



Ellen Yvonne McLaughlin

December 13, 1939 - December 18, 2025

Ellen McLaughlin of Grasonville, MD passed away at age 86 on Thursday, December 18, following a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Ellen was known for her delicious meals, desserts and keeping a beautiful home and loved having extended family and friends over for large meals and events. Beneath her soft appearance, Ellen was sharp and had a great sense of humor. Prior to losing her voice to Parkinsons, Ellen was known for her quick wit and snappy comebacks, combined with a look that could stop a person in their tracks.

Ellen was born on December 13th, 1939, in Ridgely, WV to Georgia and Elliott Ridenour and was Sister to Nancy, Elliott/Butch and Audrey; and Lowell, who was technically her Uncle, but was more like a brother to her. Ellen moved to Washington, D.C, as a teenager and attended Burdick Vocational School. After graduating, Ellen worked for the Department of the Navy and then Charles G. Stott Company, where she met the love of her life James "Jim" McLaughlin. Jim and Ellen were married on February 27th, 1959, and shared a beautiful home with which they took great pride in and raised 4 children, Nancy, Karen, John and Barbara. Jim and Ellen were married for 66 years, prior to his death in August.

In addition to being a great Mom and Wife, Ellen made egg decorations and sold them at gift shops throughout the region and had them on display at the

local library and other locations, where she gave lessons on how to make them. She went back to work as a legal secretary and retired from McGuire, McGuire & Linden in Edgewater, MD.

Ellen is survived by her three daughters, Nancy McLaughlin, Karen (Mitch) Guiffre and Barbara (Chip) Thomas and her grandson John. Ellen is also survived by several nieces, nephews and their children, who she deeply loved and enjoyed spending time together. For the last several years, she resided at Heartland House in Grasonville, MD; where she was given great care and was treated like a family member.

Family and friends will be notified of services at a future date.

Tribute Wall



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