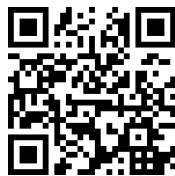




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Ellen Lynn Maddox (Smith), 66, of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, passed away Monday, August 25, 2025, at her home, with her loving husband by her side. Her wish is to be interred with her husband in a National Military Cemetery. No memorial services are being held at this time.

She was born on May 24, 1959 in Lake Hurst, New Jersey to Ernest “Ed” Smith and Gaylinn Eshom Smith Frantz. Ellen’s father was in the Navy, so she grew up in many places, spending her formative years in San Diego, California.

Ellen moved to Virginia Beach and met Daryl Maddox who was serving in the Navy. Ellen and Daryl married on June 12, 1982 and raised their family in Virginia Beach, VA, Coronado, CA, and Spotsylvania, VA.

Ellen made a career of teaching almost exclusively at Chancellor High School teaching Special Education students in Spotsylvania County. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the University of LaVern, LaVern California (Summa cum laude).

She pursued many interests and hobbies. She was a talented photographer, gardener, a certified Scuba Diver, an aerobics dance instructor, and qualified as an Expert Rifleman and Sharpshooter Pistol shot.

Ellen leaves behind a legacy of family members, including her husband, Daryl Maddox; stepmother, Patricia Smith; sisters Valerie Tiffany and Amy Hepner; brothers Steve Smith and Bruce Smith; daughters Kristi Zimmerman (Christopher), Kara Drewry, and Michelle Choi (Jacob); and grandchildren Caitlyn Major (Zimmerman), Ellenor Zimmerman, Annaleigh Zimmerman, Grayson Drewry, Kaylor Zimmerman, Evelyn Choi, Diana Choi, and Lael Choi.

Most importantly, Ellen is a child of God, selfless, a friend to many, and a wonderful person. She was loyal, loving, sweet, and a kind, gentle soul. Above all, Ellen was a firm believer in God; her



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savior is Jesus Christ and she spread the news about His saving power to all who listened. She truly encompassed the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Ellen was loved by all who knew her beautiful spirit and will be greatly missed.



Tribute Wall

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Jeanne Bergeron lit a candle in honor of Ellen.

Ellen you were instrumental in getting my child through high school, and will always be a part of myself becoming a special education teacher! You will be missed.

September 27 at 9:45 AM



Dawn Shelley lit a candle in honor of Ellen.

I am so sorry for your loss.

September 7 at 11:01 AM



Michelle Maddox lit a candle in honor of Ellen.

I had to best mom, and always hope to be half the mother she was to my girls. I miss you, and I will strive to meet you in heaven.

September 5 at 6:02 PM



Mary Lysher posted:

I world with Ellen at Chancellor High School. She was an amazing math teacher and most importantly a good friend. Loved our game nights! Always fun and loved her family! Love to Daryl and her girls! They are amazing! ❤️ Will miss this beautiful friend. Praying for peace for your loss.

September 5 at 4:48 PM



Dawn Ferguson posted:

Ellen was always the calm sister, the cool and collected, ready to handle a crisis with grace & kindness sister. I recall a time, when her girls were little and one fell into the pool. Ellen walked by - and in mid sentence- swooped an arm down plucking her from the water. She didn't miss a beat and her voice never wavered. Ellen was generous with her time, making you feel cared for & included, even when you scratched her favorite cake pan while using it to make lasagna. Her caring spirit and positivity will be missed. I'm grateful to have grown up knowing her and her warmth and learned from her how to show kindness to others, even when you disagree.

September 4 at 4:42 AM



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DS

David And Caroline Servick lit a candle in honor of Ellen.

David and Caroline Servick lit a candle in memory of Ellen Maddox

September 3 at 4:51 PM



JB

Janet Aswegan-Barton lit a candle in honor of Ellen.

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September 3 at 3:23 PM



KZ

Kristi Zimmerman posted:

My mom: she was my biggest fan and cheerleader. She never missed a game, concert, performance, activity, and only 18 inches of snow kept her from being there for Ellie's birth, but she was there for all others! She used a bent finger to tell the story of how God healed her when she almost lost it! She sang Barbra Streisand so loudly while cleaning, hated dirty floors, swam naked in her pool (lol she cracks me up!), was up for adventures, and hated the words "hey" (hay is for horses) and "cent" (like fifty cent, its plural, it really bothered her!). Kristi

September 3 at 9:14 AM

ML

Mary Lysher September 5 at 4:42 PM

So sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. She was a wonderful friend and person. She helped some many kids love and learn math! Sending love and hugs to you and your family!
Mary Lysher

LS

Lynne Slater posted:

Ellen and started teaching together the same year. She was a wonderful coworker and friend. We had so much fun helping out when Mark's nephew got married at the lake, we had so many laughs! Sending love to Daryl, her girls (she was so proud of her daughters), and her family.

September 2 at 4:30 PM

CZ

Chris And Sandi Zimmerman lit a candle in honor of Ellen.

Chris and Sandi Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Ellen Maddox

September 2 at 3:32 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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