



Elizabeth Ellen Karriker

November 22, 1944 - March 30, 2020

ELIZABETH (ELLEN) MELCHOR KARRIKER

Ellen flew with the angels on Monday, March 30th, 2020. She was born in Mooresville, NC on November 22, 1944 to the late Otis Archie and Jennie Byrd (Arthurs) Melchor. Ellen graduated from Mooresville Senior High School in 1963 and worked in clerical positions until she found her true calling in the 1980s as a preschool teacher at First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville. She taught for over 22 years as “Miss Ellen,” (as she was lovingly called by so many children) until she retired in 2006. Not one to sit for long, she soon began working part-time at Tuesday Morning where she met many wonderful new friends. She had a second retirement party just this past November, ending her 13 years with Tuesday Morning at the age of 75.

Ellen met James (Jim) Richard Karriker at a holiday dance in 1968. Jim was a 6'2" young Navy veteran who was smitten by the barely 5-foot tall Ellen. They married on February 14, 1969 after courting for only three months. They soon moved to Charlotte, then later to Raleigh for Jim's job, then eventually back to Mooresville where they bought their home on Glenwood Drive and started a family. Although the budget was often tight over the years, Ellen and Jim made sure the family had a vacation together every summer, mostly camping at the mountains or the beach. In fact, Ellen LOVED the beach. It was her favorite place to go. She would walk miles on the beach every day, enjoying the sounds of the waves and the sea gulls chattering away.

She was a caring person to all, but she had a special place in her heart for animals. Her backyard was a sanctuary to all kinds of birds, cats, and the occasional raccoon (and even a little skunk one summer). Her most beloved pets over the years were Sheeba, the best Australian Shephard mix anyone could ever have; her loyal Midnight, a short hair black cat; and, most recently, Mookie, a gentle white cat who misses her very much already.

Ellen was preceded in death by her husband, Jim.

Survivors include her son Ronald Todd Karriker (Glenda) of Fort Mill; daughter Jennie Karriker Davis (Jim) of Concord; grandchildren Meagan Sutton Dailey (Justin); Mackenzie Sutton LaFlamme (Zackery); Pierson Davis and Scarlett Davis. She also leaves behind two great-grandchildren: Raegan Dailey and Everly LaFlamme.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to Lake Norman Lucky Cats, 20117 W Catawba Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031 or to The National Audubon Society, Attn: Tribute Gifts, 225 Varick St. 7th floor, New York, NY 10014 (or by phone at 844-428-3826).

The family will have a celebration of life at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 13 at Ellen's longtime home, 239 Glenwood Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115. Her wishes were to have the service in her backyard under her big oak tree. Details will be announced closer to the time of the service.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving Mrs. Karriker's family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

2297 Coddle Creek Hwy

Mooresville, NC, 28115

Comments



“ Jennie, I am so sorry to learn of your Mother's passing. My Mother lived at the end of Glenwood (Evelyn Brannon) and when I transferred from Atlanta back to Charlotte we lived with her for almost a year. My children, Eddie and Lori Sloop, enjoyed getting to know you during that time. Lori passed away almost 4 years ago and Eddie lives in Monroe. Your Mother was a beautiful lady.

Anne Lombardo - April 14 at 03:59 PM



“ Ms Ellen was such a sweet neighbor here on Glenwood Drive. I'm so sorry to all her family and friends. I enjoyed sharing vegetables from our garden with her. Those cats love and miss her so much. Such a wonderful lady. Prayers for you all.

Linda Hunter - April 11 at 12:59 PM



“ I have so many memories because Sherry, Ellen, and I spent so much time together! Some of them I can't relate here!

Clara Brawley Underwood - April 09 at 07:41 PM



“ Ellen will be missed by many. She left behind two WONDERFUL children and her grandchildren! I will always picture her at the beach, grinning ear to ear the entire time!



Lara - April 07 at 10:52 AM



“ “Miss Ellen” was our daughter Paige's first teacher at First Presbyterian Preschool. We have fond memories of Ellen at preschool then later at Tuesday Morning. She was always smiling. Our sympathies go out to her family. Mark, Ann and Paige Goodson.



“ My goodness! Had no idea she had passed away. I live just up the street from her and have noticed her car at home all the time but thought, with this virus, she was taking time off. I will miss the occasional chat with her about the neighbors and her kitties. She was a great lover of animals which, to us, goes a very long way. Our thoughts go out to her family during this difficult time. Elaine and Garry Honbarger

Elaine Honbarger - April 05 at 06:00 PM



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Jennie Davis - April 03 at 09:31 PM



“ Is Bubba still alive?

Clara Brawley Underwood - April 12 at 12:38 AM



“ HAVENT SEEN ELLEN SINCE THE GOOD DAYS OF SCHOOL.

SUCH FOND MEMORIES OF HER SCOOTING AND ALWAYS IN A HURRY IN THE HALLS OF M.H.S. AND ALWAYS A SMILE FOR EVERYONE.

MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THIS WONDERFUL FRIEND AND CLASSMATE.

Mike Moore - April 01 at 07:37 PM



“ Love miss ellen was such a loving person will miss her dearly Love you Cindy Dalton



CindyDalton - April 01 at 07:22 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to all the family of Miss Ellen. She always made me smile and laugh working with her at Tuesday Morning. Rest in peace dear lady. Love,
SandySiebenhaar

Sandy siebenhaar - April 01 at 12:48 PM