



Ellen "Belle" Hilliard

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Ellen Jean (Barnett) Hilliard died peacefully in her home in Annapolis, Maryland, among family, on November 6, 2024.

Born on April 7, 1951 in Bethesda, Maryland, it wasn't long before she was on the move with her Navy family to Alaska, to Minnesota, to Rhode Island, to Hawaii (where at the ripe age of 10 years old she was present as Hawaii was welcomed into statehood), to Kami Seya, Japan, to Florida, and back full circle to Ft. Meade, Maryland - bringing the count to 6 states and two countries all in the span of her first 15 years.

While attending Arundel High School, she met a fellow by the name of Dale Hilliard on her 16th birthday who impressed her with a first date in the front row of a Simon and Garfunkel concert. They married in 1972 and began building their family, with oldest son Christopher Todd born in 1974, followed by Benjamin Dale in 1976, and finally Adam in 1979. After graduating from Towson State as a speech therapist, she worked in the Anne Arundel County public school system. After this, she became a Real Estate Appraiser, eventually starting her own appraisal company and getting ahead of the work from home trend by several decades. Somebody needed to protect the house with three boys running around during the day; four boys in the evenings when Dale returned home from his diligent work. Her work was her income; her family was her joy.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, Sue and Harris (Barney) Barnett. Continuing her legacy are her sister Liz Schubert, her brother Jim Barnett, sons Christopher, Ben, and Adam Hilliard, daughter-in-law Amy Hilliard, beloved grandchildren Charlie, Mackenzie, and Addyson Hilliard, Hannah Clark, and Robert Walker and her beloved husband Dale Hilliard. And so many others.

A Memorial Service for Ellen Hilliard will be held at Lasting Tributes Cremation and Funeral Care (814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401) starting at 3:00pm on



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November 14th. Family and friends are also welcome to gather for viewing and visitation at 1:00pm and until the beginning of the service. In lieu of flowers, the Hilliard family would like to encourage friends to donate to "Linda's Legacy", an organization supporting the homeless and in particular, children in need.

[https://www.homelessdrive.org/checkout/donate?
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Events

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Viewing

 **Thursday**, November 14, 2024

 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401



Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, November 14, 2024

 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Leif Dormsjo sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Hilliard family.

November 12 at 6:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hilliard family.

November 12 at 3:12 PM



Megan F. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Ellen.

November 12 at 1:26 PM



Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Hilliard family.

November 12 at 10:48 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ellen.

November 12 at 10:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Hilliard family.

November 10 at 6:02 PM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ellen.



November 10 at 6:02 PM



Heather posted:

Chris, Adam and Ben- my heart goes out to you. Losing your mother at any time of your lifespan is heartbreaking. May you find comfort in your friends and loved ones to help you navigate this change to your lives. Take care- Heather Strasser

November 10 at 2:02 PM



Sue Hood posted:

It was with a heavy heart that I read this news. Ellen was a Co-op mom at Colonial Nursery School for several years while I was teaching there. She was an amazing mom to her three boys, and an incredible teacher as well. She was always full of energy and provided many creative ideas for the classroom. We kept touch over the years, maintaining the warmth of our friendship. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her!

November 9 at 1:49 PM



Hodge/Lights Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hilliard family.



November 9 at 12:17 PM



Hodge/Lights Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ellen.



November 9 at 12:17 PM



Cassandra Lame-Flores (West Texas) sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Hilliard family.



November 9 at 11:04 AM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hilliard family.



November 9 at 9:27 AM



Brad K Davis posted:

Growing up with her sons as a surrogate Berkshire kid, she always welcomed me with open arms. Her home was always warm and full of love and the rampage of the boys. While it has been some time since our last meeting, I am confident that our next one will not skip a beat in presenting that welcoming smile and fiery red hair lighting up the room. I can personally say, when knowing her I needed love and kindness, she never disappointed. Between her and across the street Sally Shifler two great women made an impact on this man. Grateful and May God Bless you and your wonderful family.

November 9 at 9:24 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ellen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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