



Eleanor Smith Farrington

February 10, 1927 - September 8, 2020

Eleanor “Ellie” Smith Farrington, 93, of Newnan, GA, formerly of Westbrook, ME, died Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at Brookdale Newnan Assisted Living. She was born on February 10, 1927 in Bangor, Maine to the late Harold D. Smith and Marion Leathers Smith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of sixty years, A. Bernard “Bernie” Farrington; as well as her brothers Richard Smith and Sheldon Smith.

She is survived by her children Cynthia F. Cameron of Charlotte, NC; David and Sandra Farrington of Atlanta, GA; Sheryl Farrington of Vero Beach, FL; Jayne B. Farrington of Charlotte, NC; and Brian and Leanne Farrington of Fayetteville, GA. Grandchildren include Heather and Jeff Parnell, and Darren and Mary Beth Cameron of Katy, TX; Tayla and David Lane of Savannah, GA; Christopher Schulz, Evan and Elvia Schulz of Miami, FL and Bernie Schulz of Charlotte, NC; Corrie and Anderson Mills of Gainesville, GA, Amy Farrington of Atlanta, GA and Anna and Drew Backer of Clayton, GA as well as 17 great grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters Roberta Scott of Sullivan, ME; Barbara Haskell of Orrington, ME; Gloria Faulkner of Eddington, ME; and a brother Vaughn and Judith Smith of Bangor, ME and many nieces and nephews.

Eleanor grew up in Bangor, Maine and was a 1943 graduate of Bangor High School. After high school, she was employed by Sears and Roebuck where

she worked until she married Bernie. During their marriage, Eleanor stayed at home to raise their five children and was active in PTA and her church. She was a member of Columbia Street Baptist Church in Bangor, First Baptist Church of Westbrook and First Baptist Church of Newnan. Ellie became an accomplished seamstress, later starting a business buying and selling antiques and collectibles. When her youngest was in high school, she took a job at the Westbrook School Department as Secretary to the Superintendent. At 60, Ellie and Bernie made the transition to Newnan, GA to open the first Blimpie restaurant in the area, where she stayed until retirement nine years later. During this time Ellie took up oil painting, became a facilitator for a local Alzheimer's support group, joined the local Kiwanis, held offices in the NCAA, and continued to serve in her local church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mckoon.com. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests that contributions be made in Eleanor's memory to the First Baptist Church of Newnan, fbcnewnan.org OR to the Alzheimer's Association.

The mailing address to the Alzheimer's Association is as follows:

Alzheimers Association

Att. Georgia Chapter

4600 Park Road, Suite 250

Charlotte, NC 28209

In memory of Ellie Farrington

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday September 13th, at 2:00pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA 30263.

Masks are required. Streaming will be available.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory | 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Service

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Eleanor Smith Farrington*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - September 13, 2020 at 08:54 AM

KC

*RIP MS. ELEANOR. YOU AND MR. BERNIE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH THAT I STILL USE IN EVERYTHING I DO.
LOVE YOU,
KARRIE COOK*

Karrie Cook - September 13, 2020 at 02:54 PM

TS

A beautiful service I will always remember Miss Ellie Tina Speer @Brookdale

Tina Speer - September 13, 2020 at 03:10 PM

AN

Thank you. It was Beautiful service.

Anita Reid

Anita - September 13, 2020 at 03:10 PM

LS

Truly beautiful and captured her spirit perfectly. I wept and laughed and made myself seriously homesick. I will miss her so much.

linda sharp - September 13, 2020 at 03:12 PM

EN

Was so GREAT to be at my friends memorial service via computer as I live in Florida. Unable to travel at the moment...but so grateful for this opportunity as I knew all her children also.. Thank you so much. Eunice Nichols

Eunice Nichols - September 13, 2020 at 03:18 PM

WB

It was always a pleasure chatting with Mrs. Farrington as she worked in her yard. She loved Attending to her garden. She was such a kind lady and would speak so fondly of her children. Next thing you knew, she would take off in that big fine car waving so happily. Rest on Mrs. Farrington. The service was beautiful. My condolences to the family. Wanda Bonner, neighbor

wanda bonner - September 13, 2020 at 03:47 PM

MA

We first met Miss Ellie on an Art Walk right after we moved to Newnan. Such a sweet lady. It was a pleasure to see her smiling face at church.

Melanie Adcock - September 14, 2020 at 10:24 AM

LO

I could here Miss Ellie in every one of her children. Thank you dear children of Ellie for reminding me of her sayings and her sweet and kind nature. A friend from church. Laurene Olson

Laurene Olson - September 14, 2020 at 09:21 PM

BN

So many wonderful memories with this family. Miss Ellie, what an inspiration. Heaven has gained a wonderful woman. She is now home ,what a blessing...Condolences to the family. I love you all. ❤️

Beth Graves Napier - September 18, 2020 at 10:33 AM

AK

“ Please know that Miss Ellie was such a wonderful lady to all our football players! She was always such a joy to be with during trivia night. She was so kind and great with the boys! Miss Ellie will be missed!

Fondly,

Alison Kelleher and the boys of Newnan High Football  

Alison Kelleher - September 27, 2020 at 10:55 PM

LO

“ The very first time I met Miss Ellie we became fast friends. That was our first journey to volunteer at Camp Hawkins. On that occasion we did not stay at a hotel. We stayed at homes of church members near Camp Hawkins. Ellie and I were paired off to stay in the same home. Every night after we would get back to the home Ellie and I would stay up and talk about events of the day. She was assigned to Kitchen duty and I was assigned to recreation. We would share what happened to each of us during that day. We laughed a lot during that week! And she spent a lot of time telling me about Bernie and all her 5 children. She was a highlight that week and for many years after. In fact she even talked me into teaching her Sunday school class when she would make her yearly visits to Maine. What an amazing lady, friend and Christian she was. I really loved her.

I know her family misses her but Miss Ellie is with her Bernie and singing away in her mansion Jesus has prepared for her. I'm sure God said to her "Well done my good and faithful servant".

With love to the family, Laurene Olson

Laurene Olson - September 14, 2020 at 03:56 PM

CC

*Thank you for sharing that memory. I'd not remembered you went to Camp Hawkins with Mom. What year was that?
Cynthia*

Cynthia Cameron - September 14, 2020 at 08:33 PM

NH

“ *This world has lost a “DEAR” one who will be greatly missed!!!
!! While HEAVEN has gained a very “DEAR” soul!!!!!!
May God bless Ellie’s family & friends with special memories of her
!!❤️🌈🦋*

NANCY HELTON - September 13, 2020 at 02:21 PM

SB

“ *Dear Family, I was saddened to read of the passing of Eleanor. Her obituaries brought back many fond memories. When she would come to pattern Justine, (one of our very first and most dedicated volunteers), she always brought a positive attitude and a bright spot in my day. She once saw me ironing a shirt and very gently showed me that perhaps there was a better way without being critical. To this day, as I iron a shirt, I follow her instructions to a T. She was a wonderful person and a wonderful mom. I know that you all will miss, but just think of all the wonderful memories you have.*

Blessings to all of you.

Sandra Bois

Sandra Bois - September 13, 2020 at 01:36 PM

EC

“ I was very sorry to pick up the paper and see that your Mom had passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. I have very fond memories of her back when I was a kid growing up on Carlson Street. I even remember going on a trip to Bangor with her and Cynthia and I am sure there were other kids with us too. I would like to share with you something that was said to me when I lost my Mom and Dad that helped me: Those who we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

God's blessings to you all. Elmira (Gower) Collins

Elmira Gower Collins - September 13, 2020 at 12:43 PM

RD

“ I worked for Mr. Bernie and Ms. Eleanor at Blimpie for over a year and enjoyed it so much. They were both very nice people.

Rita DeVane - September 13, 2020 at 11:07 AM

TR

“ Good morning and my thoughts and prayers to Eleanor's family.

I am attaching a photo of a receipt for "Congo Bars" that i see frequently when I go to cook cookies. This came from my mom Ruth Rogers when both Eleanor and Ruth attended Columbia Street Baptist Church in Bangor, Maine. This sharing of a receipt tells me that our mothers were friends probably back in the 50', 60's; not sure of exact date.

Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Sincerely,

Tim Rogers, son of Ruth



Timothy Rogers - September 13, 2020 at 09:25 AM

CC

Did Mom type that recipe? We called them "Chocolate Chip Bars". Thank you for the memory.

Cynthia Cameron - September 14, 2020 at 08:31 PM

AK

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*Fondly,
Alison Kelleher and the boys of Newnan High Football* 🇺🇸 🇯🇲

Alison Kelleher - September 27, 2020 at 07:55 PM

AR

“ I will miss so many things now that she is gone. Our walk around my drive way 3 times in the morning many miles away from her. She and I shared so many things about our walks. She truly was an Angel walking around us. When I go for my walks and see the eagles and hawks fly I will think of Ellie. Bernie is happy she is home. Thanks family for sharing her with us. We are all blessed.

Anita Reid

Anita Reid - September 12, 2020 at 07:10 PM

JP

“ Our family has so many fond memories of Miss Ellie as my kids called her. She kept our kids when we went on a trip to Israel. They just loved her and we knew they were in good hands. She was such a godly woman and had the best attitude about life even during times of difficulty. What a wonderful legacy of faithfulness she was to us all! She will be greatly missed.

Pastor Jimmy and Amy Patterson

Jimmy and Amy Patterson - September 12, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ I met Ms. Ellie when I started a ministry at Brookdale. I've only known her for a little over a year but I know she is with our heavenly father now. Very sweet lady.
My condolences and prayers go out to her family.

Bro. Shane Bishop

Shane Bishop - September 12, 2020 at 02:34 PM

PC

“ I remember this special lady and her family from many years ago at First Baptist in Westbrook. My condolences go out to all her family. There is special comfort in knowing we will see our loved ones again. Pam Cullen (Grovo)

Pam Cullen - September 12, 2020 at 11:54 AM

CC

Very special hearing from you, Pam.
Cynthia

Cynthia Cameron - September 14, 2020 at 08:34 PM

LH

“ I met Ms Ellie when I started at First Baptist Newnan. She was always smiling and always was ready to share about what God is doing in her life. She will be missed but I know she is in the presence of Jesus. Love you very much and will miss you.

Linda Hall

Linda Hall - September 12, 2020 at 10:52 AM

GV

“ Miss Ellie and I met through Edward Jones and we became friends immediately, how could you not love her. Always smiling and giving of herself. A true believer in God and she went about doing all she could to help others. Talented and beautiful in every way. I loved her stories of family. A delightful soul has made heaven a brighter place. Ellie you will be missed and loved always. My prayer for the family is that you will find comfort and peace in knowing Miss Ellie is happy at home with Bernie. God bless you all.

Glenda Viverette - September 12, 2020 at 06:50 AM



“ *In the McKoon Chapel*

*I'm darkness dressed in darkness in this place
Of mourning where rememberers retrace
This lighted life that's left us lonely, lost,
And counting every penny of the cost
Of love that hurts but death cannot erase.*

*I'm empty bringing empty in with me,
And I will not be filled till I am free.
And are you free now, friend, and filled
With Grace and Glory from the Love that thrilled
You with the promise of new eyes to see,*

*New flesh to wear, new heaven and new earth?
We pause here at the other end of birth,
In darkness, dressed in darkness, in this place
Where emptiness is filled by Love's embrace.*

David Denton - September 12, 2020 at 04:27 AM

KD

“*Ellie was a beautiful woman with a beautiful smile. She was the most positive person I have ever met. Now when I start to get negative I ask myself “what would Ellie do”. It was always a joy to visit with her every Tuesday during our “Art-In” at the art house. We were both born in Maine and she would tell stories about growing up in Maine and about raising her kids. She spoke with such love about her family and how grateful she was for her wonderful children. It won’t be the same without her smiles and hugs every week. I will miss her more than I can put into words and Bruce will miss his “Special Lady”. Over the years she became much more than a friend. She was like a second mother to both of us. This week we lost an angel but heaven was given a special one.*

Karen and Bruce DeFelix

Karen DeFelix - September 11, 2020 at 06:11 PM

EE

“*Brian & Leanne,*

We were very sorry to hear of your loss.

Unfortunately, we can't come to the Memorial Service.

We will be praying for you and your family at this difficult time.

May God bless and keep you,

Erik and Mason Erikson

Erik Erikson - September 11, 2020 at 05:29 PM

EK

“ i have so many sweet and precious memories of Ellie....She was an amazing and talented woman who love the Lord with all her heart.And oh, how she loved her children.! I enjoyed so much when we would talk about the Sunday School lessons she was teaching to a class at First Baptist Newnan. She prepared and studied passionately her lessons. I loved her Facebook stories she wrote almost daily,,,many time telling of her childhood days and days when she was raising her family.And stories of her life with her Bernie! So many would make you laugh and have a happy feeling as you read them....And yes her stories would sometimes tell of the wonderful things of God' creation she saw on her daily "Three Times Around Walk" I always looked forward to visiting and chatting with Ellie when we got together with our children we shared ! I will miss Ellie....But i know she is rejoicing with happiness in the Presence of her Lord God whom she loved with all of her heart. See you later my sweet friend..... Thinking of all of her family with my love, prayers and sympathy!

Eleanor Koon - September 11, 2020 at 01:02 PM

BD

“ I was Cynthia's neighbor for 18 years I got to know most all her family I loved her mom she was an awesome cook and I could smell her cinnamon rolls from across the street! She was always so inviting so happy and full of love and I think her children and grandchildren have followed her on that! What a wonderful like she had I always have said she was my idol because she was so vibrant and active and beautiful! How wonderful to have your mother that long....She always was a teatime to of an awesome christian....I have always said Cynthia has a direct line to God I always ask her to pray for me! My heart aches for the sorrow but also my heart shines for the rejoicing that Eleanor now sees Jesus!

BDorsey - September 11, 2020 at 12:14 PM

ME

“ Cynthia, sending prayers and healing to the family.
Marilyn Ehmke

Marilyn Ehmke - September 11, 2020 at 11:22 AM

CC

Thank you, Marilyn.

Cynthia Cameron - September 14, 2020 at 08:36 PM

EN

“ Prayers and love across the miles to the entire Farrington Family.
She will
be missed by so so many friends and family. A true Christian that
would do anything for anyone. Love you Ellie. Eunice

Eunice Nichols - September 11, 2020 at 10:50 AM

KM

“ Aunt Eleanor was especially important in my life. She was a great
mentor of the love and patience and devotion of a follower of Christ.
She modeled loving behavior to all and I have strived to do the
same. She made such a difference in all the lives she touched. I will
deeply miss her but so happy she was in my life.
Kathleen Scott Meske

Kathleen Scott Meske - September 11, 2020 at 10:40 AM

JF

“*Ellie was such a charming, witty, and talented Christian woman. I loved chatting with her at Farrington family gatherings. The twinkle in her eye, her smile, and the wonderful stories she shared while we talked were something I always looked forward to. The Christian legacy she and Bernie created for their children and grandchildren is a blessing beyond measure.*”

Janice Folsom - September 11, 2020 at 10:24 AM

VD

“*Vero Beach High School Math Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eleanor Smith Farrington.*”



Vero Beach High School Math Department - September 11, 2020 at 10:08 AM

LW

“*Ellie was always smiling. She was a bright light to all that came near her. She radiated Christ's love. I know people were drawn to her because of her love for Our Lord and Savior. I know she is healed and is with Jesus. I will miss her and think of her often. I will pray for her family as I know this is a huge loss in your lives.*”

Lisa Williams - September 11, 2020 at 09:48 AM

BH

I will miss my sister so much but am so glad that the four of us (Roberta, Gloria, Vaughn and I) flew to Georgia to visit with Eleanor this past spring. We stayed for three days and visited with her and many of her family. It was a very special time for all of us. We will miss her a lot, but I believe she was ready to leave. Prayers to all.
Barbara Haskell

Barbara Haskell - September 13, 2020 at 01:41 PM



I met Ellie while working at Brookdale. She was amazing, smart, articulate, polite and talented. I will miss her updates on Facebook and she will be missed by so many in the Coweta County area.

Mary Jo Rhodes - September 14, 2020 at 10:05 AM