

Strength and Dignity are her clothing and she smiles at the future.

Proverbs 31:25



Ellouise Richmond

September 1, 1923 - May 5, 2024

Celebrating the Life of
Ellouise Richmond

Saturday, May 18, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Dishman Chapel at Trinity United Methodist Church
Beaumont, Texas

Prelude Katya McMahan

Scripture Proverbs 31:25-31 Chaplain Jody Heckathorn

She is clothed with strength and dignity; She can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Hymn *“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”*

The Lord’s Prayer

Special Music *“Amazing Grace”* Esmeralda Rezk

Message Jody Heckathorn

The Winds of Fate

One ship drives east and another drives west
With the selfsame winds that blow
‘Tis the set of the sails and not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.
Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along thru life:
‘Tis the set of a soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife

Closing Hymn *“I’ll Fly Away”*

Benediction

Postlude Katya McMahan



Ellouise (Ella) Richmond, 100, died peacefully at her home on Sunday, May 5, 2024, surrounded by her family. On September 1, 1923, James Peyton McGown and Ruby Norsworthy McGown welcomed their first child, Hattie Ellouise. Growing up as a devoted daughter and sister in Hemphill, Texas, she was the eldest of 7 children. After graduating from high school in 1941, she moved to Beaumont and was a live-in nanny to a local family. During that time, she also attended Business School. Her first job was keeping the books at Gary's Service Station on Washington Boulevard. She also worked for several

years at Sun Oil. Through several friends, she became involved at Roberts Avenue Methodist Church. One of those friends set her up on a blind date with Robert (Bob) Richmond. It was a match made in heaven and the two were married on Christmas Eve in 1947. They remained active at Roberts Avenue (McCabe Robert's Avenue) for over 53 years where they made many life-long friends. When Ella and her girlfriends began having children, they would get together and sew clothes – hence the Sewing Club was born. Over time, sewing took a back seat to play dates, lunches and family trips instead. They all remained lifelong friends with Ella being the last surviving member. The bond of friendship among the Sewing Club families still remains.

Ella left the workforce in 1949 when she and Bob welcomed the first of 5 children. She wholeheartedly embraced the role of homemaker, creating a loving haven for her family. From wonderful home cooked meals and delicious homemade birthday cakes to beautiful hand-crafted clothes, every endeavor done for her family was with great affection. Together she and Bob created a loving Christian home and a family that truly enjoyed being together. Whether it was Sunday afternoon, Thanksgiving, Christmas or our annual week-long vacation at Shirley's Lakehouse, our family loved being together.

Ella and Bob were devoted Christians and faithful servants to the Church and their community. As lifelong members of the Methodist Church, they attended services every Sunday with their family. Ella served as a Cub Scout Den Mother, PTA president at South Park High School and was a board member of Sabine Oaks Nursing Home. She and Bob volunteered at Some Other Place and sometimes brought their grandkids along to help. They devoted time to Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.s) in the South Park area helping keep the neighborhood safe.

On September 1st of last year, she celebrated her 100th birthday and was given a wonderful party to mark the event. According to William, one of her great-grandkids, it was the best party he had ever been to! Her entire family and many family friends were able to attend including most of the children of her Sewing Club friends.

Ellouise was a godly woman. She had beautiful handwriting. She was a bridge player and an avid reader. She could beat anyone at scrabble except for her daughter, Sandra. She and Bob loved playing chicken foot, especially with her beloved grandkids. Ella enjoyed traveling and camping. She loved nature and being outdoors. She also really loved a dipped cone from Dairy Queen.

In her last years, as her health began to decline, she was able to remain in her home thanks to the concerted efforts of her entire family and a group of loving caregivers whose diligence and faithfulness cannot be overstated.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Richmond in 2015 and her daughter, Sandra Richmond Carrington in 2022. We have peace and joy in our hearts knowing they are reunited. She is survived by her sister, Ruby Lynn Thomas; son-in-law, Don Carrington; her children, John and his wife, Catherine; Ronnie and his wife, Cheryl; Donna and her husband, Eric Sachs; her youngest son, Scott; and her treasured 8 grandchildren, Lauren Crommett and her husband, Michael; Katie Westbrook; Chris Carrington; Leslie Prothro and her husband, Jonathan; Kelli Riley and her husband, Rick; Kristin Franks and her husband, Shaun; Brooke Y'Barbo; and Blair Richmond; and her 13 great-grandchildren, Aaron and Evan Westbrook; Carson, Caroline, Camden and Claire Riley; Romy and Henry Crommett; William Prothro; Elliott, Camille, Ruby and Luke Franks.







This is an excerpt from a letter written to Mom and Dad by our sister, Sandra Carrington on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We felt sharing this letter was a fitting way for Sandra to be involved in Mom's service today and to express her love for Mom and Dad. Sandra wrote these words but her sentiments are something we all share.

"Mom and Dad, you have so many admirable qualities, it is hard to name them all, but I want to try to list a few. I admire your honesty, your loyalty, your faithfulness, your industriousness, your energy, your integrity, your dependability, your hospitality, your unselfishness, your practicality, your optimism, your youthful, fun-loving attitude, your modesty, your attitude of contentment and your devotion to God. I admire the way you have never been complainers, but just do what needs to be done; the way you honor your commitments to church, and home and family and friends; the way you always seem to put the needs of others above your own; and the way you have lived your faith in action and not just in words. I could not have imagined or created more wonderful parents if God had asked me to design them. I know that we all pray we are creating the kind of homes and instilling the kinds of values and priorities in our children that you did in yours. Thank you for the gift of your unconditional love and your wonderful example. May God continue to bless you in everything you do. Happy Anniversary!"

Your loving daughter,
Sandra















“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:16



To our loving and dedicated team of caregivers Rose Clark, Dorcas Wilson, Lalaine Grigg, Lou Anderson, Maribel Frederick, Barbara Martin, Zyann Bulajao, Irma Barbosa, Faith Gorero, and Ivy Abella, our debt can never be repaid. You treated “Mama” with kindness, respect, dignity, and joy. You brought sunshine into her home every day. You made it possible for us to keep Mom where she wanted to be—at home. You gave our family confidence and peace of mind, knowing that Mom was not only cared for and looked after, but that she was genuinely loved.

Our family would also like to acknowledge Gentiva Hospice and the wonderful care Mom received from nurses, April, Margo, Debbie, and Sara. Mom was always happy to see you, and we all appreciate how you cared for her medical needs. And to her Chaplain, Jody, you brought spiritual joy to Mom on every visit. She always looked forward to seeing you and singing with you and praying the Lord's Prayer. Blessings to you all for what you do.

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