



## Genevieve Sparrow Elliott

December 29, 1926 - March 30, 2018

Genevieve Sparrow Elliott, 91, beloved mother and grandmother, died March 30, 2018 at her home at Sandy Lane Farms in Mardela Springs, MD surrounded by her family. She was born on November 29, 1926 in Delmar, MD, the daughter of the late George Wesley Sparrow, Sr. and Lucy Lang Sparrow.

She is survived by her son and three daughters: Phillip Elliott of Mardela Springs, Gamee Elliott of Salisbury, Genene Elliott Murphy and her husband John of Denton, TX, and Gigi Elliott Perdue and her husband Dean Perdue of Laurel, DE. She is survived by three grandchildren: Jack Murphy of Houston, TX; Peter Murphy of Bethesda, MD; and Gillian Murphy of Denton, TX. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband, Milton Elliott; and three brothers, George Sparrow, Jr., Billy Sparrow, and John "Jack" Sparrow, Sr.

We would also like to acknowledge her caregivers, Patty Manning, Sadie Dear, Bonnie Johnson, and Guerline "LiLi" Joseph. We would also like to thank our Coastal Hospice team, especially her nurse, Ruth Walker, who provided exceptional care.

She was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Mardela Springs, Past Regent of the Nanticoke Chapter NSDAR and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Adah Chapter 5. She was a longtime member of the Wicomico County Farm Bureau and a Past President of the Wicomico County Homemakers. She was a Sunday School teacher and a leader of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church. She was a substitute teacher for elementary schools in Mardela, Hebron and Sharptown. She served on the Wicomico County Department of Recreation and Parks Advisory Board and she volunteered as a judge at the Wicomico Farm and Home Show. She was the leader of the Shamrock 4-H Club in Mardela Springs. She was a Past President of the Northwestern Elementary PTA in Mardela Springs. She played in the Wicomico County six-hit volleyball league and was the coach of the Powder Puff softball team in Mardela. She was a Mardela High School Band Aide. She was a very special lady who was loved and admired by all who knew her. She will be missed.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at the Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street in Delmar on Saturday, April 7, at 9 am. A funeral service will follow at 11 am officiated by her son-in-law, Rev. Dean Perdue. Interment will follow in the Mardela

Memorial Cemetery next to her husband, Milton Elliott.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, PO Box 126, Mardela Springs, MD 21837 or Coastal Hospice, PO Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802. Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting <http://www.shortfh.com>.

# Cemetery

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**Mardela Memorial Cemetery**

Mardela Springs, MD, 21837

# Events

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**APR 7 Visitation 09:00AM - 11:00AM**

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Short Funeral Home

13 East Grove Street, Delmar, DE, US, 19940

**APR 7 Service 11:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Short Funeral Home** - April 08, 2018 at 10:09 AM

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“ Randy and I are very sorry to learn of the loss of your mother. I always remember her coming to church next door on Sundays. Rosemary & Randy Slacum

**Rosemary Slacum** - April 07, 2018 at 08:07 AM

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“ Bernadette Quinton lit a candle in memory of Genevieve Sparrow Elliott



**Bernadette Quinton** - April 06, 2018 at 07:55 AM

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“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Short Funeral Home** - April 05, 2018 at 11:00 AM

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“ Genene, Gamee, Gigi, and Phillip,  
So sorry to hear of your mom's passing but I have many fond memories of her. I remember our trips to the beach, the softball team, high schools events, and other good times. Yes, she was a very special lady!

Thinking of you all,  
Love,  
Betsy Austin

**Betsy Austin** - April 04, 2018 at 04:58 PM

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“ Dear Genene, Gamee, Gigi and Phillip, So very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. As a teenager some of my fondest memories were spending the summers with Genevieve and Milton on the farm in Mardela Springs. It was a lot of work loading watermelons and picking cantaloupes but it made one a better person. When my daughters, now 34 and 31, were probably 11 and 8, we visited along with their three younger brothers, and Gamee stopped by and played softball with Stacey and Jamie. Then about 9 years ago Stacey, her husband and I stopped by in Mardela Springs for a visit. We were all amazed at her collection of ceramic chickens.

Although she was somewhat older than me, I would have to say she was my favorite cousin. I wish I had been able to see her more often. She certainly was a wonderful person who will be missed by all that knew her.

In sympathy and fond remembrance,

John & Maggie Lang and family

**John Lang** - April 04, 2018 at 02:51 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Genevieve Sparrow Elliott.



April 04, 2018 at 07:08 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Genevieve Sparrow Elliott.



April 03, 2018 at 02:09 PM

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“ I will always remember this wonderful lady with great fondness. Mrs. Genevieve was a very dynamic 4-H leader in Wicomico County when I was growing up in Salisbury. I was a 4-H member on the opposite end of the county, so I was not a member of her club. However, I'd see her at various 4-H events and competitions, and we spent one or two weeks in the summer at 4-H Camp when members of all the clubs would get together and renew our friendships. Ms. Genevieve attended as one of the chaperones; a mother to us all for that time away from home. I mostly remember her sense of humor, which she clearly passed down to her daughters; Genene and Gamee always made me laugh! Most of us never got homesick because 4-H camp was a blast. Mrs. Genevieve would have it no other way. Now, at age 61 and as a 4-H leader myself, I look back on those weeks as some of the best times of my life. Thank you, Mrs. Genevieve, for your part in making those lasting, fond memories. I hope your early influence will make me the kind of 4-H leader who would make you proud. I know I speak for both my sister, Sharon and myself when I say that I believe you lived a good life. May you rest now in peace, dear lady.

In sympathy, friendship and fond remembrance,

Kathy [Danmeyer] Decker

Berlin, MD

Alumna of the Lucky Leaf Girls 4-H Club, Wicomico Co. (1966-1975)

Current Administrative Asst. II for University of MD Extension - Worcester Co. &

Leader of the Worcester County 4-H Voyagers Club

Kathy Decker - April 03, 2018 at 06:58 AM