



Nita "Miss Nita" Eldridge

February 14, 1926 - October 30, 2024

NITA "Miss Nita" ELDRIDGE

Nita "Miss Nita" Eldridge died at the age of 98 on October 30, 2024 at River Ridge Rehab and Care Center in Wynne, AR. She was born on February 14, 1926 in Vernon, Texas to Emil R. Haseloff and Hattie Droigk Haseloff, both of whom predecease her. She is also predeceased by her step-mother Mary Belle Haseloff and her sister, Arcine Griggs. Her husband of 63 years, Mr. Fred Eldridge Jr., died on March 14, 2017.

Nita served honorably in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1954, during which time she met the love of her life, Fred Eldridge Jr, while serving at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, California. Mrs. Nita and Mr. Fred married in 1954, and started a business together in Forrest City in 1959. For 53 years they worked and played together at Eldridge Tire & Wheel until their retirement in 2012. They were lifetime members of the Arkansas Independent Tire Dealers Association.

Nita was a past president of the Crowley's Ridge Girl Scout Council as well as a troop leader and co-leader with Mr. Fred of Explorer Post 202 in Forrest City. She was a past president of the United Methodist Women and a tutor with the Literacy Council of St. Francis County. Together with Mr. Fred, she enjoyed a 40 year "obsession" with antique and elegant glassware and traveled the country to various shows and museums, developing many friendships along

the way.

Survivors include 2 daughters: Barbara Davis of Alma, Arkansas and Elaine Hunthrop (Ted) of Sherwood, Arkansas. She is preceded in death by her middle daughter Beverly Todd who died in 2015 and her son-in-law Wayne Davis who died in 2018. She is also survived by her niece Brenda Hall in Rockwall, Texas, nieces Eugenia Gray, Debra Evanoff, Julie Dye, Mary Belle Downing, Betty Sessum and Patricia Henley, and nephew Michael Eldridge along with many great-nieces and great-nephews. Nita requested that all please dress comfortably and casually for the service and visitation.

Services for Nita will be held Graveside, 11:00 A.M., Saturday, November 2, 2024, at the Lindsey Cemetery in Forrest City. Visitation will be Friday, 5:00 till 7:00 P.M., at Stevens Funeral Home, with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Rev. Beth Perdue will perform the service.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Forrest City Public Library, 421 S. Washington, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335 or the National Glass Museum, P.O. Box 156, Wellington, KS 67152. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Lindsey Cemetery

Barrow Hill Road
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
220 North Washington
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-5400
info@stevensfuneralhome.net
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

Graveside Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lindsey Cemetery
Barrow Hill Road
Forrest City, AR

Interment

NOV 2 (CT)

Lindsey Cemetery
Barrow Hill Road
Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

KF

“ KATHY FORD lit a candle in memory of Nita Eldridge



KATHY FORD - November 01, 2024 at 10:16 AM

TD

“ The Deputys purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nita "Miss Nita" Eldridge.



The Deputys - October 31, 2024 at 08:28 PM

EH

“ 20 files added to the album Nita



Elaine Hunthrop - October 31, 2024 at 08:21 PM

EH

“ I remember Mrs. Eldridge was our Girl Scout leader for troop 137, she was always polite and a great role model for young girls. I also attended school with her youngest daughter Elaine, and we had a great friendship.

Eva Hollowell - October 31, 2024 at 02:37 PM

DF

“ Ms.Nita and I meet at the st Francis assisted living where I was her favorite aide unit they moved her we was very good friends iam going to miss her rest in peace my Nita bug

Delina Foreman - October 31, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nita "Miss Nita" Eldridge.



October 31, 2024 at 02:34 PM

SK

“ Shirley Malone King lit a candle in memory of Nita Eldridge



Shirley Malone King - October 31, 2024 at 01:50 PM

TL

“ Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Fred open their home to me serving me many lunches during my high school days. She was a wonderful hostess and excellent cook. I am very thankful for these fond sweet memories.

Tim Leslie - October 31, 2024 at 01:42 PM

SF

“ Elaine and Barbara, I am sorry about the passing of your beautiful mom. When I think of her, I remember her laugh and how kind she always was to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sue Gattinger Farris - October 31, 2024 at 01:16 PM