



Eloise Shannon Brock

December 16, 1924 - January 3, 2024

Eloise Shannon Brock, 99, of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, joined her Heavenly Father on January 3, 2024, surrounded by her loving family in Covich County. She lived a full, vibrant life filled with grace, compassion, sass, class and a true love for God, family, friends, community and country.

Born on December 16, 1924, to Lou Ella Arant Smith and Henry Dee Smith, Sr., Eloise grew up in Schlater, Mississippi. After graduating valedictorian from Schlater High School, she attended nursing school at Matty Hersee Hospital in Meridian, Mississippi, with the aspirations of becoming an Army nurse during World War II.

She graduated nursing school at the age of 20 and unable to enlist because she was not 21 years of age, she continued her nurse's training taking nursing graduate courses at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. While taking classes in 1945, she met and married her husband of 40 years, James Leo Shannon, who was an enlisted officer in the United States Army. As a devoted military wife, Eloise traveled the world with her husband during his active service in the United States Army, living in places such as Japan, Germany, and Hawaii. Together, they had two children – James Dee Shannon of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, and Sharon Shannon Daniels of Sharpsburg, Georgia. After over 25 years of service to his country, her husband retired at the rank of Colonel in Atlanta, Georgia, where they resided until he preceded

her in death.

Eloise loved to travel later in life and was very active in her church, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, in Marietta, Georgia. She also loved serving her Lord, and her Christian faith was an integral part of her daily life. She had an active and adventurous group of church friends who she loved dearly at Mt. Vernon Baptist. Here, she met, and then in 1992 married her second husband, Rufus C. "Chic" Brock, of Sandy Springs, Georgia. Wanting to return to her Mississippi roots and be closer to family, she and Chic moved from Atlanta to Covich County in the late 1990s where they made their home in Crystal Springs.

Both were active church members of First Baptist Church Crystal Springs, where Eloise was involved in her Sunday School classes and the Golden Choir, the church senior choir group. Together, the couple enjoyed attending local social senior activities and spending time at Rolling Hills Country Club together until Chic preceded Eloise in death in September 2005.

Dedicated to her family, Eloise found delight in spending quality time with her grandchildren. A loyal mother and grandmother, Eloise was dearly loved by not only her family, yet by many in the Covich County community – she never met a stranger. She was the epitome of a true Mississippi Southern belle -- genuinely kind and caring, hospitable to all, while also refined and classy. She was grace exemplified and a beautiful soul loved by so many who knew her. She honored God by seeking Him in everything she did during her 99 years here on earth and credits her faith and active lifestyle for her bountiful quality of life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lou Ella and Henry Dee Smith, Sr.; sister, Kathryn Smith Bush; brother, Henry Dee Smith, Jr.; husband, James Leo Shannon; granddaughter, Suzi Daniels Phillips; granddaughter,

Erin Kathleen Shannon.

She is survived by her two children, James Dee Shannon of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, and Sharon Shannon Daniels of Sharpsburg, Georgia; granddaughter, Christi (Clyde) Benefield of Moreland, Georgia; grandson, Ben (Emily) Daniels of Farmington, Michigan; granddaughter, Kelly Shannon of Crystal Springs, Mississippi; granddaughter, Becky Harris of Birmingham, Alabama; and grandson, P.J. (Katie) Shannon of Hazlehurst, Mississippi. She is also survived by 11 great grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 1pm-2pm on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at Stringer Funeral Home in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. A memorial service will be at 2pm Sunday at Stringer Family Chapel. A graveside burial will be 11am Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia, where she will be laid to rest alongside her husband of 40 years, James Leo Shannon.

Watch service here: <https://youtube.com/live/tbMnMyULt94?feature=share>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs
PO Box 431
26141 Hwy 27
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
(601) 892-1521
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Funeral Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

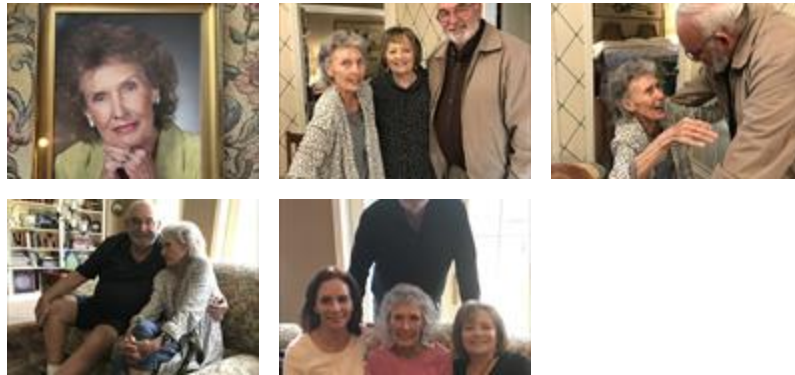
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Tribute Wall

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“ Tim (nephew of Eloise) & I loved Eloise so very much. We had many happy times visiting she & Chic in their home in Marietta. We stayed with them on many shopping trips for our retail store to Atlanta Market. In most recent years we've enjoyed seeing her many times in Crystal Springs for special occasions and just stopping in for an afternoon visit. We are so thankful for her sweet spirit and joyful life and are proud to be a part of her family. She was loved dearly by her baby brother, Tim's father, Dr.HD Smith. One of Tim's favorite memories is of the many times she baked one of her homemade pound cakes for him when she knew we were headed her way for a visit or when she came to visit us several times. Most cherished of all thoughts at this time of earthly loss is that we will see her again for eternity in heaven because of our shared faith in Jesus Christ.

Our love and prayers for peace and comfort for the family, Tim & Stephanie Smith



Tim & Stephanie Smith - January 06, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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Thank you for sharing, Stephanie & Tim! I know she loved you both dearly, as well as her baby brother, Dr. HD Smith. What great joy to know we'll see her again one day soon! Love you all!
Kelly Shannon

Kelly Shannon - January 07, 2024 at 12:03 AM

DJ

“ Mrs. Eloise filled our lives with Happiness and sweet feelings of Love that we will cherish in our Hearts ♡♡ forever... God Bless and Comfort the Shannon Family.
David and Shelia Jones.



David Jones - January 05, 2024 at 06:58 PM

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Thank you for your kind words! She was a beautiful soul to all who knew her!

Kelly Shannon - January 06, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eloise Shannon Brock.



January 05, 2024 at 02:21 PM

ME

“ Melissa and Trent Edwards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eloise Shannon Brock.

Melissa and Trent Edwards - January 05, 2024 at 02:21 PM