

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF
Alice Sprowles**

Ellington Congregational Church
September 13, 2025
10:00 a.m.



PRELUDE Julie LaRocca

SENIOR CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR TRIBUTE

GREETING Pastor Joanne Myer

INTROIT Jol Sprowles, Robin Miller, Bells Julie LaRocca, Piano
Fairest Lord Jesus

INVITATION

***HYMN** **In the Garden** Chalice Hymnal #227

SCRIPTURE **John 20:11-17**

HYMN** ***God Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23) Chalice Hymnal #79

SCRIPTURE **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

ANTHEM

I Prepare a Place

Senior Choir

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATION

Reverend Joanne Myer

Catherine Cairns

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

David Cairns

Jol Sprowles

Others

HYMN** ***Thine Is the Glory Chalice Hymnal #218

RELEASE

MUSIC ***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

COMMENDATION

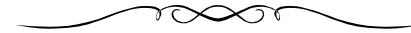
BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION ***The Lord Bless You and Keep You***

POSTLUDE Julie LaRocca

Bridge Over Troubled Water

***Indicates that those who are able may please stand.**



You are cordially invited to attend a Luncheon hosted by the Board of Deacons downstairs in the Social Room immediately after the Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. The family will greet you there.

ALICE (LEE) CAIRNS SPROWLES

Alice (Lee) Cairns Sprowles, 92, of Stafford Springs, favorite wife of 31 years to Jol C. Sprowles, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. She was born on April 20, 1933, in Newton, MA, daughter to Elizabeth (Lane) and Richard Lee.

Alice began her family with her first husband, Richard Cairns. They were married for 20 years and had four children. She enjoyed staying active in her community throughout her life. She was involved with Girl Scouts of America for 85 years and spent some time as Administrator. She also enjoyed being a summer camp counselor and director. Alice had a very theatrical mind and personality. She spent many years in amateur dramatics, doing costume design and playing leading roles in several shows. Her creativity continued as she grew older, tailoring and sewing garments for family and friends. She also found great interest in quilt-making and gardening.

Faith was very important to her. She was a longtime member of Ellington Congregational Church and was very active in their choir and committees.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her two sons, David Cairns and his wife Catherine, and Richard Cairns; her seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; her three stepchildren, Amy Sprowles, Chris Sprowles and his partner Jessica Thomas, and Karen Rice and her husband David; her sister, Elizabeth Kilb; and her two nieces. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Kathryn; and her infant son, Douglas.



ALICE (LEE) CAIRNS SPROWLES

April 20, 1933 - August 12, 2025

**THE ECC SENIOR CHOIR WILL BE SINGING
I PREPARE A PLACE AS THE ANTHEM
BEFORE THE TIME OF REMEMBRANCE
AND CELEBRATION.**

Senior Choir

Penny Gates
Becky Hinckley
Charity West
Liz West
Lenora Williams
Jessica Duga
Irene Mosher

Betsy Cottle
Carol Feindel
Rob Wallace
Curtis Thompson
Adam Geiger
Dave Robert
Chris Pettigrew

**ALSO SHARING IN THE LEADERSHIP
OF WORSHIP AND LUNCHEON**

The Reverend Joanne Myer Pastor, Ellington Congregational
Church

Julie LaRocca ECC Director of Music

Usher Fred Bird

Bell Choir Member Robin Miller

Bell Choir Member Jol Sprowles

Board of Deacons

Jane Scordato
Dave Feindel
Brian Wright
Mary Iovine
Melissa Rolland

Dottie Marshall
Bill McAllister
Amos Smith
Beth Tautkus

And Help From

Scott Noble
Jen Traynor
Beth Cocuzzo

Joann Scott
Lucie Parisi
Joanne Myer