



## Joyce Elliott

October 11, 1932 - December 26, 2025

My beautiful mother, Alice "Joyce" Elliott died very early this morning December 26th 2025. Age 93. Mom suffered a lot especially in the past 3 years with losing some of her hearing and losing most of her vision. Mom suffered Polio as a teen ... losing muscles of her left arm and shoulder and neck but still married my dad and had us 4 kids back in the day when she had to pump our water from the outdoors cistern, carry the filled bucket into the house and somehow lift it to the kitchen stove top to heat water for all our diapers and other laundry then some how she managed to hang them up on the outdoors clothesline to dry! Mom never took disability and was proud of that. Mom worked to age 80! Mom was smart, took computer data processing at Brown's Business College and worked nearly 30 years in the computer room at Fleming Potter in Peoria, IL. She grew up a farm girl even going to a one room country schoolhouse in Knox County near Knoxville, IL. She loved square dancing with our dad. She always loved school and wanted us all to love school.

I thank our neighbor Rufus Battle for helping mom take the stairs all the way down and back up 3 days a week regularly the past 10 months to keep up her strength. She was scared but he assured her to trust him and he would be her eyes. She could do it in 7 minutes as she did 3 days ago.

# Tribute Wall

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*please add also survived by mom's nephew Dale (Kristine) Jamison*

mark westerfield - January 02 at 02:24 AM

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*ok we need to add her great great grandkids who are growing up faster than the speed of light: Dominic Aden Bell and Baylee Nicole Bell.*

**mark westerfield** - January 02 at 08:57 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Mark Westerfield** - January 01 at 11:19 PM

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*Mom and me in better times about 9 years ago.*

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**Mark E Westerfield** - January 01 at 10:27 PM

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*Mom's wedding photo from her 2nd marriage and her father's 1917 drawing of her mother.*

**Mark E Westerfield** - January 01 at 10:30 PM



“ I have fond memories of spending weekends with the family at my grandmother's house in Peoria, and of grandmother coming with an uncle to visit our home in Wisconsin for a holiday. While my Grandma "Joyce" Elliot was my favorite grandparent, I hate to say I hadn't had but one real chance to connect with her in the last several years. She was sick, rapidly losing weight, and in desperate need of personal connection. I traveled down to bring her some of her favorite local restaurant soup and connect even if just for an hour or two. She is survived by her three sons, Michael, Mark, & Mory, and by her daughter, Marla. Mark, having spent over the last decade caring for his aging mother, is a saint among men. She was as grateful for his help as her family was for his presence every day, and then some. My Grandma Elliot was a light in my life, and she will be missed dearly. Rest in peace Grandma. ❤️ ☐



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**Devin Mangan** - January 01 at 01:05 AM

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Mom was getting stronger the past 10 months able to walk down the stairs all the way down and all the way back up in 7 minutes ... after we started her on a 3 x a week program for 10 needed months it was wonderful to see her growing strength in her legs and her confidence again, She got her weight up over 90 pounds. We found out that milk chocolate Ensure Plus was the best for both of us ... we would share each bottle but I gave her 2/3 of each bottle and me 1/3. I agree mom needed more social interaction. But she usually was not up for company nor going anywhere. She liked her privacy. She sure loved Devin! She was proud of him.

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**mark westerfield** - January 02 at 09:05 PM