



## EMMA ELIZABETH HALL THURSTON

January 5, 1922 - December 27, 2018

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Emma Elizabeth Hall Thurston: January 5, 1922 – December 27, 2018.  
Elizabeth Thurston passed peacefully at her home in Oriskany on Thursday, December 27, 2018.

Elizabeth was born in Jenkins, Kentucky, to Harmon and Vergie Hall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald H. Thurston, and brothers and sisters George Hall, Clarence Hall, Ernest Hall, Cora Ratliff, Ora Fleming, Velva Leach, Mary Goldworthy, and Opal Marie Greene. She is survived by her son Gerald H. Thurston, Jr., and his wife Leigh Ann Thurston, daughters Janet H. Thurston and Judith H. Thurston, grandson Gerald H. Thurston, III, granddaughter Ruth R. Thurston and by many nephews, nieces and cousins.

During World War II, Elizabeth supported the war effort by working at the Radford Army Arsenal and at the Norfolk Navy Yard. Elizabeth graduated from the University of Tulsa with a Bachelors of Arts degree and a law degree.

Elizabeth was a co-founder of the Somerset Hills Baptist Church in New Jersey, was a co-founder of the Botetourt County Civic League Association, was President of the Eagle Rock Elementary School Home and School Association, and was active as an advisor to the forensics program at James

River High School.

Funeral Services will be held 3:00 PM Sunday, December 30, 2018 at Crossroads Church at 21892 Craig Creek Rd. in Craig County, officiated by Pastor Gary Burch. The family will receive friends at the Crossroads Church following the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Crossroads Church, 21892 Craig Creek Rd., New Castle, VA 24127.

Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. [www.paitselfh.com](http://www.paitselfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

CROSSROADS CHURH  
21892 CRAIG CREEK RD  
NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

## Visitation

DEC 30. 3:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Elizabeth always encouraged me as a young teenager. So sorry that she is gone. Love and prayers for the family! Peggy Fleming Mazzone

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**Peggy Fleming Mazzone** - December 29, 2018 at 03:14 PM

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“ This lady was very special to me. We had many conversations about her life from growing up to present day. I always loved to see her come into Cross Roads Church and sit with her buddy, McCoy Wright. I used to tease them about being quiet during worship service! Mrs. T was a fiesty lady who did whatever she set her mind to. Go rest high on that mountain with Jerry, Sr. Love you.

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**Jennifer Crawford** - December 28, 2018 at 03:40 PM