



## Elizabeth Gaines Wooldridge

May 9, 1931 - June 28, 2020

Elizabeth Arlene Gaines Wooldridge gained her heavenly wings peacefully at home with her family Sunday, June 28, 2020. Elizabeth, the only child of Willianna Gaines and Andrew Miles was born May 9, 1931 in Richmond, VA. She was the oldest living member of the Woodville Community. "Ma Woo" as she was affectionately known to family and friends became the loving and devoted wife of Herman Alexander Wooldridge, November 1953. From this union, 3 children were born - son, Farley, and daughters, Kimberly and Fayth.

At an early age, Elizabeth accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church. Elizabeth was an active member of Mt. Tabor and served diligently in four choirs. Elizabeth had the voice of an angel.

Elizabeth was a gifted singer and pianist. She once sponsored and produced a fund-raising concert where she sang some of her favorite songs. She was also a member of the Golden Age Saints and the Pastor's Aide Society.

Some of her passions included support of the JHW Band Boosters where she acquired the name "Ma Woo". She was also passionate about the love and caring of babies as she possessed an adeptness to communicate with them.

Elizabeth was a proud Armstrong High School "Wildcat", Class of 1948. She then started her nursing career at St. Phillips. She retired from what is now

VCU in 1988 after 38 years of employment.

Elizabeth was a dazzling ray of light for everyone who came in contact with her. She was truly an "Earth Angel" gentle, comforting and always a pleasant and calming soul.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman and son, Farley A. Wooldridge. She leaves to cherish her loving memory, daughters Kimberly W. Fenner (Gerald), Fayth W. Bond (Denorris), five grandchildren: Farley A. Wooldridge, II, Pier C. Jeffries, Ashley N. Wooldridge, Justin A. Wooldridge, DeCarlos A. Bond, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Walk through Visitation

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Celebration of Life

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Elizabeth Gaines Wooldridge, Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - July 06, 2020 at 10:08 AM

AH

*With my deepest sympathy to the family. No words can express can ease the pain of your loss. Just know that you are in our thought and prayers.*

*Love,  
The Howell Family  
Ann, Kenny and Chan*

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**Ann Howell** - July 06, 2020 at 03:10 PM

JT

*Sadness engulfed us the very moment we learned of "Ma Woo's" passing. We wish you strength and peace during this hard time. We are sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.*

*Much love,  
The Thorntons, Johnny & Lennie (Ms. Donna)*

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**John & Lennie Thornton** - July 06, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Elizabeth Gaines Wooldridge*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DW

“ *Condolences to the family..*

*Deborah Wiley*

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**Deborah Wiley** - July 06, 2020 at 12:13 PM

AC

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of Elizabeth Gaines Wooldridge. She was a beautiful person who could walk into a room and light it up with her smile. May you find comfort in the beautiful memories she leaves with you! Gods blessings!*

*Andrea Page Coles (Andie)*

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**Andrea Coles** - July 01, 2020 at 06:23 PM

VA

*To Kim and Faith , I wasn't able to physically attend the homegoing celebration for you'll Mother but I viewed it by live streaming service and it was Beautiful. I specially liked Faith Faith Son's memory. MRS.ELIZABETH was a Beautiful Lady she will be missed by many....From Vanessa Andrews..Van*

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**Vanessa Andrews** - July 06, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Gaines Wooldridge.*



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July 01, 2020 at 12:40 PM

HF

“ *Ma Woo, you will be dearly missed. That beautiful smile will be remembered always.*

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**Helen M. Fenner** - June 30, 2020 at 10:18 PM

MT

“ *I learned many life lessons from Cousin Beth. Cousin Beth had an infectious smile. And through her passion as a nurse, she had a love for babies. They all were her babies; generations of them. What better way for babies to come into the world than to see a smile on their caregivers face. She found a way to smile when things were good and even not so good. Cousin Beth could tell you the REAL STORY and HARD TRUTH leaving you with a smile or two. The landscape of the community that knew her and she them will forever be changed bc of her presence and now absence. What true meaning to When you smile, the whole world smiles with you; than her. God bless you Cousin Beth and thanks for sharing You while leaving memories. Sadden yet smiling. Oh and that laugh. Love ya, Mike, Barb and family*

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**Michael Taylor** - June 30, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - June 29, 2020 at 04:34 PM

DM

*On behalf of The JFK High School Alumni Family, we wish to express our deepest condolences to the family, and know that God will comfort you in your time of need. We love you Kim (Gerald, and Fayth!*

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**DENNIS MALLORY** - July 01, 2020 at 05:26 PM

CP

*My condolences on the passing of Elizabeth Gaines Wooldridge. In the old Woodville Community where the village raise the child, she was a good role model to follow. May your many memories of her comfort you in the years ahead.*

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**Carl Page** - July 03, 2020 at 08:49 AM

CG

*Aunt Beth, you will truly be missed by many. Your beautiful smile, your hugs and your encouraging words, I will always cherish. Kim, Fay Fay and family we love you! You're in our prayers.*

*Corey(Alexander) Garlic*

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**Corey Garlic** - July 06, 2020 at 09:56 AM