



Elice Bunnell Shelton

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Elice Shelton, age 78, of Annapolis, Maryland passed away in the company of her two sons on Friday, March 6, 2026, after a brief illness. Born on January 2, 1948, Elice lived a life marked by devotion to her family, generosity toward others, and a deep and abiding faith. Her interests were gardening, swimming, traveling, equestrian pursuits and dog training. Elice attended the University of Maryland and her course of study was Home Economics.

On June 7, 1968, she married Rodney Shelton. Their life together ended when Elice was predeceased by Rodney in 2001. Elice is survived by her two sons, Christopher Andrew Shelton and David Michael Shelton, who carry forward the values and love she instilled in them.

Elice possessed a generous spirit and a sincere desire to help others succeed. She took particular interest in encouraging people to pursue their goals and was willing to invest her time, resources, and support in organizations that worked to help individuals grow and flourish.

She had a lifelong love for equestrian pursuits and spent many years working with horses. Elice was a licensed Technical Delegate for the US Equestrian Association. She poured her horse sense into others, providing helpful information and sharing her personal experience. Recently, Elice mentored a young equestrian by taking her to Ride for Life in Upper Marlboro, and coaching her in dressage. Elice would sit in the family's makeshift judge stand and score her young charge's tests. This young woman went on to win her division and received the highest test score across all levels with many thanks to Elice's fine feedback.



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Beginning in the 1970s, Elice began her affinity for poodles. Eventually she became deeply involved in caring for, training, and showing poodles, a passion that brought her great satisfaction and many friendships over the decades. Elice earned numerous American Kennel Club titles with her cherished dogs Caruso and Derek. Elice was a certified instructor for the National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors (NADOI) whose goal is to promote humane and effective dog training by certifying excellent instructors. Elice offered courses in competition obedience, private lessons, puppy socializing and training, training service and therapy dogs. Elice was also invested in the Greenspring Poodle Club and acted as their Corresponding Secretary. Elice wrote articles for publication to help families raise happy and healthy dogs.

Her faith was the cornerstone of her life. Elice loved her King and Savior, Jesus Christ, and remained committed to studying and discussing His Word until the end of her life. Those who joined her in these studies valued her thoughtful insights, wisdom, and sincere devotion. For many years, Elice worshiped at Severna Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Later, she became a devoted member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Crofton, where she was part of the founding congregation and cherished the fellowship of the church community.

Elice will be remembered for her kindness, faith, encouragement of others, and the many lives she touched through her generosity and friendship. Her family and friends take comfort in the legacy of love and faith she leaves behind.

A memorial service will be held on Friday March 20, 2026 at 5:00 pm at Annapolis EP Church at 710 Ridgely Avenue, Annapolis, MD.




Events


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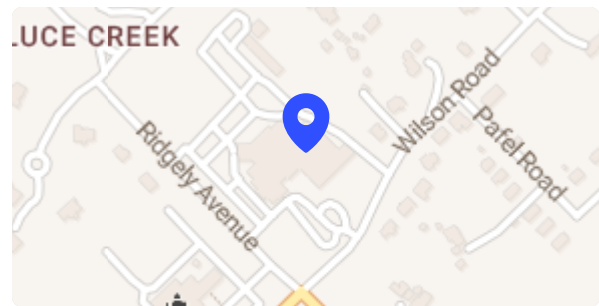
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Funeral


 **Friday**, March 20, 2026


 5:00 PM ET

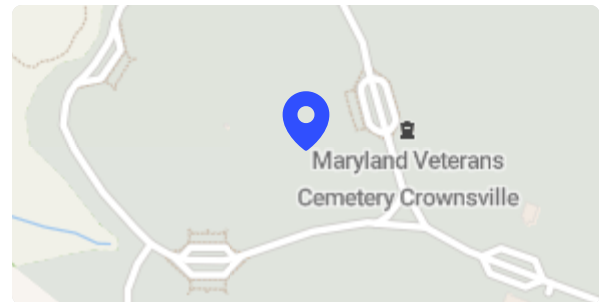
 **Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis**
710 Ridgely Avenue, Annapolis MD 21401



Cemetery Details

 **Crownsville Veterans Cemetery**
1122 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville MD 21032

 **410-987-6320**





Tribute Wall

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Loïc Fonkam shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A loving mother, faithful servant, and lifelong keeper of horses and poodles, Elice filled every room with warmth and every yard with joy. We invite family and friends to celebrate her life through this memorial slideshow, created with love by her family. 🖱️
<https://eliceshelton.pages.dev>



March 21 at 6:45 PM



Terry Norman posted:

For those unable to attend the service. Here is where you can watch it live stream or watch it later.
<https://www.youtube.com/@epannapolisextra336>

March 20 at 1:23 PM



Ben Zintak posted:

Elice was a faithful member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, where she worshipped her risen Lord and Savior each Sunday for the last 11 years. I took delight in greeting her each Lord's Day -- regardless of any strife or difficulty she faced, she arrived with a smile. My children loved seeing "Ms. Elice" and enjoyed her affection. She had a love for her fellow members at Trinity, particularly her sisters in Christ, and the youth were fond of helping her with her garden on service days. Her passing brings us sorrow, though we rejoice that she is with the Lord. I will miss seeing her, hearing her laugh, and listening to her stories of God's faithfulness throughout her life. Rest in peace, Elice.

March 18 at 8:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Shelton family.



March 16 at 1:47 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Elice.



March 16 at 1:47 PM



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Mary Stapleton posted:

I have known Elise for almost 30 years. I met her at the magical OLNEY farm, where we became enamored of dressage , and Herbie and myself and storm warning had many adventures showing, learning, and communing with our horses. Elice taught me the difference between a shoulder in and a leg yield, which, for some reason was difficult for me to understand until Elice explained it ! horse friends are forever, and Elice I were a member of a magical tribe of horse folk at Olney throughout those special times. Best memory was Elise's trailer which she drove and was the best trailering partner ever. Elise brought water from our farm, so our horses would not be upset with having to drink different water at a different farm! On one occasion on our trailer, sort of jackknifed and we had to get a tractor to pull the trailer out of the mud and get Herbie and storm off the trailer. What an adventure I will always remember these wonderful times in which we bonded forever. Rest in peace Elice a job well done in this dimension. Namaste'

March 14 at 12:29 PM



Cousins: Rita Motley And Lynda Parker sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Shelton family.

March 13 at 7:45 PM



Mary Stapleton lit a candle in honor of Elice.

Mary Stapleton lit a candle in memory of Elice Shelton

March 13 at 12:49 PM



The W. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Elice.

March 12 at 3:21 PM





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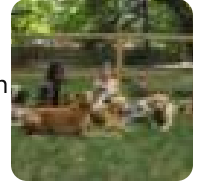
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The Woods Family shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

When Elice walked through the yard, every dog swirled like magic around her feet with eyes full of love and wagging tails full of wonder. She trained thousands of dogs and mentored countless trainers for nearly 30 years and was considered family by many.

Our hearts go out to her sons, her service dog Demi, the congregation at Trinity Church, and the GSP communities, as well as all the lives she touched - both human and canine.



March 12 at 3:16 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elice by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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