



Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell

August 23, 1932 - January 25, 2026

Elsie Mae Snell, age 93, of Glenn Heights, Texas, peacefully passed away at home with family by her side, leaving behind a legacy of faith, service, and love. Elsie was born on August 23, 1932, in Willisville, Arkansas, to the parentage of Emer Runyon and Edna Runyon, both of whom preceded her in death. She was educated in Columbia County and proudly graduated from Columbia High School in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Her life was dedicated to working with Columbia Elementary and High School as a cook for many years, faithfully serving generations of students. Beyond her career, she was widely known as a servant and caregiver, providing care and compassion to many prominent families throughout Magnolia, Arkansas. She dedicated her life to Christ at an early age and was a woman of deep faith. She lived a life rooted in service and love and was a devoted member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas, where she faithfully served on the Senior Usher Board, the Women's Missionary Board, the Nursery ministry, and was an avid and dedicated member of Sunday School.

Elsie was a devoted daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was known for her compassionate heart and her unwavering commitment to helping others. She faithfully cared for her ailing mother for many years and extended that same selfless care, patience, and kindness to all those around her.

Elsie was united in marriage to Wallace Lee Snell, who preceded her in death. From this union were born two children: Peggy Howell (Marzell) of Glenn Heights, Tx, and Patricia Snell-Smith (who preceded her in death). Also preceded in death are four brothers: Coy Runyon, Hal Runyon, Cal Runyon, Matt Dean “MD” Runyon, and two sisters: Stella Runyon and Lafern Walker.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving daughter, Peggy Howell (Marzell), her sisters Alice McKeller and Geneva Wyrick of Magnolia, AR, her cherished grandchildren: Felisha Howell, Eric Smith, Trina Flanagan (Bobby), Teco Smith, Reco Smith (who preceded her in death), Bridgette Howell, and Brandal Howell, thirteen great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren all of Dallas/Ft Worth area, along with a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Elsie Mae Snell will be remembered as a loving matriarch, a faithful servant, and a woman whose life reflected grace, humility, and enduring love. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

Celebration of Life services will be held Thursday, February 5th, 2026, at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at 23rd Psalms Cemetery in Magnolia, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC.

Visitation will be Wednesday, {Feb. 5th}, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

Cemetery Details

23rd Psalms Cemetery

Columbia Rd # 30 East
Magnolia, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
900 S. Washington
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Joyce F Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Joyce F Scott - February 10 at 02:51 PM

BD

“ *Barbara Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Barbara Daniels - February 05 at 04:36 PM

LB

“ *So sorry to hear the news of Ms Elsie Mae's passing. She's in the presence of our Lord and full of joy. Good family, good friends. Be blessed.*

Larry Bennett - February 05 at 01:31 PM

CF

“ *Camille Fort purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell.*



Camille Fort - February 05 at 11:57 AM

OJ

“ Olivia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell



olivia johnson - February 04 at 02:45 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell.



February 03 at 06:32 PM

HR

“ Haynes Boone - Human Resources planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell.

Haynes Boone - Human Resources - February 03 at 06:32 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell.



February 03 at 10:43 AM

JM

“ Joe McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell



Joe McIntyre - February 01 at 02:33 PM

KG

“ Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell



Kelly Gentry - January 31 at 09:33 PM

GC

“ Prayers to the family of Mrs. Elsie Snell
Mrs. Elsie will be missed all that knew her
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Gwen Carter - January 31 at 06:33 PM

T-

“ Prayers and Condolences to the Family of Ms. Elsie Snell. She was one of the sweetest ladies I knew. She will be truly missed.
Terry Scott -Hill



Terry Scott -Hill - January 31 at 02:28 PM

GJ

“ Gladys Talley Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell



Gladys Talley Jones - January 30 at 12:03 AM

BD

“ Barbara L Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell



Barbara L Daniels - January 28 at 05:08 PM

AS

“ Ms Elsie was one of the sweetest people I ever met! I am blessed she was a part of my family for many years..She was such a good care giver to my momma. I loved her deeply . The Kincaid and Hedden family send their deepest condolences.
Sincerely, Andrea Kincaid Sutton.

Andrea Kincaid Sutton - January 27 at 06:00 PM

GT

“ Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell



Gracie W Tucker - January 27 at 05:53 PM

GT

What a beautiful life well lived. Ms. Elsie was such a beautiful person with such a sweet, sweet spirit. She loved sharing with others in what ever way she could be of service. She loved her family and was such a light in her community. Her legacy will continue to live on through the services shared by her family.. Even after her eyes no longer would allow her to do the things that she so whole hearted desired to do, she would be found doing what she could. Rest well, now you can serve the way you've wanted, doing for others. 🙏🕊️🌹 Luke 1:37, "For nothing will be impossible with God."

Gracie W Tucker - January 27 at 06:10 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Witcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Deborah Witcher - January 27 at 02:55 AM

MP

“ *My sincere condolences to the family.*



Mary S. Pickings - January 26 at 10:15 PM

VW

“ *Vince White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Vince White - January 26 at 10:28 AM

DH

“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Dearlean Hughes - January 26 at 09:28 AM

SH

“ *Stephanie Haynie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Stephanie Haynie - January 26 at 07:50 AM

HJ

“ *Helen R Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Helen R Johnson - January 26 at 02:10 AM

GJ

“ *Gladys Talley Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Gladys Talley Jones - January 25 at 10:36 PM

BS

“ *Betty Sims lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



betty sims - January 25 at 06:57 PM

MC

“ *Michael Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Michael Clayton - January 25 at 06:28 PM

GC

“ *Gwen Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Elsie Mae Snell*



Gwen Carter - January 25 at 05:17 PM

HJ

Condolences to you and your family

Helen Johnson - January 25 at 05:55 PM