



Elizabeth Julia Strippy

February 9, 1932 - July 6, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Heishman Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Elizabeth Julia Strippy.

Elizabeth Julia Strippy, 93, of Woodstock, VA, passed away peacefully on July 6, 2025.

A graveside service will be held on September 6, 2025, at Sunset View Memorial Gardens at 11:00 am. Father Tran will officiate.

Elizabeth was born February 9, 1932, in Harrisonburg, VA, the daughter of the late Robert E. Strippy and Anne F. Stickley Strippy.

In 1948 Elizabeth graduated from Edinburg High School. Then in 1953, she received her nursing degree from Roanoke Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force. As a Lieutenant Colonel, she was stationed in Taiwan during the Vietnam war, caring for wounded soldiers. During her career, she was Chief Nurse in Thailand and Cambodia (with CIA). Additionally, Elizabeth flew on a DC9 called the Nightingale and flew patients for about 4 years. She was then assigned as a command nurse reserve at Dobins Airforce Base in GA.

After retiring from the Air Force, Elizabeth studied art at the Atlanta College of

Art and received a degree from the Maryland Art Institute. She returned to Woodstock and for a period of time, she worked at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital.

In the 1980s, Elizabeth opened a gallery for her artwork at the Edinburg Mill, and later she moved her gallery to Main Street in Edinburg where she remained for the next two decades doing what she loved—painting.

Besides her mother and father, Elizabeth was preceded in death by her brother, John Strippy.

Elizabeth is survived by her sister, Harriet Strippy Kibler of Winchester, VA; her favorite cousin, Gary Stickley of Mount Jackson, VA; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Truly, Elizabeth was a very kindhearted and generous individual who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint John Bosco Catholic Church, Woodstock, VA.

Online condolences may be left at valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Heishman Funeral Service Branch, Woodstock.

Cemetery Details

Sunset View Memorial Gardens

2677 Fravel Rd
Woodstock, VA 22664

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AU

“ *She was my favorite chief nurse when I was in Thailand./Althea Blatchly*

Althea Blatchly, Capt USAF - August 01, 2025 at 12:51 AM

LS

“ *On behalf of the Society of Air Force Nurses, please know we are mourning with you the death of our friend and colleague, retired Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth Strippy. She was a remarkable woman who made such a difference in the lives of so many during her own journey through life. Elizabeth was both a Charter and Lifetime member of the Society, and a donation in her memory will be made by the Society. She will be certainly be missed by many, and Elizabeth will definitely not be forgotten by the community of Air Force nurses.*

Linda J. Stierle, Brigadier General, US Air Force (Retired)

linda stierle - July 24, 2025 at 04:23 PM

LM

“ *On behalf of the Society of Air Force Nurses, we are saddened by the loss of our dear colleague and charter member of our organization. We are proud and grateful for former Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth Strippy’s service to our nation and to the broader field of nursing. She has had a tremendous impact on so many lives. Elizabeth will always be remembered with honor and her legacy will live on.*

Lynn Money, Lieutenant Colonel, US Air Force, (Retired)

Lynn Money - July 10, 2025 at 09:23 AM

KJ

“ Elizabeth painted a surprise picture of my childhood home in Arlington, Va., as a gift from my husband. He talked with her and sent her pictures. That began a relationship that we will treasure. She is fondly remembered as a kind and vibrant lady. We are blessed to have known her. Kathy & Bill Johnson

Kathy Johnson - July 08, 2025 at 04:30 PM

DL

“ I first met her when was Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, and visited her Gallery on main Street she was good person,

Daniel Lindamood - July 08, 2025 at 09:42 AM

SM

“ Liz was a great neighbor when we were next door in the Edinburg Village Shops. And I remember her July 4th parties with an eclectic group of guest.

Suzanne Montgomery - July 08, 2025 at 09:29 AM

CP

“ I remember Liz as my Mother, Betty Showman's dear friend and the great 4th of July celebrations she had. Condolences to her family

Cindy Showman Phillips - July 07, 2025 at 09:58 PM