



Elgie Lofton

November 1, 1930 - February 23, 2026

Born November 1, 1930, in Magee Mississippi or at least we believed. For 65 years, Elgie celebrated her birthday on September 30, which is the date her mom said she was born. It wasn't until she turned 65 that Social Security indicated that her "official" birthdate was November 1. Taking it in stride, she told her family that since she had "two birthdates", let the celebrations begin, so for the next 20 years she celebrated on both dates, expecting gifts and that wonderful birthday tune.

Elgie was the 3rd eldest child of 10. She grew up on a farm in Magee, attending Magee public schools. Elgie was very curious and also very spoiled, especially by her dad. After graduating from elementary level public schools, she begged her dad to let her go to High School at the very historic "Piney Woods School". After graduation, she wanted to pursue nursing and moved to Memphis Tn. That move was short lived, because not only was she home sick for her family, she was also "lovesick". Elgie eventually moved back to Magee, and in 1951, married O.D. Lofton Sr. Later in that year they moved to Detroit, where she remained in the house they purchased in 1951 until 2024 when she moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, until her passing, February 23, 2026. Over the course of 72 years, Elgie raised 5 children, 1 girl and 4 boys. Her children were everything to her, her greatest joy and she devoted her life to making sure they knew they were loved. She lived a very quiet, peaceful life. But every Sunday was "mom" time, where she prepared a Thanksgiving like dinner each time. And it was always a time for her children to catch up

with each other, sharing a story or just enjoying a laugh, and it was the time she was the happiest.

On February 23, after a long battle with cancer, she made her transition. Elgie leaves to mourn her loss, 1 daughter, La Wanna (Ron), 3 sons, Derwin (Edna). Dwayne (Tanya), Steven (Patricia). One son, O.D. Lofton Jr, proceeded her in death; 6 Grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren; One Sister, Peggy from Magee Mississippi, and a host of nieces and nephews.

“God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers” Rudyard Kipling

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Condolences and Prayers* 🙏

Rice Family - March 01 at 04:38 PM

SL

“ *Sherona, Jovi, Denise, and Lavette purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elgie Lofton.*



Sherona, Jovi, Denise, and Lavette - March 01 at 11:06 AM

MA

“ *To my grandmother. 95. You inspire us all! Thank you for your presence, grace, wit and wisdom, making sure this family grows with love and patience. Wherever you go now, may you rest in joy, love, abundance and peace.*



Marcella - March 01 at 02:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elgie Lofton.*



February 28 at 07:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elgie Lofton.

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“ Lisa G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elgie Lofton.

Lisa G. - February 27 at 04:50 PM



“ Your colleagues at the Health Department purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Elgie Lofton.



Your colleagues at the Health Department - February 27 at 02:30 PM



“ Lawonna and Ron. So very sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Lion Johnny Smith & Family

Johnny Edward Smith - February 26 at 12:42 PM



“ Dear family, I'm deeply sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing you peace and comfort as you navigate this challenging time. My heart goes out to you. My deepest sympathy, Rita Brebaum.



Rita Brebaum - February 26 at 09:28 AM

LW

“ *LaWonna, Ron, & Family: I often would ask about how the family was doing and was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Ms. Lofton, your mom and Mother-in-Law. My prayers are forever with you and the family during your hour of bereavement. May God be with you during this difficult time. -Lion James C. Williams*

Lion James C. Williams - February 25 at 07:31 PM

JH

LaWonna and Ron: May God bless you and the family during this difficult time. Lion Joyce Houston

Joyce Houston - February 28 at 11:25 PM