



Ellen Person

August 10, 2019

Julia Ellen Person, 92, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend passed away on August 10, 2019. Ellen was the youngest of four daughters born to Julia and Charles Alexander Willey in Grassfield, Virginia. She grew up under modest circumstances during the Great Depression. A graduate of Deep Creek High School, Ellen became a hair stylist and worked in that field for a time, later working as a secretary at Westinghouse for several years.

She married James Ellis Person in 1953 and enjoyed over 60 years of happy marriage until her husband's passing in 2014. Ellen and Jim loved each other and their family with a love that lasted every day of their lives. She enjoyed life and laughter, especially when attending events at church and family gatherings.

Ellen was an accomplished painter in oils, a real estate saleswoman, and a businesswoman who co-founded The Printing Center in Churchland. She was an active member of Centenary United Methodist Church, Portsmouth, and an active supporter of Persons United Methodist Church, Drewryville, VA. An avid golfer and bridge player, she was also a longtime member of Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club.

Ellen is survived by her sons James Ellis (Lista) Person Jr. and Jeffrey Van

(Katherine) Person, as well as five grandchildren: David (Stephanie), Rebekah, Ashten, Kellen (Steven), and Tyler. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, James Edward Person and Aaron David Person as well as her brother-in-law, Maurice A. Person, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Avenue, Portsmouth, VA, on Wednesday, August 14, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, Thursday, August 15, at 11:00 a.m., with the Rev. John Cole II officiating. Interment will follow at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, Suffolk.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Centenary United Methodist Church, 3312 Cedar Lane, Portsmouth, VA 23703, or Persons United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 14121, Richmond, VA 23225, Attn. Mark Person, Treasurer.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA 23435

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Celebration of Life

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centenary United Methodist Church
3312 Cedar Lane
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to the family and friends of this sweet lady. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

*Richard Reese
Karan Smith
Edward Jones Investments, Suffolk, VA*

Karan Smith - August 14, 2019 at 10:10 AM

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“ *Ellen was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met. Her smile and laugh was so uplifting. She loved life, laughter and the Lord. I will cherish the friendship we had and the laughs we had when we were together. God definitely received a precious angel when he took her home. You will be surely missed. Love you.*

Karan Smith

Karan Smith - August 14, 2019 at 10:06 AM

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“ *Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family and friends of Ms. Person.*

*"Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear."*

*Joe & Ann Lamb & Family
Dan, Pat and Daniel Hardy
The Staff of Joe Lamb Jr. & Associates*

JODIE HERMAN - August 13, 2019 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Ellen was the most gracious sweet woman, I loved her humor and trips together with mom. I'll miss you Ellen rest peacefully now. Love kay*



Kay sexton - August 12, 2019 at 10:33 AM