



## Eloise Woodard

October 27, 1932 - January 28, 2020

Eloise "Ellie" Jones Woodard died January 28, 2020 at Mid Pinellas Hospice in St. Petersburg at the age of 87 due to a very short battle with an aggressive form of cancer. She was born October 27, 1932 in Minden, Louisiana to parents Ruben and Ora Lee Jones.

Ellie or Miss Ellie as she was called by many, was born and raised in this small town so she had this southern charm that was apparent by everyone she met. She was always complimented on her accent, looks and smile. She was a beautiful lady.

She met an Air Force man who became her husband when she was 19. She had her first daughter at age 20 at an AF base in Ohio. They then moved to upstate New York where she lived until around 1986. She was married to this man "Woody", the father of their children, for 25 years. Later she met a great man, Fred Myers, with whom she was with for 30 years (married for 17 of them). He showed her a life that she never knew. They traveled to Florida several times. Her daughter Sheri joined them but in 1985 she decided to stay. The following year they moved to Florida so she could be near her "baby".

She loved to travel. Going and betting on horse races. Watching the car races and her soap operas. Talking for hours with her daughters. She liked to go out for a few cocktails and have fun. Her fur baby Sasha that she loved. But nothing brought her more joy than her only grandchild, Zane. He was her everything.

She suffered greatly with numerous medical issues and losses but nothing was more painful, to her or those that loved her, than the loss of her sight. But through everything she always continued to find a way to smile.

She is survived by her loving, devoted daughter and best friend - Sheri Carpenter. Son-in-Law Craig that showed her tremendous love and care. Her grandson Zane B. Leach that she loved more than life itself. Her niece Sandra Smotherman with whom she was extremely close with. Several nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her parents Ruben and Ora-Lee Jones. Son Clair B. (Butchy) Woodard Jr., Daughter Deborah M. Woodard Fillion, Husband Clair B. Woodard Sr., Husband Fred Myers. Siblings: Annie McGuire, Clifford Jones, Naomi Baker, Cloteal Branch, Adel Miller, Ruben RJ Jones Jr., Clyde Jones, John Jones, Myrtis Jones and Albert Jones.

Ellie did not want a service but a celebration of life will be held at a later time.

We love and miss you mommy, until we are together again.

# Comments

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“ Sheri, we are so sorry for the loss of your beloved mother. Prayers for you and your family. With love, Tracy and Chris

**Tracy Jones** - February 07, 2020 at 09:28 AM

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“ My memory of this BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN LADY began in December 2013 . She was kind enough to act as the go between for a friends apartment and me . She was certainly going to make sure that I was who I said I was . Within a day of our first meeting she was feeling at ease with me . As I had traveled to attend my brother in-laws wake Elly wanted to learn about me and my family . We spent a fair amount of time talking about our families and where we had grown up . As it turned out New Years Eve 2014 we , along with Zane were the only ones in the building . She made sure that if nothing else we could wish each other a Happy New Year , no bubbly tho . From that point on Elly and I spoke frequently and became buddies , no holes barred buddies who could talk about anything . We bantered about her love of the Cowboys , and my NY Giants . She will be forever in my Heart . My condolences to her beloved family and all who knew her . She was a Belle of Louisiana who told it like it was . LOVE YOU FOREVER ELLY

Bob Perez

**Roberto Perez** - February 05, 2020 at 07:43 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss ! I wish, I had met your mother. Sounds like a wonderful lady.



**pamela guiden** - February 04, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“ Sheri I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts prayers and love for you all.

**Justina Kohler** - February 04, 2020 at 09:21 PM

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“ Sheri and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jean Willard

**Jean Willard** - February 04, 2020 at 02:12 PM

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“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eloise Woodard.



February 04, 2020 at 01:46 PM

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“ Sheri, I am so sorry for your loss and everyone else that was able to know Aunt Eloise and visit with her often. There are so many memories that I have when everyone would visit at Popaw's house of Aunt Ella and my mom with the other sisters that are funny. I can't even remember all of them but most of them were wonderful. The obituary is very good and her picture is beautiful. I remember that one of her, seems like she always looked like that, a beautiful lady. I'm so glad Cecil and I got to visit with her that summer before she was very sick. Love Cecil and Jean

**Jean Davenport** - February 04, 2020 at 01:08 PM

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“ Jean Davenport lit a candle in memory of Eloise Woodard



**Jean Davenport** - February 04, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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“ She was so beautiful! As much as Sheri loved her: its obvious that's true both inside and out. I'm deeply sad for your loss baby girl.



**Gary York** - February 04, 2020 at 12:29 PM

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“ From Baton Rouge to Madeira Beach! She was the best!!

**pam fournier** - February 04, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ Oh mama you were loved by so many!! You will be sadly missed!! You were an angel on earth and are now a heavenly angel looking over your grieving family you will be truly missed by all but it gives me peace that you are finally out of pain rest easy mama we love you xoxoxo Tony and suzie

**suzie brooks** - February 04, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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“ She was such a beautiful person inside and out. She was like a second mom to me. Such a fun and loving lady. Sheri, remember when she found us making those prank phone calls when we were kids. 🤪🤪. Soooo many good memories with her. My biggest regret is that I could not get there to see her. It saddens me, though I know she will understand. I had tears in my eyes reading this tribute to her. Rest assured, she is happy and healthy now, pain free with the sight of an eagle. She will forever be with all of you. I'm sure my mom was there to give her a hug, as she loved her as well. RIP Ellie. You were truly an amazing lady.

**sheila dorn** - February 04, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ She was one of the very best aunts i ever had. I will miss her dearly. I loved her with all my heart! She is pain free now and can see everything!

**Jennifer Baker** - February 04, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ Ellie was the matriarch of her condo building. She was legally blind but not too much could get by her! She looked out for the best interests of all who own there and I know she will be missed by many more than just myself. My deepest sympathy to Sheri and all the family. Your Mom may be gone from here but she will forever be in your heart and I pray your memories of good times will soon outweigh the heartache you feel right now.

**Nicola McConnell** - January 31, 2020 at 11:39 AM