



Elsie Alberta Grist

September 15, 2022

Elsie Alberta Collins Grist entered eternal life on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at the age of 102. Elsie was born on June 20, 1920 to Alice and Clarence Collins, in Rockland Village (now under the Scituate Reservoir). She was a dedicated wife and mother, well-loved by family, friends and strangers. Elsie was raised on a dairy farm and attended Clayville and Cranston schools, graduating from Central High School in 1937. Elsie met Everett when they would travel on the trolley car to high school each day. They married on September 28, 1940 in Olneyville, and lived on Robin Street in Providence. Elsie remained strong while Everett was on active duty during WWII. Their first child, Donald, was born at this time. They moved to North Scituate after Everett's military service, and had three daughters, Linda, Susan, and Cindy.

Elsie first worked at Bowie Casting in Scituate, then as an aide at the Scituate Sanatorium, a nursing home. Later, she was the Assistant Tax Assessor for the Town of Scituate, retiring from her job after 20 years of service. Elsie was also clerk of the Scituate Planning Board. During that time, she remained busy with the Clayville PTA, Chopmist Hill Fire Department Auxiliary, and the Scituate Ambulance Corp. Elsie was a 4-H leader, the Chopmist Chicks, teaching many young girls sewing, cooking and leadership. In more recent years, Elsie was an active member of Foster Center Baptist Church, and taught Sunday school.

Elsie loved being involved with her family and her many, many friends. She enjoyed making ceramics and taking tole painting classes. She belonged to the Rhode Island Rock and Mineral Club, and spent many hours working in her gardens. She and Everett were honored as Scituate Citizens of the Year in 1991. She loved life and everyone loved her.

Elsie and Everett lived on Central Pike in North Scituate until the great age of 101, caring for their home and yard. Last October, they decided to move to the Village at Waterman Lake in Greenville where she and Everett were able to stay together, play cards and enjoy meals in the dining room.

Elsie is survived by her husband of 82 years, Everett, and their four children: Donald (wife Anita), Linda Whitford (husband Walt), Susan Lane (husband Floyd) and Cindy McKinney (husband Mark), 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Friday September 23rd from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. with a Funeral Service to follow at 10:00 a.m. in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Johnston.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Continuum Hospice, 1350 Division Road, Suite 205, West Warwick, RI 02893

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Park Cemetery

Rhode Island Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Funeral

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Tribute Wall

BD

“ *A good neighbor, good friend, and great family! Rest In Peace Elsie*

Brad Dexter - September 26, 2022 at 02:35 PM

JD

“ *Our condolences to all our cousins who loved this kind lady.*

jeffrey Devolve - September 20, 2022 at 10:53 PM

CI

“ *CINDY lit a candle in memory of Elsie Alberta Grist*



CINDY - September 20, 2022 at 07:01 PM

JB

“ *What a long and wonderful life. Rest In Peace Aunt Elsie. Big hug to Uncle Everret.*

Janet Brown - September 20, 2022 at 05:12 PM

DO

“ *My sympathies to the Grist family. RIP Elsie.*

debbie holdsworth olivier - September 20, 2022 at 03:38 PM

BJ

“ *"When the elderly die, a library is lost and volumes of wisdom and knowledge are gone". Condolences to the family, Barbara Judd*

Barbara Judd - September 20, 2022 at 10:10 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl Ignacio & Thomas Hopkins lit a candle
in memory of Elsie Alberta Grist* ”



Cheryl Ignacio & Thomas Hopkins - September 20, 2022 at 07:44 AM