



Eleda Whalen Burgess

August 20, 1965 - January 23, 2021

Eleda Marie Whalen Burgess, 55, of Kingston passed away on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Roane Medical Center from the Covid-19 Virus. Eleda was born on August 20, 1965. She attended South Harriman Baptist Church where she accepted Jesus as her savior on a bright Easter morning at the age of 9. Her ministry was helping in the church kitchen and being very creative helping with many special events and weddings. Eleda graduated from Harriman High School and Tennessee Tech. with a Bachelors Degree. Eleda was manager of ORNL Federal Credit Union in Kingston, where she helped many members with their financial needs.

Eleda is preceded in death by her father, Tony Whalen, grandparents, Warren and Hazel Whalen, and Roy and Ellen Barger, father and mother-in-law, R.P. and Hazel Burgess

Eleda is survived by her husband of 30 years Doug Burgess, only daughter, Rachel Burgess, mother, Oneda Whalen, aunts and uncles, Alton and Roma Lingerfelt and Edna Lee Lowery, cousins, Lisa and Bunny Whalen. Special friends Dustin and Chelsey Cook and their children Grayson and Journey who called her Mamaw. High School and College friends who met every year for their birthdays, Karen Russell, Cindy Hensley, and Kim Hall. She is also survived by many special extended Burgess and Whalen family members.

The family will receive friends on Monday, January 25, 2021 at the Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman from 4 p.m to 7 p.m. Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at the Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman with Edsel West and Sam Leslie officiating. Interment will follow in Roane Memorial Gardens. Due to Covid-19 masks will be required during visitation and services. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the South Harriman Baptist Church for care of the Whalen property.

Cemetery Details

Roane Memorial Gardens

1400 N Gateway Ave
Rockwood, TN 37854

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes
OUR HARRIMAN CHAPEL
PO Box 232, 430 Morgan St
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-1515
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 26 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eleda Whalen Burgess*



Kyker Funeral Home - January 25, 2021 at 10:26 AM

TH

So sorry for your loss. Tammi Crowe Hensley

Tammi Crowe Hensley - January 25, 2021 at 04:54 PM

VB

Will miss Eleda praying 🙏 Doug and Rachel and Family she love 💕 so much

vickie Bryant Burgess Brown - January 26, 2021 at 01:00 PM

MH

She always wore a smile ❤️ prayers for you all

Missy Halcomb - January 26, 2021 at 03:16 PM

PC

So very sorry for your loss, prayers for comfort during this time.

Pam Cole - January 27, 2021 at 07:41 AM

SP

Doug we just found. Out about Eleda. So sorry wish we would have known. Love you Benny and Shirley

Shirley Parks - January 30, 2021 at 06:38 AM

JW

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but love leaves a memory that no one can steal.

My sympathy to Eleda's family.



Jane Wiseman - January 27, 2021 at 11:04 AM

TR

“ I worked with Eleda for a couple years at the Kingston branch and my heart broke when I was informed by a mutual friend. Her laughter was contagious and her love for her family knew no limit!! She will be missed on this earth, but she was a believer in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, so she is with her daddy right now!! Much love and prayers to her family!! Tina Ryans (and Lee ☐)

Tina Ryans - January 26, 2021 at 06:57 PM

DP

“ Eleda was such a kind and generous lady. She always had a smile whenever I saw her. My condolences to her family and friends. I know she will be greatly missed.



Dawn P. - January 26, 2021 at 06:27 PM

TH

“ Tim And Teresa Herrell lit a candle in memory of Eleda Whalen Burgess



Tim and Teresa Herrell - January 26, 2021 at 02:06 PM

LU

“ We will sorely miss Eleda in our branch managers meeting as she would always greet you with a glowing smile and we would often sit together. I'm sorry I was unable to attend the services, but will keep Eleda's family and friends in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Eleda!

LaTanya Upton - January 26, 2021 at 11:48 AM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss she was such a sweet lady, my prayers are with everyone

Rusty Dryman - January 26, 2021 at 07:38 AM

AT

“ I was very sorry to hear of Eleda's passing. I knew her from school and the credit union. She always had a smile on her face and was just happy. My prayers are for Doug, Rachel, Mrs. Whalen, and other family that God will wrap His arms around them and give them comfort and peace in the days that lie ahead. With Deepest Sympathy. Arlene (Bowers) Tapp

Arlene (Bowers) Tapp - January 25, 2021 at 08:01 PM

BG

“ So sorry for the loss of Eleda. Haven't seen her in many yrs., but remember her as a sweet bubbly child. My condolences to all the family. Especially Oneda as she has two losses recently. Rest In Peace!

Barbara Gilmore

Barbara Gilmore - January 25, 2021 at 05:30 PM

DJ

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I worked at ORNL FCU with her until I retired and always enjoyed the times that our jobs brought us together. She was a sweet happy person. Diane Justice

Diane Justice - January 25, 2021 at 04:40 PM

SB

I am so sorry for the passing of your love one. Please know one day you will see her again. My heart is broken and I will miss her smiles at ORNL she loved all her customers.

Susan birckett - January 26, 2021 at 01:44 PM

DP

“ My heart breaks for Doug and Rachel, a wonderful person has left this world for a better one in heaven. I know her family will miss her, but I pray that through this loss they allow God to give them comfort. We do not understand why Eleda had to go so soon, but our loss here is heavens gain.
God Bless the family.
Darlene Bowers Prewitt

Darlene Bowers Prewitt - January 25, 2021 at 04:30 PM

WD

“ Whitney Davis lit a candle in memory of Eleda Whalen Burgess



Whitney Davis - January 25, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Tina Dinkins lit a candle in memory of Eleda Whalen Burgess*



Tina Dinkins - January 25, 2021 at 02:37 PM

KL

“ *Kim Leach lit a candle in memory of Eleda Whalen Burgess*



Kim Leach - January 25, 2021 at 02:30 PM

KL

“ *Rachel, I am so truly sorry for your loss. It breaks my heart for you and your dad. Continued prayers are going up for you and the family. Love ya girl.*
Kim Leach

Kim Leach - January 25, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ *Eleda, I know you are not in pain and are with the Father, but oh the pain that is left behind. You have so so many people that love you. I have known you since high school and we became good friends when Rachel and Hayley went to Calvary together. I saw you once and sometimes more at ORNL and always sat with you to visit. Although, I sure you were busy, you never acted like I needed to go. That was your super power, anyone that knew you felt like they were your best friend even though some really weren't we would never know because you had the sweetest and kindness personality and it is just hard to explain but with you I felt like coming home. You know that wonderful feeling when you have been away from home and then come home and feel good, I mean good deep in your soul good. Thank you, my sweet and comforting friend, for that. Sing and dance and shout and be happy, we will all get there someday. Now we have to cry and miss you and be always with happy memories. To her dear family and close friends, I will be thinking of you and praying for peace for you all and all of us. Sending you love in Heaven, Tina Dinkins*

Tina Dinkins - January 25, 2021 at 02:21 PM

SJ

“ *My deepest condolences. When I think of Eleda I immediately think of her big smile and laughter. She and I graduated from TTU together and worked together for a while at ORNLFCU. She will always be remembered for the kind person she was and the joy she brought into a room.*

Susan Miller Johnson - January 25, 2021 at 01:15 PM

KW

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Eleda's passing. She was always smiling and upbeat, and so kind to us whenever we saw her. She will truly be missed. Ross and Kim Walls*

Kim Walls - January 25, 2021 at 10:54 AM

JK

“ John And Kay Bryson, Kingston lit a candle in memory of Eleda Whalen Burgess



John and Kay Bryson, Kingston - January 25, 2021 at 10:24 AM

BW

“ Amazing lady gone way to soon prayers are with the family today as they lay this beautiful lady to rest you will be missed



Betty Webb - January 25, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - January 25, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Eleda Whalen Burgess.*



January 25, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *Eleda was always so friendly, happy, and full of life! She had a beautiful smile and was such a caring, helpful person. My Dad, Bill Chitwood, always tried to get in her line at ORNL! Heaven has indeed gained an angel. So rest high on that mountain. Prayers and hugs for all. 🙏💖*

Stan and Donna

Donna Allbaugh - January 25, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Elena was such a kind person. My condolences go out to Doug Rachel and entire family. She will be truly missed If you every need anything just call. Laura and James Pierce*

Laura Pierce - January 25, 2021 at 07:53 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleda Whalen Burgess.*



January 25, 2021 at 07:33 AM

BR

“ *Eleda was always so sweet to me every time I went into ORNL in Kingston, TN. I've banked there for 15+ years. I was super sad to hear of her passing. My deep condolences and prayers to the family during this rough time!* ”

Brent Roddy - January 25, 2021 at 01:22 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eleda Whalen Burgess.* ”



January 24, 2021 at 11:01 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleda Whalen Burgess.* ”



January 24, 2021 at 10:46 PM

BM

“ *Eleda truly had a special gift of bringing joy to everyone she encountered. I have always been in awe of her bubbly personality and her ability to live life worry free and full of happiness! She always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eyes. I am so deeply saddened by the loss of this amazing friend to everyone. Sending much love and prayers to Doug, Rachel, Oneda, and all of her family and friends. She truly was incredible!❤️* ”

Bonnie Moseley - January 24, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleda Whalen Burgess.



January 24, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ Eleda was a beautiful person. She had so much compassion for her members at the credit union. I remember how she helped me after my mother passed. Heaven got a little sweeter.

Jill Adams Turnbull - January 24, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Doug, Rachel and Eleda's mom! I will miss her smile so much! Love Mona

Ramona Pennington - January 24, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ Eleda was a lovely lady. We "talked" via text during her Dad's last months. She and I are first cousins and I lost her Uncle Max, my dad before Uncle Tony died. His dying during Covid was hard. This is harder for me, she was so sweet, kind and full of life. You will be missed Little Cousin. May God comfort your family with the promise that you are with him.



Gwen Hill - January 24, 2021 at 08:32 PM

LP

My thoughts and prayers to Elena family Doug Rachel. If you need anything just let us know. She was such a kind soul. Laura and James Pierce

Laura Pierce - January 25, 2021 at 07:46 AM

RL

“ *So sorry for your loss. She is gone from us much too soon! Eleda was a gem of a person and friend. She was loved by all and will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with the family who have endured too much this year.*

Richard and Lori Lowery

Richard Lowery - January 24, 2021 at 08:10 PM