



# Elva Mae Renshaw "Sue"

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**F**lorist Note- Please deliver any flowers to the funeral home in Lewes on Wednesday by 3 PM

ELVA MAE "SUE" RENSHAW, 92  
LOVING MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER

Elva Mae "Sue" Renshaw (nee Boyer), 92, of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at home surrounded by her loved ones.

Sue was born May 20, 1924, in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania. She is survived by her daughters Karen Yates (Richard) of Drayden, Maryland, Deborah Kaplan (William) of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and Lizabeth Ann Taghavi (Babak) of Oakton, Virginia; her grandchildren Sarah Yates Sauri (Marc) of Austin, Texas, Matthew Yates of Portland, Oregon, and Kivan Taghavi of Oakton, Virginia; her great grandchildren Morgan Sauri and Ethan Sauri of Austin, Texas; her brother Millard Donald "Moon" Boyer of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased in death by her husband of 49 years, Peter Cyril Renshaw (1920-1997); her parents Myrtle Hauck Boyer and Ralph Calvin Boyer; her brothers Roy Calvin "Jake", Glenn Henry "Pete", Earl Hauck "Curly", George Robert "Bob", and her sister Marion Jean "Jean" Miller.

Sue served in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve during World War II from May, 1945 until she was honorably discharged in July, 1946. After marrying Pete in 1948 and moving to Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, Sue raised her three daughters and taught kindergarten at St. Mark's Lutheran Church from 1964 until 1992. She was an extraordinary teacher who positively impacted the lives of her many young students. She was a devoted congregant of St. Mark's Lutheran Church until she moved to Delaware in 1996.

Sue was a kind and gentle person who gave of herself unconditionally. Her grace and light was a beacon for anyone in need; she generously gave what she had lovingly and without hesitation,



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even if it meant doing without herself. Those who were fortunate enough to know her loved her, and she was called "Mom" by many, which gave her great joy.

Services will be held on February 16, 1:00 pm, at the Columbarium of Epworth Cemetery, 187 Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. The family requests donations to The Home of the Brave, Women's Division, 6632 Sharps Rd, Milford, DE 19963

Please sign the online guest registry at this site.




## Events


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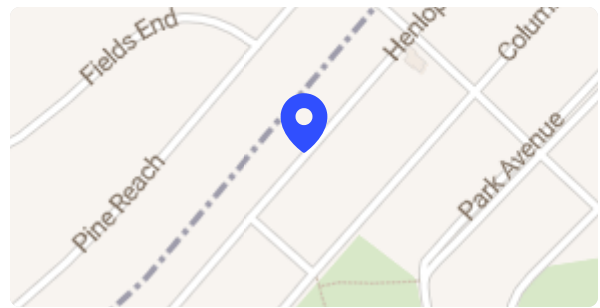
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### Entombment

 **Thursday**, February 16, 2017

 1:00 PM ET

 **Epworth Methodist Cemetery**  
159 Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE  
19971





# Tribute Wall

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**Linda Cassey** posted:

Ann, I have such wonderful memories of times spent with your entire family when we were growing up. I always considered your Mother to be my second Mom. I am so grateful I had the opportunity to visit and go to dinner with you guys and her last April. My favorite quote by Maya Angelou, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." I shared this with your Mom last Mother's day in a card I sent to her. I wanted your Mom to know how truly special she will always be to me. So thank you Mom Renshaw for always listening with genuine interest, encouraging me with gentle kindness and wisdom, and for making me feel appreciated and loved. I will love you forever.  
Linda

February 15 at 4:56 PM



**Eileen Skahill** posted:

Sincere condolences from the members of the Women Marines Association. "If the Army and the Navy ever looked on Heaven's Scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." (3rd stanza of the Marines Hymn). Take comfort in knowing your beloved Marine has left this life to take up her rightful place in Heaven's detachment. Eileen Skahill National Chaplain  
ChaplainChaplain@womenmarines.org

February 15 at 1:32 PM



**Liz Taghavi** February 16 at 2:40 PM

Thank you. That means a lot.



**Donna Cunningham** posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of Sue Renshaw! She Has left wonderful lasting impressions on so many souls whose paths she crossed over the years. My thoughts and prayers are all of her family. Donna Cunningham

February 14 at 3:16 PM



**Debe Valerio** sent an Arrive in Style to the Renshaw "Sue" family.



February 14 at 8:34 AM



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**Bethanne Boyer** posted:

Aunt Sis (as my Dad always called her) will always have a very special place in my heart. She was always so gentle and loving. I loved those summer reunions when we would dig for pennies in (I think) sawdust. When I was young I visited Ann in the city for a week. I was a little nervous about it, but of course Aunt Sis made me feel so comfortable and right at home! As an adult, I grew to love and appreciate her even more. She was an amazing person with a gentle spirit. Like Kelton when I think of her it will be a reminder for me to carry on the beautiful traits of genuine love and kindness that she carried within her. The memories of Aunt Sis are very dear to my heart, and I am comforted to know that I will always carry them within me. My love and blessings to you all, Beth

February 14 at 4:53 AM



**Deborah Kaplan** February 14 at 7:28 AM

So sweet, cousin.



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Renshaw "Sue" family.



February 14 at 4:51 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Renshaw "Sue" family.



February 13 at 11:07 AM



**Babak D Taghavi** posted:

She was gentle , thoughtful and above all caring. She laughed easily and was very organized . I have many memories of her but the one that always stays with me is how she always fought for her daughters and protect and loved them every chance she had . She could not see them unhappy even a moment long and did everything in her means to provide that emotional support. To my daughter she was not only a great grand mother but often a friend who could stay up all night long and listen to her stories. She had a big heart that almost everyone she knew had a place in there . My distant family from Iran , thought of her as a saint and worshiped as such . I never forget how she patiently listened while my Mom talked for hours long even though she could not understand a word she said , now that's love and caring.

February 13 at 10:31 AM



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MC

**Michael Cusumano** posted:

Dear Debi, Bill and Family, My beautiful little Elva Mae, you will be sorely missed! From speeding around the circle in your car, to that twinkle in her eyes, she was a very special person. My fondest memory is when I was introduced to her and told her name was Sue, I took one look at her and said "that's not your name, you don't look like a Sue!" She then proceeded to tell me her real name of Elva Mae, which I said, that's what I am going to call you then! I thought it was a fitting name for an exceptional lady. Debi and Bill, we are here for you and will continue to pray for healing while you deal with this loss. Love you all! Michael Cusumano & Ed Albers

February 13 at 7:16 AM

KB

**Kelton R Boyer** February 13 at 4:24 PM

She was my father's older sister and my lovely aunt who had a caring smile and an open heart. As a child we usually only saw one another during those beautiful childhood summer vacations, but I can always remember her warm and calm demeanor. And for a country boy like me, there was also an air of sophistication and intrigue. Most of my close relatives all live close by, but she lived in the "city" and there was always something special about that for me as a child. I grew up and we saw each other even less...years and decades went by, but when we did see one another she, unlike a lot of people, asked questions and genuinely cared about where I was, what I was up to, and about my life far away...that made me feel loved and that is the absolute best trait I can imagine a person to have...the trait of being able to truly listen and make the other feel special and loved...it is a trait that seems slowly disappearing in our modern world and one that is sorely needed. I will, in her honor, try to ask more, try to listen better and try harder to make the "other" feel loved and special. Thanks you to my dear aunt Elva for sharing her gifts with me...I will try to pass them on.

DK

**Deborah Kaplan** February 13 at 12:11 PM

Thank you. Elva Mae loved you both.

BT

**Babak D Taghavi** February 13 at 10:11 AM

Beautiful memory , thanks for sharing



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elva by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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