



Ella Martha Johnson

July 19, 1927 - June 2, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ella Martha (Wicks) Johnson on June 2, 2024 at the age of 96 in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Ella was born on July 19, 1927 in Herkimer County, New York. She was the daughter of Howard C. and Evelyn M. (Faulder) Wicks and was the youngest of ten children. She spent most of her childhood in upstate New York before relocating to Arlington, Virginia in 1944. There, she built a remarkable life, working for the government for many years and eventually retiring from the Department of Interior in 1992. Her dedication and hard work earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues.

Though small in stature, she was an outspoken woman who never left the house without her signature bright red lipstick. A lover of the arts, Ella enjoyed visiting D.C.'s many art museums and filled her home with beautiful reproductions of some of her favorite paintings. She had a keen interest in history and would often scour Ebay for unique historical artifacts to bid on. She was an avid Judge Judy watcher and British "telly" enthusiast. In her later years, what she enjoyed most was spending time with her great-grandchildren.

Ella is preceded in death by her children Walter "Skippy" Johnson Jr., Darlene Guerrin, David Johnson, and Deborah Ayres; son-in-law Duke Ayres; and her nine siblings, brothers Willard Wicks, Howard Wicks, Henry Wicks, and Melvin Wicks, and sisters Winifred Munson, Virginia Fenton, Ruth V. Hawkins, Thelma Cameron, and Evelyn Matteson.

She is survived by daughter Sharon Follin and husband, Pete Woods; granddaughters Michelle Zolkowski and husband, Jason, Tiffany Woods and husband, Matt Putiyon, and Kimberly Bennett; grandson Clay Talbot and wife, Lynn; great-granddaughters Layla Zolkowski, Alena Zolkowski, and Nadia Zolkowski, as well as numerous other family members and friends. Ella will be greatly missed by her friends and family. Per her wishes, she will be cremated and interred at Columbia Gardens Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am the granddaughter of Ella's sister,Ruth (Wicks) Hawkins. I never had the pleasure of meeting Ella; However, I admire her strength through what must have been difficult times.My condolences to her family.

Cheryl Flansburg - June 27, 2025 at 12:57 AM

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“ My mother was Ruth Hawkins and Aunt Ella and I had many many conversations over the years reminiscing about the family. How strong she was in handling the death of her four children. Aunt Ella just couldn,t say enough about her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would talk about each one of them and tell me how they were or what they were doing and send me pictures. I will miss her dearly. Soar high!!!!

Mary LaGase - June 05, 2024 at 09:33 AM

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“ Thelma Cameron was My mother. I so remember Aunt Ella and Skippy when they lived in Middleville. I spent many happy hours playing with Skippy and was so sorry to hear of his passing. So very sorry for your loss.

sandra cameron bonamassa - June 04, 2024 at 08:59 PM