded by family and friends. She was 83 years young.

Born July 19, 1931 in Spartanburg, SC, she was the daughter of William Earle and Edna Barnett Hendrix. She spent her childhood in the south with early pleasant memories. She was a member of the Brownie's and was a Girl Scout. She was also a member of the original Mickey Mouse Club.

As a young girl she attended the Helen Attaway School of Dance, sang on the radio and perform on stage at the State Theater. After losing her parents at an early age she moved to Union Mills, NC, where she attended Alexander School. She was a right guard on the Wolverines Basketball Team, #13.

She graduated early at age of 16 in 1947 and immediately enrolled in the Rutherford School of Nursing. In 1949 she joined Casualty Hospital as an Emergency Room nurse and spent the next 11 years working and continuing her studies in nursing eventually receiving a Bachelor of Science.

She was an active member of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services and along with her husband William "Bill", served for over 45 years. She is quoted to say: "I have loved the opportunity to be in a position to try and help others. I have been extremely blessed by every encounter I've had over the many

years serving my community.”

In May of 1997, at the age of 66, she graduated from the Charles County Community College with the first Associate Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services. In June 1999 she was awarded the “Josiah A. Hunt, M.D. Award”. The award is the highest award conferred on an individual within the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Community. In June 2000 she was awarded the “Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors Frances L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award”.

In 2009, the MICU established the “Elaine Wedding (Rookie of the Year) Award” and the first recipient was Chris Hollingsworth. On November 8, 2014 the Medic Unit recognized her decades of service at the new Building Dedication Ceremony where family, friends, volunteers, paramedics, and Government officials gathered at the station, established in 1978, to honor her. She was quoted to say, “I wanted to contribute, I wanted to be somebody. To account and say, where can I help? Give me something to do.”

She was very passionate and protective of the Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit, where she was a founding and charter member. In the spring of 2015, she completed studies to retain her paramedic certification and was the oldest paramedic in Maryland, both State and National. Beloved by family, friends, co-workers, students, and acquaintances, she was known as “Mitzie”, “Miss EMS”, “Mama”, or simply “Grammy”.

Predeceased by both parents, 2 brothers, William Earle and Charles Norwood, and 1 son, David Lee; she is survived by her lifetime partner, friend, and husband, William “Bill” Wedding, her brother Richard Wayne Hendrix, 5 children (Ed, Danny, Lynda Janyce, Michael, and Robyn), and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation on Monday, June 8, 2015 from 5PM to 8PM with Fire/EMS and Prayers beginning at 7PM at the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department, 911 Washington Avenue La Plata, MD 20646.

Funeral Mass will be offered on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 beginning at 10AM at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 201 St. Mary's Avenue La Plata, MD 20646.

Interment to follow at Nanjemoy Baptist Church, 3030 Baptist Church Road Nanjemoy, MD 20662.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charles County MICU at 10700 Billingsley Road, White Plains, MD 20695, the Nanjemoy Fire Department at 4260 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy MD 20662, the Ironsides Volunteer Rescue Squad at P. O. Box 409 Port Tobacco, MD 20677 and the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department, 911 Washington Avenue La Plata, MD 20646.

Cemetery Details

Nanjemoy Baptist Church Cemetery

3030 Baptist Church Road
Nanjemoy, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

La Plata Volunteer Fire Department
911 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD

Fireman's Prayers

JUN 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

La Plata Volunteer Fire Department
911 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Elaine Wedding*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Margaret Elaine Wedding*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF ELAINE'S PASSING. WE SPENT MANY DAYS ON THE MEDIC UNIT TOGETHER - SHE WAS SO DEDICATED AND COMPASSIONATE. HER SOUTHERN MARYLAND HAS LOST A VERY SPECIAL LADY - REST IN PEACE - RUTH STORCK*

RUTH STORCK - June 16, 2015 at 10:30 PM



“ *Bill and family,
I just learned of Elaine's passing and wish to extend my deepest and most sincere sympathy. We both saw and we a part of alot of the changes to the county's EMS system . She will be greatly missed.*

David Jenkins - June 15, 2015 at 03:35 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Elaine's passing. She's quite the spitfire and I always enjoyed working with her on different church projects. Hugs to Bill and family.*

Irving Harris - June 08, 2015 at 09:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Margaret Elaine Wedding.*



June 08, 2015 at 04:30 PM



“ *Mike Mirshahi purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margaret Elaine Wedding.*



Mike Mirshahi - June 08, 2015 at 03:36 PM



“ *"To live is Christ and to die is gain." Paul's words have never rang more true to me than now. You certainly never wasted a moment of your life. Your impact on others was far-reaching and inspirational. The trust you placed in me, although undeserved, was always treasured. You were a blessing to me, my wife and my children, and we will never forget your kindness.*

Robbie Jones - June 08, 2015 at 03:24 PM



“ *My condolences to Ed and the entire family, She must have been a wonderful mom and grammy to have. Regards, Annette Sante*

Annette Sante - June 08, 2015 at 01:44 PM

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“ I have had the privilege to know and love Elaine for nearly forty years. She was my colleague, my mentor and my friend. The most fitting thing I can say is let us celebrate a life well lived. She touched so many lives as teacher, a mentor, and a visionary and she did it all with enormous grace, humor and compassion. As I write this I am picturing Elaine and Father Newman giggling over one of his funny stories and telling me not to weep.
Marie Warner Crosson

Marie Warner Crosson - June 08, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Margaret Elaine Wedding.



June 08, 2015 at 09:57 AM

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“ *Teresa S. purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath* for the family of Margaret Elaine Wedding.



Teresa S. - June 08, 2015 at 09:27 AM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray* was purchased for the family of Margaret Elaine Wedding.



June 08, 2015 at 09:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Elaine Wedding.*



June 08, 2015 at 09:07 AM



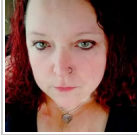
“ *I spent many hours with Elaine and Bill. She will be missed by many. Lots of calls, meals and meetings. Conversations about everything under the sun. Advice and guidance about everything from patient care to life in general. She was always supportive and never lacking a kind word. I will truly miss you MEW*

Travis Walden - June 07, 2015 at 09:06 AM



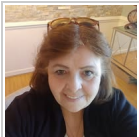
“ *Elaine, you were the mother of the medic unit and a true friend to me and all who volunteered during those early years as we struggled to keep the unit in service. You were a calming and caring voice when I needed advice or just someone to talk to when things got sideways . You are loved and will be missed by your EMS family. Rest easy. You have earned it. With love, Mike Elmore*

Mike Elmore - June 07, 2015 at 12:44 AM



“ Grandma there are no words to explain how I'm feeling we laughed cried and shared so many memories to many to begin. You and paw would have your days and when I moved in and he started your favorite words "count to 10 Margaret" then you would tell me make sure you no what you are doing. To ease your mind yes William still treats me good and no we couldn't trade like you wanted...lol. I hurt so much but I had that chance to tell you that I love you and I nothing will be the same. Grandma to ease your mind cause you stayed worried about me I'm doing ok just living with a broken heart. I love you grandma now you can rest in paradise.

Melanie Washington - June 06, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ To my EMS Mom, you will be greatly missed. Your words of wisdom and direction meant the world to all of us. You taught us how to laugh at ourselves while doing what we love. Please watch over your EMS children and know we carry you in our hearts always.

Love you Elaine and miss you. I cherish the times we spent together.

Connie Robertson

Connie Robertson - June 06, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ My heart goes out to the Wedding family and all of the hearts that Elaine touched (that would be a long list). If it were not for Elaine's vision and initiative to create an ALS training program in Charles County, I don't know if I would have become a paramedic. She not only cared about the program, she cared about the students in the program. She encouraged us and offered to precept us along the way. This program is only one of Elaine's many contributions. Her legacy lives in the hearts of many EMS providers. She can rest in peace knowing that she made a difference.

Jean Wright - June 06, 2015 at 03:19 PM



“ I truly don't know totally what to say. In early 90's, I became an NREMT with one of the sweetest older ladies I had ever come to meet. Going through class with her, was an absolute treat. As time passed, I grew to know her soft side as well as her rough side. She was a interesting person to say the least.

Elaine Wedding, what can I say. You will be remembered by MANY in this world. Some for good reasons, some for bad. The lives you helped save, the families you tried to comfort in their times of need. I will say this, heaven HAS gained a great angel. Goodbye Elaine...

John Lytton - June 06, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ Elaine was a great person and will be dearly missed! She was my EMT instructor and she was awesome. When I think of my years if service she always comes to mind. Her dedication and loyalty to Charles county were impeccable. Rest in Peace my friend! We will meet again!

Stacy M Scott - June 06, 2015 at 09:36 AM

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“ To Bill and family, There are no words to Elaine. She is truly one of a kind. I have so many wonderful memories of her starting with the first time I met her in the ER at PMH right through our mountain hiking adventure when she was 76 years of age! Of course she was there for me in my time of need as she was for thousands of others. Thank you dear family for sharing her with all of us. God bless you now in your time of sorrow. She leaves a large empty spot on this earth but has earned her eternal reward,
Kathy and Jeff Guy

Kathy and Jeff Guy - June 06, 2015 at 07:17 AM