

Elliott, Nina Mae (Wilson)

1933-2019



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Nina Mae Wilson Elliott

Nina Mae (Wilson) Elliott, 86 of Trophy Club, Texas, died on Dec. 5, 2019, at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Grapevine, where she had been admitted after falling in her home.

Nina was born Feb. 27, 1933, in Santa Rosa, the ninth child of Zedediah and Grace (Fox) Wilson. She was the last remaining member of her immediate family. Nina earned her bachelor's degree in math with a teacher's certificate in 1954 from Mary Hardin Baylor University. In 1972, she earned a master's degree in library sciences from the University of North Texas, and in 1986, she completed her educational doctorate degree from Texas Tech University.

After a brief time teaching in the United States, she began her career in the Department of Defense Dependent Schools system, with an initial posting in Tripoli, Libya. There she met and married James Roy Elliott of Rankin. They moved from Libya to Chateauroux, France, then to Tokyo, Japan, then briefly again to Tripoli,

Libya, before moving to Wiesbaden, Germany, where she completed her career in 1994.

Nina was posted in Germany from 1964 to 1994. During these travels, truly around the world, she touched the lives of many students, fellow teachers and friends.

Nina is survived by her sons, James Robert (wife Susan) Elliott of Baltimore, Md., George Alan Elliott of Trophy Club, Michael Ray Elliott and partner, Sabrina Miles, of Hallsville; daughter Patricia Ruth (husband Jay) Craddock of Bridgeport; grandchildren Mark James Elliott, Avery Elliott, Travis Bryce Young and Catherine Jane Young; step-granddaughters Cassidy Craddock and Camryn Craddock; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Her devotion as a wife, mother and career educator were inspiring to her family and friends. She traveled extensively throughout the United States, Africa, Asia and Europe. She taught math, was the elementary school librarian and ended her career as the head librarian for the DODDS schools in the Wiesbaden, Germany, area.

Nina was a passionate collector of antiques, an accomplished seamstress, an avid reader, a lover of the beach and enjoyed card games, dominoes and jigsaw puzzles. Her final act of selflessness was the donation of her body to science, where her tissues facilitated research and education at the UNT Health Sciences Center medical school in Fort Worth. The life of Nina will be remembered and celebrated in a private ceremony at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery on June 28, 2021, with limited attendance due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In lieu of flowers, donations to honor her memory may be made to Legal Aid of North West Texas.