



# Eleanor G. Stewart

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**E**leanor Goodnow Mistarka Stack Stewart, 92, of Leesburg, FL, and longtime resident of Northampton, MA, went to be with her Lord Jesus on Saturday, February 04, 2017. Mrs. Stewart was born November 2, 1924, in Hyannis, MA, to Lewis Weston and Florence Lillian (Jameson) Goodnow and grew up in Shelburne Falls, MA. A graduate of North Texas State Teachers College and Springfield College with a Masters of Occupational Therapy, she retired as the head of the Occupational Therapy Department at the Northampton State Mental Hospital. Eleanor was a great neighbor and loyal friend. She loved to listen and help others and was not afraid to offer an opinion. Upon the passing of husband, Robert Stack, of Northampton, she raised three sons as a single mother. Eleanor was a previous member of the Florence Congregational Church and Quota Club. She owned and operated several multi-family properties and served as a resident assistant. Eleanor loved sports, especially basketball as a player and spectator. She followed the Celtics and Magic and spoke fondly of her ride with Celtics All Star, Dave Cowens. A new chapter began when her three sons gave her away in marriage to William Stewart of Worcester, MA, in 1989. She “retired” to a career with The Salvation Army working as a Sergeant with Bill in Florida. It seemed she was always moving and sorting through boxes to give away her possessions. She lived in the cities of Jacksonville, Panama City, Miami, Kissimmee / St. Cloud, Sanford, and finally Leesburg where she and Bill retired permanently. Eleanor was a devoted Christian and a member of the Congregational Church of Mt. Dora and loved working and playing on her computer. Eleanor was preceded in death by her son, Ron Mistarka. Survivors include her loving husband of 27 years, Bill; sons, David Mistarka of Hernando, FL and COL(Ret.) Robert Stack of Fort Worth, TX; brother, Wayne Goodnow of Crystal River, FL; sister, Lois Gibbons of Stafford, VA; grandchildren David, Daniel, Bobby and Courtney and her beloved cats, Thunder and Lightning. A memorial service will be held in the Congregational



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Church of Mt. Dora, 650 N. Donnelly St., Mt. Dora, FL 32757 on February 19, 2017. Her ashes will be buried at the family grave site in Shelburne Falls, MA, at a later date. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting [www.bankspagetheus.com](http://www.bankspagetheus.com). Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood, FL.




# Events


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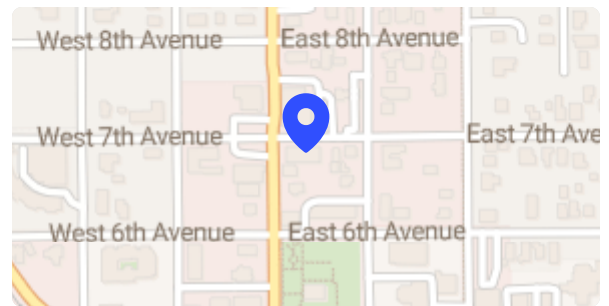
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## Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, February 19, 2017

 12:00 PM ET

 **Congregational Church of Mt. Dora**  
650 N. Donnelly St., Mt. Dora FL 32757





## Tribute Wall

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**Jay And Joyce Van Cuyck** posted:

Our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you in your time of loss. May it help you in some way to know that friends are sharing your sorrow . God Bless. Love , Jay and Joyce Van Cuyck.

February 15 at 12:58 PM



**Paul Mistark** posted:

So sad to hear of Eleanor's passing. She was "my Mom" figure growing up in my early years- always loving--the best of my childhood--I'm sure all who knew her are truly blessed--Rest in peace Paul Mistark Massachusetts

February 11 at 7:35 AM



**Lisa Palmer** posted:

We are sorry for your great loss. We enjoyed talking with aunt e and uncle b on the phone and computer.aunt e will be missed and there is no one else quite like you.may you rest in peace. We love you.Palmer family

February 7 at 10:20 AM



**Grace Galvin** posted:

I met Eleanor when she and Bill were serving at the Salvation Army in Bushnell, Florida. I joined the Ladies Home League for something to keep my mind occupied as I went through a very painful divorce. Eleanor listened to me a great deal sometimes as I'd pour out my heart to her. I had no close family left to talk to but she was there with the psychology training, that I only learned later that she had, her solid common sense and her superior intellect. Eleanor was always rational, grounded, and as honest as could be. I knew that when she told me something, I could depend on the fact that she was telling me her honest opinion. Eleanor was kind but she did not disingenuously flatter someone or withhold her input if she felt something was a bad idea. I had great respect for Eleanor. She was a woman with great strength of character who seemed to conquer the obstacles of life and not allow the obstacles to conquer her. I will miss her greatly, particularly at times when life has me pressed down a bit and I need a woman like her for inspiration. Eleanor was truly an inspiration and a dear friend.

February 6 at 2:42 PM



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**Kathleen Johnson** posted:

What a truly Christian woman my dear friend and neighbor was! I was honored to have many "coffees and conversations" with her, ending with fervent prayers for so many including my grandson, Tommy, who I credit her for him getting through school and doing well! Her unselfishness, patience, humor are such a wonderful example to all of us, she will be so missed by me, by her loving husband Bill, her kids, grandkids! She knew where she was going, she loved her Savior so much. "I was hungry, you gave Me to eat...", she'd have no worry of judgement 😊 Goodbye dear friend, I hope the mansion reserved for you is next to mine! "Minnesota Kay" and Paul

February 6 at 11:10 AM



**Bill Stewart** lit a candle in honor of Eleanor.



February 6 at 5:34 AM



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**Bill Stewart** posted:

Eleanor will always be my Sweetie-pie. She was my Best Friend and my loving & caring & very patient wife. During Eleanor's time in the hospital, I would read all the caring e-mails & cards & notes and relate all the comforting phone calls. We recalled our fun times and a few struggles and all our moves around Florida. We talked about our service in The Salvation Army. She was so proud of wearing the uniform & our time as Sergeants. She fondly remembered playing her alto horn and was glad that she could confirm that it was still at the corps. Then we would read a Psalm, sing hymns and pray. We always prayed for our family & friends and our newest friends at our church. She still missed Pastor Don who had died to suddenly & was thankful for Reverend Marshall's visits and prayers. During her final days, she was visited by me, my sister Donna, Brother Wayne & Sister-in-law Bettye, & her son David & fiancé Linda. One of her favorite scriptures was James 1:17 " Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Sweetie-pie, you'll always be my Rolls-Royse. Your Loving KISA

February 6 at 4:50 AM

LG

**Lois Gibbons** February 11 at 9:05 AM

Eleanor, my sister, was always there for me even though we are 13 years apart. I look forward to the day we will meet again. Your sister, Lois

KJ

**Kay Johnson** February 6 at 5:44 PM

Well said, Bill. You were her Sweetie too, she lived and respected you so much. I remember her telling me how careful she was not to wake you up etc, so thoughtful of your comfort...I'll memorize James 1:17 in her honor...

SF

**Stuart Force** lit a candle in honor of Eleanor.

Eleanor was one of the nicest ladies I have ever known. I will miss her for now.

February 6 at 4:12 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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