



## Ms. Melvina "Ellie" Ramirez

November 28, 1938 - May 7, 2018

Melvina "Ellie" Ramirez, age 79, made her journey home peacefully on May 7, 2018, with her daughter Lisa and Granddaughter Angela by her side.

Ellie is survived by her daughter, Lisa Ramirez & Dean Norby, who Ellie referred to affectionately as her "un son-in-law", her granddaughters, Angela Norby & Mya Ramirez, and Great Grandson, Maurice Norby.

Brother and Sister-in-law, Gary & Sharon Ellis, Sister and Brother-in-law, Jane & Dave Schultz, many nephews, nieces (the originals and the greats) as well as extended family and dear friends.

Ellie is preceded in death by her parents, Campbell & Mildred Ellis, and infant sister, Mary Ann.

Ellie was raised on the family farm in Mapleton, MN. After graduating High School in 1956, Ellie moved to Minneapolis to work at Aetna Life Insurance in the secretarial pool. She continued her career as a secretary at Columbia Records. Ellie moved on to become a legal secretary and worked at Leonard, Street & Dienard, Hart & Bruner, and retired from Faegre & Benson in 2009.

Ellie was an excellent cook and even tried her skills professionally during the early 1980's offering a "Mexican menu" once a week at Mutt & Jeff's, Gramma B.'s and Elsie's restaurant all while maintaining her full-time job.

Along with cooking, Ellie loved to entertain and was the consummate hostess. She loved hosting card parties, family holiday parties, whenever a chance to host, whatever the occasion, Ellie was happy to oblige.

Besides entertaining and cooking, Ellie had an unbelievable sense of humor and enjoyed writing poetry, playing the organ, playing cards, online games, Facebook and the news....news of any kind from CNN to TMZ, Ellie loved to keep up to date on current events.

In August 2014, Ellie fell and broke her hip and unfortunately never fully recovered. Ellie had a difficult time with rehabilitation and regaining mobility and during this time, Ellie was diagnosed with some form of Parkinson's disease. Not too long afterwards, she moved from the nursing home to live with Lisa and her family.

Ellie was proudly independent and lived her life the way she chose. Some of it good, some not-so-good but Ellie always said she wouldn't change one thing in her life because it gave her her one and only child, Lisa and subsequently her granddaughters, whom she ADORED and a great grandson she treasured!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel  
1400 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
(952) 938-9020  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Chapel Service

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Not a day has gone by I don't think about you! I love you dearly and miss you even more. Thank you for not only being a supportive, patient Mother but also a caring and funny friend. We went through a whole lot together, side by side, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. I love you, Mommy!

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**Lisa Ramirez** - June 13, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ Violets And Butterflies was purchased for the family of Ms. Melvina "Ellie" Ramirez.



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June 12, 2018 at 12:59 PM