



## Ellen Startt Sanger

October 29, 1944 - October 20, 2025

It is with great sadness, that we announce the passing of Ellen Startt Sanger on October 20, 2025, at her home in Rehoboth Beach, DE. She was 80 years old.

Ellen was born on October 29, 1944, in Easton, Maryland, to the late Robert Kenly and Anne Jesse (Saathoff) Startt. She graduated from St. Peter & Paul High School in Easton, Maryland, in 1962, attended Goldey Beacom School of Business in Wilmington, Delaware, and received a Letter of Recognition in Music Performance from Chesapeake College.

Ellen married William Maurice Sanger on October 4, 1964. They moved to Federalsburg, MD and later to Kent Island, MD, where they raised their family. Ellen supported Maurice in their Western Auto Store business. She was active in St. Christopher's Catholic Church Chester MD, singing in the choir, and teaching Sunday school. Ellen also served as Girl Scout Leader and sang with The Queen Anne's Chorale for many years.

In 2017, Maurice and Ellen retired to Rehoboth Beach, DE, a location Ellen had cherished since her early childhood. During her time there, she became a member of St. Edmunds Catholic Church and enjoyed spending time at the beach with her children and grandchildren. Her interests included sewing, designing garments for her children, gardening, and traveling. She particularly

valued her annual trips to Aruba with family and friends.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Sanger is survived by her 6 children, William Jeffery Sanger (Carol); Elizabeth Sanger Scipione (Richard); Marie Annette Sanger; Kathleen Michelle Morgan; Lisa Sanger Lynch; Stephanie Ellen Downey (Christopher); 7 grandchildren, Nicole Bilbrough (Sean); Alison Sanger (Haleigh); Kathleen Sanger; Miles Campbell; Simon Downey; Claire Downey; Madison Downey; 3 great grandchildren, John Bilbrough; Caroline Bilbrough; and Henry Bilbrough; 2 brothers, Thomas Lee Startt(Bonnie); and Patrick Glenn Startt. She was predeceased by her grandson, William Nathan Gardner; son-in-law John B. Lynch, III; sister Kathleen Marie Startt and brother Robert Kenly Startt, Jr.

A viewing will be held at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Centreville, on Thursday October 23rd, from 4 to 6 pm. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church on Friday October 24th at 11:00 am. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in Ellen's name to:

Our Mother of Sorrows / St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

St. Peter's Restoration Fund, 303 Chesterfield Ave, Centreville, MD 21617

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway  
Queenstown, MD 21658

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church  
301 Homewood Avenue  
Centreville, MD 21617

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - October 23, 2025 at 08:25 AM

SA

*We had some lovely times when we visited. Always welcoming us to into your home with warmth and grace. Rest in peace dear Ellen. Your friend Sandy Aumiller*

**Sandy Aumiller** - October 24, 2025 at 06:40 AM

DG

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs Ellen May your hearts be filled with beautiful memories sending my condolences*



**Deborah Coles Gray** - October 24, 2025 at 10:29 PM

DT

“ *Diana/Stu Tarrant lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger*



**Diana/Stu Tarrant** - October 23, 2025 at 08:51 PM

BC

“ Beth, so sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort at this time.

Billie Carroll - October 23, 2025 at 08:13 PM

RR

“ Elizabeth  
Please accept my condolences for the lost of your mother. I will be praying for you and your family at this difficult time.



Robin Rankins - October 23, 2025 at 06:34 PM

KR

“ The Pierson family sends their love and prayers to all of Ms. Ellen's family at this difficult time. We were blessed to have known Ms. Ellen for many years a forever friend to our family. Thinking of you all - Scott and Kim Ruth

Kim Ruth - October 23, 2025 at 02:39 PM

SH

“ So many wonderful memories of summers and vacations spent with Aunt Ellen and the whole family. Aunt Ellen you were beautiful inside and out and your presence will be missed forever.

Sarah Helfenbein - October 23, 2025 at 09:54 AM

JM

“ Jeff & Kerrie Morris lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



Jeff & Kerrie Morris - October 23, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.



October 23, 2025 at 07:44 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.



October 23, 2025 at 07:19 AM



“ Vicki T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Startt Sanger.

Vicki T. - October 22, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ With sympathy, the Vetere Family! purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.



With sympathy, the Vetere Family! - October 22, 2025 at 08:50 PM

WF

“ With sympathy, the Vetere Family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Startt Sanger.

With sympathy, the Vetere Family! - October 22, 2025 at 08:50 PM

BB

“ Bob and Sheryl Biem purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.



Bob and Sheryl Biem - October 22, 2025 at 08:08 PM

AW

“ Andy And Agnes Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



Andy and Agnes Wilhelm - October 22, 2025 at 07:23 PM

JK

“ I remember Ellen from when my family first moved to Easton. Our back yards shared a common fence. I was about 12 at the time. Ellen was always kind and we, and a group of other kids, often walked home from school together. I will pray for your soul to find eternal rest with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Joan (Seymour) Krabill - October 22, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.*



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October 22, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *Gladys K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Startt Sanger.*

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**Gladys K.** - October 22, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *Bo And Amy Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger*



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**Bo and Amy Greenwood** - October 22, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ *Wanda& Kenny Angie&Scott Bobby&Cheryl purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.*



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**Wanda& Kenny Angie&Scott Bobby&Cheryl** - October 22, 2025 at 03:57 PM

TF

“ *The Sloane Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.*



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**The Sloane Family** - October 22, 2025 at 01:06 PM

JF

“ *Joe & Erin Cooper Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.*



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**Joe & Erin Cooper Family** - October 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM

JF

“ *Joe & Erin Cooper Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Startt Sanger.*

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**Joe & Erin Cooper Family** - October 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM

BQ

“ *Bruce Quinn lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger*



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**Bruce Quinn** - October 21, 2025 at 10:47 PM

DC

“ Dianne Fowler Cronshaw  
Lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger.



Dianne Fowler Cronshaw - October 21, 2025 at 10:43 PM

DC

“ Dianne Fowler Cronshaw



Dianne Fowler Cronshaw - October 21, 2025 at 10:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of Ellen Startt Sanger.



October 21, 2025 at 09:33 PM

LC

“ Love, Beckie, Kyle and Connor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Ellen Startt Sanger.

Love, Beckie, Kyle and Connor - October 21, 2025 at 09:33 PM

WT

“ Winfield T. purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.



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**Winfield T.** - October 21, 2025 at 06:12 PM

WT

“ Winfield T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Startt Sanger.

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**Winfield T.** - October 21, 2025 at 06:12 PM

BS

“ Billy and Jen Scott purchased the *Guiding Light Bouquet* for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.



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**Billy and Jen Scott** - October 21, 2025 at 03:28 PM

BS

“ Billy and Jen Scott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Startt Sanger.

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**Billy and Jen Scott** - October 21, 2025 at 03:28 PM

LP

“ Love, Gretchen Peters purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.



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**Love, Gretchen Peters** - October 21, 2025 at 03:05 PM

LP

“ Love, Gretchen Peters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Startt Sanger.

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**Love, Gretchen Peters** - October 21, 2025 at 03:05 PM

CO

“ Dear Jeff and all of the Sanger family,  
Please accept my condolences.  
Let perpetual light shine on your mother and may she rest in peace.  
(Mrs.) Clare O'Brien

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**Clare O'Brien** - October 21, 2025 at 02:40 PM

BH

“ Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



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**Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth** - October 21, 2025 at 02:07 PM

SS

“ To Maurice and family, so many memories with you all. Ellen always entertained whenever we would get together. She was a kind person, loved her children growing up, always had a smile whenever we met. With our deepest thoughts, prayers and blessings.

*Steve and Winky Sewell*

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**Steve and Winky Sewell** - October 21, 2025 at 01:44 PM

SJ

“ Rip Ma. Sanger you will be missed by many!!!!



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**sol james** - October 21, 2025 at 11:53 AM

KP

“ Keith And Kim Parkerson lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



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**Keith and Kim Parkerson** - October 21, 2025 at 11:44 AM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



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**Doug Pierson** - October 21, 2025 at 11:20 AM

KP

“ *Kay Parramore lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger*



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**Kay Parramore** - October 21, 2025 at 10:49 AM

TF

“ *The Parramore Family lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger*



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**The Parramore Family** - October 21, 2025 at 10:48 AM

KL

“ *Maurice and family,  
So sorry to hear of Ellen's passing. May God wrap His loving arms  
around each of you and give you comfort and peace.*

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**Kathy T Lantz** - October 21, 2025 at 08:19 AM

BT

“ *Bruce & Patti Tarr lit a candle in memory of  
Ellen Startt Sanger*



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**Bruce & Patti Tarr** - October 21, 2025 at 07:28 AM

WT

“ We are so sad to hear this news. Ellen was such a bright light in the world, and always such a beauty. We will miss her dearly. Our heartfelt love, thoughts and prayers go out to Maurice and all the Sanger family.

*Win and Diane Trice*

**Win and Diane Trice** - October 21, 2025 at 12:47 AM

WT

“ Win & Diane Trice sent a virtual gift in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



**Win & Diane Trice** - October 21, 2025 at 12:27 AM

WT

“ Win And Diane Trice lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



**Win and Diane Trice** - October 21, 2025 at 12:24 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - October 20, 2025 at 11:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Startt Sanger.



October 20, 2025 at 10:42 PM



“ Love the Downey family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Startt Sanger.

Love the Downey family - October 20, 2025 at 10:42 PM



“ Frank And Jarrett Smith lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



Frank and Jarrett Smith - October 20, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ Mitchell Andrew lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



Mitchell Andrew - October 20, 2025 at 09:37 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



June Clark - October 20, 2025 at 09:29 PM

RJ

“ Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - October 20, 2025 at 08:12 PM

KO

“ Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



Kari Oulahyane - October 20, 2025 at 06:32 PM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Ellen Startt Sanger



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - October 20, 2025 at 04:30 PM

JE

*Maurice and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. We loved this beautiful lady. Our most heartfelt sympathy to you and your lovely family. Sincerely, Jim and Mary Ann Edwards*

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**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - October 20, 2025 at 04:33 PM

SR

“ *Ellen will be missed by many. Her love of beautiful things will always be admired and remembered. Rest in peace beautiful friend.* ”

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**Sharon Robertson** - October 20, 2025 at 04:18 PM