



## Emily Elaine Johnson Wing

February 9, 1922 - December 13, 2018

Emily Elaine Johnson Wing  
1922 - 2018

Farmington - Emily Elaine Wing, 96, known to all as "Elaine", a resident of the Pierce House in Farmington, died on Thursday, December 13, at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston after a brief illness.

Elaine was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on February 9, 1922, the eldest daughter of Roscoe and Mary Moore Johnson of Barre. Growing up in the small town of Barre, she delighted in climbing apple trees with her sister Hope on the small family farm, writing stories and plays, performing on drums in the school band and in a band she herself organized, and participating in numerous 4-H activities. During her junior and senior years of high school, she received the top Massachusetts State 4-H Award in Dressmaking, an honor which included a trip by train to the 4-H Congress in Chicago. Following her graduation from Barre High School, she attended Colby College in Waterville, Maine, her father's alma mater, from 1940-1942.

During a summer job at The Birches sporting camp on Moosehead Lake in Rockwood, Maine, Elaine met her future husband, Morris Wing. They were married on May 20, 1942, in his hometown of Bingham, after he received his Forestry degree from the University of Maine. In August of that year, Morris reported for basic training at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, followed by Officer Candidate School at Camp Belvoir in Virginia. During this time, Elaine worked at Hecht and Co., a fashionable women's clothing store in Washington, DC, where her expertise in alterations made her a much sought-after employee. In the spring of 1943 Morris was stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, and the couple moved to nearby Alexandria, where they welcomed their first two children. Following WWII, the family returned to Maine, and Morris found work in various fields in the postwar economy. The family moved often, living in Bingham, Rockwood, Dixfield, and Ashland, and they welcomed four more children to the family during those years. In 1954, when Morris was named Woodlands Manager for International Paper Company, the family settled in Farmington, Maine, where their last two children were born.

They bought a house on Main Street, and Elaine welcomed her role as a stay-at-home Mom. She was an active parent, teaching Sunday school, baking for class parties, and

helping with scouts and 4-H projects. Her love of sewing led to numerous handmade snowsuits, pants, dresses and, eventually, gowns for herself and her six daughters. Elaine often said she had no idea how to parent one child, much less eight children, but she certainly learned the task well. She conveyed her solid values to her children, and at the same time allowed them to follow their instincts and to develop in their own individual ways.

Elaine delighted in gardening, and flowers flourished under her care. Her love of music was passed down to a number of her children, and piano lessons were encouraged from an early age. A descendant of William Brewster of the Mayflower, she was an avid reader of historical literature and shared this passion with family and friends. She also found time to be an active member of the community. She served on the board of the Care and Share Food Pantry for nineteen years, was a member of the Franklin County Extension, taught sewing to visiting school children as a character actor at the Norlands Living History Center in Livermore, volunteered for thirty-five years for the Franklin Memorial Hospital, and over the years served on various committees and sang in the choir at the Old South Church. In the 1980s she sewed intricate blue robes for the choir and served on the Outreach Committee sewing layette kits.

Elaine loved to travel, first with Morris, then after his death with various family members and friends. She visited Portugal, Greece, Italy, Holland, England and Nicaragua. With her friend, Polly, she took more than twenty trips from the late 1980s to 2008.

At the age of 75, she and her son, Robin, designed a smaller home, and built it on Middle Street, within walking distance of the center of town. Here Elaine re-established her beautiful flower gardens and tended a productive vegetable garden. The home on Middle Street served as a gathering place for visiting family after Elaine, with failing eyesight, took up residence at the Pierce House in 2013. Never one to settle back quietly, Elaine stayed active with family news, friends old and new, and the stimulation of public radio, classical music, and books on tape.

The family wishes to thank Darlene Mooar and the staff at the Pierce House who provided loving care and friendship over the past five years.

Elaine was predeceased by Morris Wing, husband, Morris' sisters Flora Champlin and Rachel Bell and brothers Glenn and Patrick Wing; also by sister-in-law Eileen Wing and brothers-in-law John Pobst and Warren Champlin and son-in-law Ray Giglio.

She is survived by her children, Lanis Monfried (Tom) Allendale, NJ; Jane Giglio (partner Ralph Record) Wayne, ME; Ted Wing (Jackie) Montgomery, NY; Emily Watson (Earnest) Enterprise, FL; Robin Wing (Helen) Mt. Vernon, ME; Elizabeth Shedd (Harry) Smyrna, GA; Chrystal Wing (partner Suzanne Hunt) Portland, ME; and Rebecca Wing (Terry Fralich) Saco, ME; also by her grandchildren, Chryssa Giannini (Chris), Mary Reilly (David), Julie Poitras-Santos (Richard Santos), Benjamin Poitras (Lisa Horgan), Stacey Palazzotto (Vincenzo), Ryan Wing (Lauren), Aaron Watson (Alicia), Melinda Kern (Clayton), Diane

Watson (Todd Boicourt); Rachel Garcia (Jose), Sarah Shedd, Josiah Shedd (Natalie), Daniel Shedd (Virginia), Hannah Powell (Michael), Ruth Hyman (James), and 27 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Hope Pobst of Barre, MA.

Family will be receiving visitors from 4 - 6 p.m. on Jan. 11, 2019 at Wiles Funeral Remembrance Center; Adams-McFarlane Chapel 137 Farmington Falls Rd., Farmington. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2019, at The Old South First Congregational Church, 235 Main Street, Farmington, ME.

Friends wishing may make memorial contributions in Elaine's name to: The Old South Church, 227 Main Street, Farmington, ME 04938, or The Pierce House, 204 Main Street, Farmington, ME 04938. A kind word may be left on her memorial wall at [www.wilesrc.com](http://www.wilesrc.com)

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**                      04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Farmington Location

137 Farmington Falls Rd, Farmington, ME, US, 04938

**JAN**   **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Old South Congregational Church

Main Street, Farmington, ME, US, 04938

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Wiles Remembrance Center and staff** - January 07 at 12:08 PM

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“ Lois Wing Smith & Family, Houston, Texas purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Emily Elaine Johnson Wing.



**Lois Wing Smith & Family, Houston, Texas** - January 10 at 01:30 PM

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“ Our father went to UMO's forestry program with "Mr. Wing". Our mother and "Mrs. Wing" became fast friends in Farmington, as a result. Don't ask me why, but it was always "Mr. and Mrs. Wing" - not first names. I remember Mrs. Wing's ready smile and constant, gentle laughter. After we would visit her, my mother (who only had 3 children) would sigh and say it wasn't fair that Mrs. Wing maintained her svelte figure after 8. I remember how she always looked so stylish. Later in life, as widows, they would visit each other in Florida. What a wonderful woman.

Jane Dyer and Norma (Dyer) Hiday

**Jane Dyer** - January 03 at 07:16 PM

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“ Cousin Megan & Terrence Cunningham purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Emily Elaine Johnson Wing.



**Cousin Megan & Terrence Cunningham** - December 31, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ Have great memories of being at the old homestead. I was trying to teach Ryan to slide across an ice patch and he kept walking across. I did it one more time and fell backwards and hit my head. Mrs. Wing put ice on my bump and made me wait a couple more hours before I could drive back to Scarboro. She was always smiling and such a sweet lady.

**Joan Allen** - December 22, 2018 at 08:54 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Elaine Johnson Wing.



December 22, 2018 at 08:19 AM

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“ I THINK OF YOU DURING THIS TIME. YOUR MOM WAS A SPECIAL LADY WHO WILL BE MUCH MISSED. LOSING A MOM IS HARD FOR MOST EVERYONE BUT KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH YOU. YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WILL IN TIME HAVE FUN REMEMBERING YOUR TIMES WITH HER AND EACH OTHER. LOVE ROSALIE BROWN CHURCHILL

**ROSALIE CHURCHILL** [roseese1@hotmail.com](mailto:roseese1@hotmail.com) - December 22, 2018 at 08:14 AM



“ Emily, Robin, Lanis, Jane, Ted and Family, so sorry for the loss of your mother. Thinking of you during this time. God Bless!

**Ruth McCleery Watson** - December 22, 2018 at 09:48 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album 4 generations of Wings



**Jackie Wing** - December 21, 2018 at 10:11 PM

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“ As a classmate and member of the Lakettes 4-H Club with Lanis and Jane, I remember "Mrs. Wing" as a beautiful, serene, and kind lady. Her life is another example of what I think of as the greatest generation following WWII. Her legacy is a large family with so many wonderful memories, and those who knew her, and her generous community service in Farmington, will miss her as well.

**Cathy Knox** - December 21, 2018 at 05:22 PM