



## Ellie Ladusau

June 3, 1947 - September 6, 2020

Eleanor Irene “Ellie” Ladusau was born in Smith Center, Kansas on Tuesday, June 3, 1947 one of three girls to Louis and Melda (Emme) Mann. She passed from this life on Sunday, September 6, 2020 at her home in Tulsa surrounded by her two loving sisters.

Ellie always professed that she was Mama’s favorite, since she was the baby and everyone knew it was true. She was a 1965 graduate of Shawnee Mission West High School in Overland Park, Kansas. She also attended some college courses. She married Bill Ladusau in Lawton, OK on July 25, 1973.

Ellie was highly organized and very particular and proudly admitted to ironing her bed sheets and dish towels. She worked as the Executive Assistant to the Bill Knight Auto Group for over 30 years. She was kind to all and selfless, always putting others ahead of herself. She described herself as fragile, but her sisters knew her to be quite strong fighting cancer, and both heart and lung disease. Ellie was a second mother to all her nieces and nephews and made a positive impact on many who were privileged to know her. Shopping was her favorite pastime when she was not working or spending time with family. She had lots of little wise sayings she shared with her nieces and nephews. Fashion was always important to her and she made sure her necklace and earrings fit the outfit to a tee!

Ellie was a Christian and lived her faith in her everyday life. She attended Asbury Methodist and Boston Avenue Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ellie’s name to: American Cancer Society  
7645 East 63rd Street, Tulsa, OK 74133 [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Ellie is survived by:

Sisters, Connie Mackey of Tulsa and Judie Royer of Lenexa, Kansas

Nephews, Jay Mackey, Sr and his wife Charla of Owasso and Randy Royer and his wife Denise of Lenexa, Kansas

Niece, Renee Scott and Brian Bulger of Overland Park, Kansas

Great Nephews, Jay Mackey, Jr. and his wife, Louise

Alex Scott and his wife, Janell

Great Nieces, Allison Epps

Kaitlin Fogel and her husband, Ed

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Melda (Emme) Mann and her husband, Bill

# Comments

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“ I never got the chance to meet Ellie unfortunately :( but I work with her sister Connie and have heard nice things about her. I always loved her name when Connie would mention her because my first granddaughter is named Ellie. She sounded like a very sweet person and my heart breaks for sweet Connie and her sister for this great loss. Rest in peace sweet Ellie!

**Kathy Willson** - September 15, 2020 at 04:55 PM

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“ I had known Ellie as the loving sister to Connie but had come to love her and her beautiful soul and smile. She will certainly be missed!

**Sue Greenwood** - September 09, 2020 at 09:37 PM

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“ Ms Ellie, I am so very blessed to have worked with you and learn from you. You were the glue that held everything together for all of us at Bill Knight. Terrie and I learned very quickly that none of us are an Ellie. (Passed out way too many tickets at a presidents award dinner) whoops. You were kind, helpful, classy, and some sass that I loved! I'm glad your home and probably smiling as we all try and do an Ellie job. You will be so very missed by so many. Not enough thanks for everything you have done for us. Thank you. Tyler and Jennifer Shipman

**Jennifer & Tyler Shipman** - September 09, 2020 at 05:29 PM

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“ Miss Ellie, what a beautifully sweet and wonderful person. I was extremely blessed to have been able to work with her for over 20 years. She always had such a sweet and warm hello and a smile that always made your day. From the time I first met her I always thought how perfectly put together she always looked and just beautiful. She always had so much poise and class and the very definition of professional with a special and genuine friendliness that made you just adore her. She took such good care of all of us over the years and I will miss her more than I can put into words. To have known and worked with her was an absolute privilege. Prayers to all her family. Rest In Peace Miss Ellie.

**Beth Reynolds** - September 08, 2020 at 10:16 PM

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“ Ellie was such a kind spirit and would always have a smile and kind words I worked with Ellie since the Fred Jones days and we have shared a lot of laughter together. Always sharing how the kids/babies were and just working through life problems sometimes. Ellie was a delight to be around no matter what we were doing. I know God has a very special place for her in Heaven and one day we will all be reunited with her! Hummm - it's just like her to go before us and make sure all is well. Love you Ellie!

**Jeanne Peek** - September 08, 2020 at 09:18 AM

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“ Mrs. Ellie was always so compassionate and caring. The smile she carried would brighten my day even on the tough ones. We always wish we could have one more day with them, this is especially true for this wonderful lady.

**Jeff Lee** - September 07, 2020 at 09:35 PM

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“ My sweet baby sister, Ellie, will be missed especially when I come to Tulsa. I am her Kansas City sister and while Ellie wasn't fond of getting out of her zone, we did FaceTime and her niece and nephew in KC have many fond memories of their Aunt Ellie. Judie Royer



**judie Royer** - September 07, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ Ellie was very kind and took wonderful care of my father Bill Ladusau when he developed Alzheimer's. I am so grateful to her. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. May she Rest In Peace.

**Kris Ladusau** - September 10, 2020 at 10:13 PM

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“ Sharing pictures of my sweet sister! So many great memories we've created and lots of stories behind the photos! What a kind and caring spirit and I will miss her immensely!



**Connie Mackey** - September 07, 2020 at 06:52 PM

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“ I worked with Miss Ellie for 17 years. This news is heart breaking for me. Miss Ellie was a class act and she will never know the impact she had on so many. She will be greatly missed. You were one classy lady!!! To Miss Ellie's family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My love and prayers are with you! Jennifer Green Krems

**Jennifer Krems** - September 07, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ I worked with Sweet Ellie 6 years and she was a delight! There's no one who fought harder to win this battle and it absolutely breaks my heart. She perfectly defined the standard of excellence in all she did and she will be terribly missed! My love and prayers extends to her family.

**Wendi Green** - September 07, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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“ I worked with Ellie for 19 years she was the kindest person with moxy I have ever met. She will be missed. Live, hugs and prayers for her family. Kimberley Mason

**Kimberley Mason** - September 07, 2020 at 12:25 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Ladusau family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Eleanor.



**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - September 06, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ I had the gift of being able to get to know Miss Ellie from the beginning of the Tulsa Experience, soon after all the dealerships merged we were all put together in a seminar call Change or Choice. I was lucky enough to be put in a group at the seminar that included Miss Ellie. As we did the exercises and bonding with each other I really wasn't aware that there were women in my group. As I soon became aware that there was a seem to be quiet individual! BUT Miss Ellie actually was in the room and like Jennifer said She had some SASS! In a very kind way She exemplified the importance of women in our world. Before that day or days I never thought of myself as a sexist? But became aware that I needed to be more considerate and appreciative of a woman's opinion!

As it turned out Miss Ellie and I were paired up in a physical balancing exercise where we had to Stand facing each other on what they called a wobbly walkie track. It was made of two 4 x 4 timbers that were shaped in a V that started out narrow on one end and got wider and wider as you walk sideways down The wobbly track. The trick was you had to face your partner put your hands on each other's shoulders and LEAN into each other so you could balance as you move sideways down the Timbers. Miss Ellie looked at me and I looked at her thinking oh boy! HOW are we going to walk down this sideways leaning into each other? Its getting wider and wider towards the end and our feet further and further apart? I don't know if it was fear, or panic, but Miss Ellie and I scooted down that wobbly walkie in record time! At the end we smiled at each other and congratulated ourselves and we leaned on each other for the next 20 years!

I love my friend Miss Ellie and miss her greatly sincerely Dennis and Yvonne!

**Dennis Ellman** - September 11, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ She had great respect and admiration for you, Dennis! Thank you for all the wonderful memories you shared! Connie

**Connie Mackey** - September 14, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ What a sweet blessing Ellie was to her family and friends. She will be so missed.

**Karen Ellis** - September 23, 2020 at 04:49 PM