



Ella Karris

November 26, 1942 - January 2, 2025

Ella Karris, age 82, of Portage, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2025, in Michigan City, Indiana. She was born on November 26, 1942, in, to Lemuel and Viola (Muchler) Richmond.

Ella is survived by her sons, William (Denise) Karris, John (Keri) Karris and Nicholas Karris, daughter, Ann (Bob) Boggs; brother, Lester (Nancy) Richmond; grandchildren, Vanessa (James) Moore and Dorothy Karris and great-grandchildren, Erik Boggs, Ethan Moore and Logan Moore and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of over 49 years, Michael W. Karris; significant other, Al Boggs; father, Lemuel Richmond; mother, Viola Richmond; brother, Gerald Richmond; sisters, Margie Darling, and Arlene?

Ella had a passion and a drive to educate and advocate for people with special needs. She made sure all had the same opportunities as general education children. She showed each child that they deserved and could have success in life. Ella fed each child's body and soul thru her faith in GOD. She showed love in everything that she did like gardening, quilting, cooking, working at the food pantry, volunteering at the school, hospital, church, and other community activities.

Everyone who touched her life had a special spot in her heart. Ella fought life's battles with grace, dignity, and spirit. She was the best wife, mother, grandmother, partner and friend you could have. She will be greatly missed by everyone she touched.

Funeral Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 1:00 pm at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, Portage Chapel, 6941 Central Avenue, Portage, IN 46368, with Father Andrii Vetrych officiating. Burial to take place at McCool Cemetery. A visitation will be from 10:00 am until the time of service at 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Donations in Ella's memory may be made to: Porter County Special Olympics, P.O. Box 1662, Valparaiso, IN 46384-1662 or Portage Food Pantry, 3590 Willowcreek Rd, Portage, IN 46368. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.ee-fh.com.

Cemetery Details

McCool Cemetery

2700 McCool Road
Portage, IN 46368

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home
6941 Central Ave.
Portage, IN 46368

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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6941 Central Ave.
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Burial

JAN 8 (CT)

McCool Cemetery
2700 McCool Road
Portage, IN 46368

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ella Karris.



3 hours ago

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“ Dan & Darling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ella Karris.

Dan & Darling - 7 hours ago

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“ Dan & Darling purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ella Karris.



Dan & Darling - 7 hours ago

PM

“ What a reunion in Heaven! bur Heaven's gain was our loss. Who can describe Ella? She was so many things to so many people. We've known her since Nick and Bryan were in Homestart together. She was always there and caring. Special Olympics will not be the same without her and Lorrie. Bryan got his first whoopie cushion because of her and he thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it!! Rest on Peace, Ella. I cannot think of a more deserving person. Love to your family. Praying for peace for all of them.
The Myers family

Paula Myers - Yesterday at 05:33 PM

LF

“ Love, The Boling, Heid and Wade Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ella Karris.



Love, The Boling, Heid and Wade Families - Yesterday at 03:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ella Karris.

January 04 at 10:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ella Karris.



January 04 at 10:01 PM

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“ The Dawson girls and our Dad Lenny have very fond memories of Ella Mae. We know she's up in heaven dancing around with Mike at this time! What a long awaited reunion. All our love to you kids. Give Nick hugs from us.

Lenny, Donna, Diane and Debbie

Deborah Dawson - January 04 at 05:41 PM

MT

“ Nick Ann Bill John Vanessa
Keep On Extra Prayers During Very Difficult-Sad Time
Ahead Have Great Memories With Ella For Many Years At
Porter County Special Olympics



Mike Thorn - January 04 at 03:44 PM

MN

So sorry to hear your mom was a very sweet person and she loved you nick

Mary Burney. bus driver for nick - January 04 at 06:16 PM

CE

Sending our love and big hugs to Nick and the family. So very sorry for your loss. Love the Behagel family.

Cathy Behagel Ellis - January 04 at 08:25 PM