



Ellen Alwilda MacMorran Shaffer

July 14, 1930 - January 15, 2021

Ellen Alwilda MacMorran Shaffer, 90. Widow of Raymond L. Shaffer, of Towanda, PA passed away Friday evening, January 15, 2021 at the Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA. Ellen was the eldest child of Richard V. and Florence W. Hicks MacMorran of Saco, having been born on July 14, 1930 at the Mills Hospital in Towanda. She attended the Fisher School at Standing Stone, the Saco School, and Towanda High School, with the Class of 1948. In early years Ellen worked as a waitress at various restaurants including Johnson's (later Horutz's) on old Bridge Street and the Gay-Aten on Main Street in Towanda. The majority of her life was devoted to her home and family. She kept a nice home and was always looking for ways to make it a little better; working very hard to provide good food by gardening, canning and freezing vegetables and fruit. Ellen enjoyed sewing and made and altered many of her children's clothes over the years and also made draperies and curtains. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and spent lots of time caring for her grandchildren. Ellen was an avid Bible student having become one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1970, and she liked to talk to people about the prophecies that apply to our day and how the Lord's prayer of peace "as in Heaven, also here on earth" will come about. Ellen loved her pets and always had a dog and at least one cat, sometimes taking in homeless animals. Her husband of almost 50 years preceded her in death on April 28, 2003, as did her father, Richard, on November 2, 1997, mother, Florence, on January 5, 2000, infant great grandson, Michael Paul Shaffer on

December 23, 1991, great granddaughter, Chelsey Ann Proehl on September 2, 1998, and brothers, Richard Elwin MacMorran on June 22, 2016, and Kenneth Lyle MacMorran on April 16, 2007.

Ellen is survived by her five children, Irene Ann (Timothy) Phinney of Puerto Rico and Sayre, Ronald R. (Janice) Shaffer of Alabama and Terrytown, Elaine M. (Michael) Lovegreen of Waverly, Stephen R. Shaffer of Durell, Nathan L. Shaffer of Towanda, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Shirley B. (Donald) Barnes of North Tonawanda, NY, a brother, Gerald W. (Dottie) MacMorran of Dandridge, TN, brother-in-law, Martin Shaffer of Powell, sisters-in-law, Christine Shaffer of Liberty Corners, and Jackie MacMorran of Lake Havasu City, AZ, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements are made at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. Due to the pandemic, a small private graveside service will be held for the immediate family, with a larger memorial service to be planned in the future. Interment will be in Bradford County Memorial Park, Burlington Township, PA.

Contributions in memory of Ellen may be directed to the Bradford County Humane Society, P.O. Box 179, Ulster, PA 18850 or an animal care organization of your choice. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen Alwilda MacMorran Shaffer*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Ellen Alwilda MacMorran Shaffer*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Ellen Alwilda MacMorran Shaffer*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Ellen Alwilda MacMorran Shaffer*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Ellen Alwilda MacMorran Shaffer*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *My condolences to all of Ellen's family. I remember her for her kindness. The Shaffer and MacMorran families are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Annette Beaumont

Annette Beaumont - January 28, 2021 at 03:23 PM

DH

“ My Dear Aunt Ellen-she always was a respected,devoted,hardworking and caring person. She was a true lady-good, honest and humble. She was a second mom and role model for me growing up and I will always hold so very many special times and memories very close to my heart-some happy and some sad. Her and my mom, Shirley, were very close throughout the years and I'll never forget all the great times our family had going “down home “ as my mom would say to visit grandma grandpa and Aunt Ellen and Uncle Ray and all the cousins-never forget the reunions she always put together so lovingly and the great vacations in Golden Lake-her love of God and family , her love of nature and beauty and animals. There are so many moments in her life we all shared and always will be remembered!!!! May she Rest In Peace!!!



donna hartman - January 20, 2021 at 12:57 PM

CS

“ My Aunt Ellen will be truly missed, but I have such wonderful memories of her. A small meek woman of stature, but she had a very big heart that reached everyone!! She never judged anyone and had a way to make everyone feel valued. I enjoyed so much visiting Pennsylvania,staying at the big farm house that was so warm and inviting. She loved to take care of everyone else that she worked too hard many times making exceptional meals for all to enjoy. Family was everything to her and she would work hard on family reunions. Our family would meet many years at a cabin up in Golden lake and we shared so many fun times with her, uncle Ray and my cousins. You will never be forgotten and I'll always remember your sweet smile and loving, warm way.

Cindy Semelsberger - January 19, 2021 at 01:35 PM

SB

“ *Ellen was my big sister. She always seemed so grown up to me. When I married and lived in Buffalo with my family we would sometimes visit "Aunt Ellen". She was always in the kitchen, often with our mother, preparing big dinners for whoever and however many would be there to eat in her big dining room. She was always waiting on everyone making sure everyone had everything they needed. She raised a family to be proud of. When she could no longer take care of them or herself they took care of her. Even though she was very frail the last years of her life she worried about others. To know her was to love her. She is now resting in peace.*

Shirley Barnes - January 18, 2021 at 01:28 PM

MD

“ My dear Aunt Ellen was a very special person! She was my mom's oldest sibling, 10 years older than her, but they were always very close. Even though they lived in different states for the last 55 years, they would visit now and then, but always wrote letters, and cards, and talked on the phone regularly. I have way too many memories to write down, but ALL of them are good! I used to come spend a month down there in the summer for a couple years, when i was young, and I really enjoyed those times with her! She always treated EVERYONE with love and kindness! We enjoyed many years of going camping at Golden Lake with her, Uncle Ray, and Steve & Nathan. We also enjoyed visiting with all the cousins when we came down in recent years, as well! And of course we enjoyed going to her congregation meetings with her, when we came to visit in the last several years. When I think of her, I mostly think of her loving kindness, generosity, hospitality, wonderful meals, what a wonderful family person she was, and her immense love for her pets, and animals, in general! She is now in the safest place she could be - God's Memory!



Love,
Merry Lynn Dumais & Family

Merry Lynn Dumais - January 18, 2021 at 01:21 PM

CH

“ Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Ellen Alwilda MacMorran Shaffer



Claire Holton-Lizon - January 18, 2021 at 09:48 AM

KW

“ Aunt Ellen was always very sweet and nice to me growing up and after I had my own family. We loved to go visit with her and Peppy. We will miss her very much. Karen, Ray, Ryan & Ethan



Karen Weingartner - January 17, 2021 at 07:23 PM

CP

“ Ellen has been our neighbor for many years. She always looked out for her neighbors. She would call to check and see if everything was o.k. especially if she had not seen us in a while. Her love for her birds, dogs and other animals went above and beyond. Her dog Peppy was her loving companion. Peppy was always her first concern even though she was failing in health. She will be deeply missed.

Gary & Charlotte Parks

Charlotte & Gary Parks - January 17, 2021 at 08:27 AM