



Elsie S. Head

August 14, 2025

Elsie S. Head, 99, just shy of her 100th birthday went to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 14, 2025. She was a native of Gloucester, Virginia and spent most of her life here in Portsmouth. She was a charter member of Sweethaven Baptist Church where she taught the 4- and 5-year-old Sunday School Sunday Class for over 50 years. She loved working with children. Elsie was a devoted caregiver for many children in her home.

Elsie was predeceased by her husband, Robert M. "Dusty" Head and son-in-law, Lawrence Bates. She is survived by her three children, Robert F. Head and his wife, Barbara, John M. Head and his wife Carol, Barbara Jean Bates; six grandchildren, Angela Napier, Julie Head, Christopher Bates, Jonathan Bates, Shelly Parker and Stacey Kellam; six great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Hagen, Alex Hagen, Holly Parker, Jordan Parker, Noah Bates and McKenna Bates along with many nieces, nephews and special friends, Fred and Janice Packett, and Jack Atkinson.

A funeral service will be held at 3 P.M. Monday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel by the Pastor Gary Good and Chaplain David Swanson. The family will receive friends in the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Burial will be private.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the caregivers, Louise,

Denise, Lynda, and Kimberly and to the staff of Amedisys Hospice,

Memorial donations may be made to Sweethaven Baptist Church.

Previous Events

A Visitation Celebrating Her Life

AUG **18**. 2:00 PM - 2:55 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Funeral Service

AUG **18**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ The O'Connor Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie S. Head.

The O'Connor Family - August 18, 2025 at 10:44 AM

TF

“ The O'Connor Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elsie S. Head.



The O'Connor Family - August 18, 2025 at 10:44 AM

LD

“ Love, Mike, Cecelia and Melissa Dilday purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Elsie S. Head.



Love, Mike, Cecelia and Melissa Dilday - August 17, 2025 at 04:55 PM

BW

“ Beverly W. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elsie S. Head.



Beverly W. - August 17, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JF

“ Jeff Ferrara ,and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elsie S. Head.



Jeff Ferrara ,and Family - August 17, 2025 at 10:16 AM

JF

“ Jeff Ferrara ,and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie S. Head.

Jeff Ferrara ,and Family - August 17, 2025 at 10:16 AM

BC

“ Barbara J, Chris, Jon, Erin, & children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie S. Head.

Barbara J, Chris, Jon, Erin, & children - August 17, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BC

“ Barbara J, Chris, Jon, Erin, & children purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Elsie S. Head.



Barbara J, Chris, Jon, Erin, & children - August 17, 2025 at 09:32 AM

MR

“ Mike and Debbie Rice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie S. Head.

Mike and Debbie Rice - August 16, 2025 at 01:59 PM

MR

“ Mike and Debbie Rice purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elsie S. Head.



Mike and Debbie Rice - August 16, 2025 at 01:59 PM

LE

“ I was blessed to be one of Elsie's caregivers. We especially enjoyed putting jigsaw puzzles together. Heaven gained an angel. □

Lynda Elder - August 16, 2025 at 01:24 PM

YR

“ Condolences to your family. Your daughter is an Angel on earth. May God help your family in their mourning. ❤️ 🙏

Yolanda C Ringnalda - August 16, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsie S. Head.



August 15, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsie S. Head.



August 15, 2025 at 07:11 PM