



Joan Elias

March 2, 1938 - February 20, 2021

On Saturday, February 20th, 2021, Joan Olethia Elias, an educator, sister, aunt, cousin and friend transitioned from this life at her home in Smithfield, Virginia. Miss Elias was born on March 2, 1938 to the late James and Ethel Elias; from that union her sister, Irene Woolridge of Carrollton, Virginia was born. Ms. Elias was well-respected and liked by all who knew her or came in contact with her. She worked and retired from the National Audubon Society in New York City. During her tenure there, she was the recipient of many company awards for outstanding service. She was a member of the Smithfield Pilot Club for many years and a member of the Main Street Baptist Church, Smithfield, Virginia. Ms. Elias was an Avid Reader and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and enjoyed watching sports on TV. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Irene Woolridge and Wilbert Woolridge of Carrollton, Virginia; one nephew, Rickey Woolridge of Burlington, North Carolina; three special cousins, Jeanette Grandison, Larry Pleasant and Barbara Maney; one god-daughter, Lenora Jenkins as well as a host of other cousins neighbors and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Chapman - J. T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Graveside

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Tynes Cemetery
Smithfield, VA 2343

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Elias



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 26, 2021 at 08:40 AM

BP

*This was beautiful! Rest in Heavenly Peace Joan 🙏
Bonnie*

Bonita Pelzer - February 26, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Joan Elias

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 25, 2021 at 03:15 PM

AB

“ Was just thinking of my friend Joanie and was searching the internet and found this sad news. Joanie was a good friend and mentor to me at the National Audubon Society. I think of her often and will remember her fondly. She was a wonderful, dear person and I'll always be grateful that she came into my life. May her soul rest in peace and may the family find comfort in good memories. Not sure if any of the family will see this, but if you do, feel free to respond to me at aomphgess@gmail.com.

Arlene Omphroy Burgess - March 17, 2022 at 09:42 AM

DB

“ What a beautiful tribute!💜
Rest in peace Cousin Joan. You will be missed. Sending lots of love and hugs to the family and a big kiss to mom for me 🙏



Deirdre Brown - February 26, 2021 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ Deirdre Brown lit a candle in memory of Joan Elias



Deirdre Brown - February 26, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Martha Ford EvansJackson lit a candle in memory of Joan Elias*



Martha Ford EvansJackson - February 26, 2021 at 09:51 AM

BL

“ *Rest in Peace Joan, remembering discussing all the good books. I will miss your joyous smile and conversations.*



Bettie Lewis - February 25, 2021 at 07:36 PM

RW

“ *I miss you Auntie. Give hugs and kisses to Mom & Pip. Rest in Peace.*



Rickey Woolridge - February 25, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 25, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joan Elias.



February 25, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ 🌸 A Very Special Auntie 🌸
I'm Thankful to GOD for the time HE allow Us!
You will be missed, always loved and often
thought of. We shared a lot of wonderful
moments together. The memories will forever
be etch in my HEART ! Rest Well Auntie, You'll in the Best Care 🙏



Bridgette Seaborne~T - February 25, 2021 at 06:58 AM

LP

“ *I'm going to miss my first cousin, neighbor, confidant and friend. The first of the five Pierce granddaughters to be with our Heavenly Father and favoring the Heavenly choir with that beautiful voice that he blessed her with. Give Aunt Ethel a big hug and kiss for me.*

Larry Pleasant - February 25, 2021 at 12:37 AM