



Ms. Iris Jean Elliott

September 3, 1939 - May 12, 2019

Mrs. Iris J. Elliott, 79, of Willisville, AR, passed away Sunday morning at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock, AR. She was born September 3rd 1939 to Andrew Martin and Leola Beasley in Willisville.

Jean joined Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at an early age. She attended grade school at Sweet Home School in Willisville, Arkansas, until the eighth grade. She furthered her studies at Oak Grove High School in Rosston, Arkansas; and received her high school diploma in 1958. After high school, Jean moved to Dallas, Texas and held jobs at both Avalon Poetry and Fridger King.

She met and married Earnest Moss. To their union, a son was born—still born. She later moved back to Arkansas and began working at Shan House in Magnolia, Arkansas. After her union with Earnest, Jean united in matrimony with Hersey B. Elliott. To their union, one daughter was born, Velda Jeanette Elliott. Some years passed; and she joined hands with Leartis Dansby. Later in life, Jean and Hersey decided to reunite. She also cared for the elderly for different families by private sitting.

Jean enjoyed serving the Lord and was a true believer in prayer. She loved to share her gift, as she would call, her praying hands with others. She would visit homes, hospitals and nursing homes praying for people—that was her mission. Jean always wanted to play the piano. She tried piano lessons but

failed. So, she prayed to God to guide her hands to play the piano. She chose a Sunday at church to show the world the gift God gave her. With her gift, she shared her God given talent with Pleasant Grove, Kendricks Chapel, New Hope, Harrison Chapel and other surrounding churches that she would attend as needed. She also served positions at Pleasant Grove that included musician, member of mission board, and president of senior and young adult choirs. She was a member of different quartets: The Gospel Melodies, The Dansby Singers, The Wondering Stars, and most recently The Golden Stars which she was manager. Jean rededicated her life to the church on January 14, 2014. She loved to be in church whenever she could until her health began to fail.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; her son; sisters, Jarva Pearson and Velma Mixon; and brother, L.Z “Zeke” Martin.

Jean leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Hersey B. Elliott of Camden, Arkansas; her loving and devoted daughter, Velda Christopher and son-in-law Marcus Christopher Sr., North Little Rock, Arkansas; grandchildren—who called her “Maw-Maw,” Dajha Hardamon, Marcus Christopher Jr., and Janiya Christopher, all of North Little Rock, Arkansas; granddaughter and great grandson Tierra Christopher and Terrance “TJ” Williams of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Bobbie Conaway of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; four step children, Angela Dunn (Kenneth) of Magnolia, Arkansas, Hersey “Billy” Zackery (Cowanius) of Dallas, Texas; Angie Elliott of Atlanta, Georgia, and Michael Elliott Sr.(Erylsha) of Jacksonville, Florida; one play sister, Mrs. Dorethea Coleman; a special cousin, Clara Rone; and a host of supporting and loving nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Celebration of life will be held Saturday May 25th at 11:00 am at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Willisville, with burial to follow at St. Peters Cemetery in Willisville, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home LLC of Magnolia,

AR

Visitation will be held Friday May 24th 12-4:30pm at the funeral home.

Sign our online guestbook @www.rreedfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Cemetery

Nevada Rd. 164
Willisville, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Dianne Willis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Dianne Willis - May 25, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott.*



May 24, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ *So sorry Jean is gone. She was a nice person praying for the family MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU IN THE PLAM OF HIS HANDS.*



olivia johnson - May 24, 2019 at 12:58 AM



“ *Rev. & Mrs. J. C. Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Rev. & Mrs. J. C. Phillips - May 23, 2019 at 10:27 PM

RP

You played the piano with all your heart for anyone who needed a boost in singing. God bless you Jean! Rest in peace!!!

Rev. & Mrs. J. C. Phillips - May 23, 2019 at 10:30 PM

BH

“ PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY,MRS.JEAN WAS SUCH A SWEET LADY, SHE WILL DEFINITELY BE MISSED.



Barbara Heard - May 22, 2019 at 03:50 AM

CM

“ Cynthia Muldrow lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott



Cynthia Muldrow - May 21, 2019 at 01:49 PM





“ Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott



Edna Rowden - May 18, 2019 at 09:30 PM

LM

“ To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, R.I.L. Aunt Jean  No More Suffering No More Pain. Lee/Paulette Martin 



Lee and Paulette Martin - May 17, 2019 at 07:27 PM

LH

“ Lisa Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott



Lisa Harris - May 17, 2019 at 10:22 AM



R.I.L. Jean u will truly be missed.Love u.

Brenda Mckinney - May 18, 2019 at 10:08 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Hopson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott



Cynthia Hopson - May 16, 2019 at 06:54 PM

MM

“ *Margie Mixon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Margie Mixon - May 16, 2019 at 05:59 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Briggs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Sandra Briggs - May 16, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ *Red amaryllis White Rose Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott.*



May 16, 2019 at 11:19 AM

JW

“ *James E And Peggy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



James E and Peggy Weaver - May 15, 2019 at 11:11 PM

HF

“ Hazel, Evante, Lee Smith Family lit a candle
in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott



Hazel, Evante, Lee Smith Family - May 15, 2019 at 10:24 PM

MM

“ Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Iris Jean Elliott



Melvin Madison - May 15, 2019 at 08:29 PM

DF

“ DIANNE FIELDS lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Iris Jean Elliott



DIANNE FIELDS - May 15, 2019 at 09:57 AM

LaToya
Sims

“ *The last day I got to see you in the hospital and you said you still had work to do you and Uncle Ronald was gonna go around and speak God's word and check on the elderly! Then you was thinking of others while you were fighting for your own health! I love you so much and I'm glad I was able to see you before you left this world to tell you just how much. The last kiss on the cheek and strongest longest hug was given that day! I love you so much! My prayers and condolences are with Velda and my entire family! ❤️❤️*

LaToya Sims - May 15, 2019 at 08:38 AM

SH

“ *My condolences, prayers, and love to You Velda and your family. Ms. Jean was one of a kind and I'll always remember the times we shared. Such a sweetheart.*



Shalonda Hugle - May 14, 2019 at 09:56 PM

LW

“ *Lakesha Witcher lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Lakesha Witcher - May 14, 2019 at 08:53 PM

DB

“ *Dominique Boyd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Dominique Boyd - May 14, 2019 at 05:46 PM

DB

My Sincere Condolences to my Friend & Church Member. Velda May You Find Comfort In Knowing that Your Mother Is Resting In The Arms Of The Lord ❤️

Dominique Boyd - May 14, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ *My prayers and condolences to Velda Elliott Christopher and family in the loss of your loved one*

Sandra Burton - May 14, 2019 at 04:22 PM

LM

“ *Rest in Love Aunt Jean, you will truly be missed. Lee And Paulette Martin* 💜

Lee and Paulette Martin - May 14, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ *Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Teresa Johnson - May 14, 2019 at 03:07 PM

Angel Jones

“ We love you Aunt Jean! R.I.L. 🥺❤️🥺



Angel Jones - May 14, 2019 at 02:16 PM

MP

“ Prayers and my Deepest Sympathy in your time of sorrow.



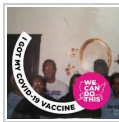
Melissa Paden - May 14, 2019 at 02:15 PM

SM

“ Shirley Marsh lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott



Shirley Marsh - May 14, 2019 at 02:12 PM



So sorry for your loss.

Vernita Shepard - May 14, 2019 at 02:45 PM



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Vernita Shepard - May 14, 2019 at 02:45 PM

AL

“ *Annie Lowe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Annie Lowe - May 14, 2019 at 01:35 PM

SL

“ *Stacy Lowe-Atkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Stacy Lowe-Atkins - May 14, 2019 at 01:16 PM

 Denise
Flemons

“ *Denise Flemons lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Denise Flemons - May 14, 2019 at 01:10 PM

AL

“ *Antonina Land lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Antonina Land - May 14, 2019 at 01:08 PM

AE

“ I remember meeting my sister Jeanette for the first time... she welcomed me like I was her daughter and said to me I was her daughter as well. She was the sweetest and gave the best hugs... will be truly missed. I love you... Rest forever in paradise! Mwahhh!

Angie Elliott - May 14, 2019 at 11:48 AM

PH

“ You will be missed such a kind hearted sweet beautiful lady I remember how much u and my mom would conversate and enjoyed one another when yall ran across one another now yall together tell mom hi for me take your rest r.i.l. never will be forgotten



Patricia Heard - May 14, 2019 at 11:34 AM

 Wanda Gulley

“ Wanda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott



Wanda Gulley - May 14, 2019 at 11:17 AM

SM

“ Sally Martin Muldrow lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott



Sally Martin Muldrow - May 14, 2019 at 09:28 AM

LM

“ *Linda F Mullins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Linda F Mullins - May 13, 2019 at 09:56 PM

PK

“ *Patricia King lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



Patricia King - May 13, 2019 at 09:02 PM

EJ

“ *My deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family during this time of bereavement.*



Earnestene Paden Johnson - May 13, 2019 at 08:16 AM

AL

“ *AlfrediaSmith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Iris Jean Elliott*



AlfrediaSmith - May 12, 2019 at 11:27 PM