



Esther Elisabeth Swann

November 3, 1999

Esther Elisabeth "Ellie" Swann of Trappe died on Wednesday, November 3, 1999 at the Talbot Hospice House after battling lung cancer for three years. She was 76.

Born in Baltimore on June 23, 1923, she was the one of nine children of the late Hans Torwald and Olga Khristina Johansen Ellingsen, both Norwegian immigrants. Her father was an engineer on merchant ships sailing out of Baltimore, and he survived nearly a month in a lifeboat after a German submarine sank his ship in WWII. She grew up in Overlea and graduated from Kenwood High School.

She completed her nurse's training at Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore. For a time during WWII, she worked at the Glenn L. Martin plant in Middle River. In 1946, she married Army veteran, James Ross Swann, and they lived in Eastern Shore towns of Chestertown, Queenstown, and Easton before settling in Trappe in the 1960's. She worked as a nurse and nursing supervisor at The Memorial Hospital, Easton and the House in the Pines nursing home in Easton. After she retired from nursing, she was an organist at Faith Chapel United Methodist Church in Bruceville. She enjoyed swimming, music, and being with her children. Mrs. Swann was a member of the Trappe United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Robert Swann of Baltimore; a daughter, Lisa E. Cramm of Washington D.C.; two sisters, Olga Dickson of Timonium, and Hannah Marie Flitton of Norfolk, VA; and three grandsons. Funeral services are private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

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