



Ellen B. Holmes

October 10, 1937 - April 3, 2026

Sussex - Ellen B. Holmes, age 88, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2026 at her residence while surrounded by her loving family. Born in Greenock, Scotland to the late James and Robina (McGartland), Ellen carried her heritage with pride throughout her life. She came to the United States on January 5, 1964, settling in Brooklyn, New York, where she built a life rooted in family, friendship, and resilience. In 1968, she and her husband discovered her cherished retreat at Lake Walkill in Vernon, where she spent her summers surrounded by friends and natural beauty. Twenty-five years ago, she made Lake Walkill her permanent home, embracing the close-knit community she had come to love.

Ellen was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sussex, where she found fellowship and faith. She was active and enthusiastic member of the Ladies of Lake Walkill, always ready to lend a hand and share a laugh. Known affectionately as a true bingo fanatic, she rarely missed an opportunity to play and delighted in the camaraderie and excitement it brought. She also treasured her trips back to Scotland, where she reunited with family and remained deeply connected to her roots.

Above all, Ellen will be remembered for her kind spirit, her love of her family and community, and the joy she found in life's simple pleasures. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Robert, Daniel, and John. She is survived by her beloved husband of 67 years, Stewart S. Holmes; her devoted daughters, Elaine Swiontak and her late husband John of Brooklyn,

New York and Janice Holmes and her partner Sean C. Gray of Highland Lakes, New Jersey; her sister, Ruby Werner of Connecticut; her grandsons, John Swiontak and his wife Kathleen and James Swiontak; her great granddaughter, Dani Jane and she has a great grandson expecting to arrive in June. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Funeral services will immediately follow at 3 p.m. after the visitation. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ellen's memory to the Shriners Children's, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Florida 33607 Online condolences may be offered to the family on www.PinkelFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Laurellen Ridgeway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen B. Holmes.*

Laurellen Ridgeway - April 09 at 01:31 PM

MS

“ *Michelle S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen B. Holmes.*

Michelle S. - April 07 at 05:09 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen B. Holmes.*

Barbara J. - April 06 at 09:31 PM

MD

“ *Maimonides Medical Center's Finance Dept planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen B. Holmes.*

Maimonides Medical Center's Finance Dept - April 06 at 11:11 AM

MD

“ *Maimonides Medical Center's Finance Dept purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ellen B. Holmes.*



Maimonides Medical Center's Finance Dept - April 06 at 11:11 AM

SX

“ *Stuart & Anita Couper and family xx purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ellen B. Holmes.*



Stuart & Anita Couper and family xx - April 06 at 08:55 AM

LM

“ *Linda and Vinny Molinari planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen B. Holmes.*

Linda and Vinny Molinari - April 06 at 07:51 AM

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“ *Linda and Vinny Molinari purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ellen B. Holmes.*



Linda and Vinny Molinari - April 06 at 07:51 AM

JX

“ *John Couper and family x purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ellen B. Holmes.*



John Couper and family x - April 06 at 05:22 AM

RC

“ Aunt Ellen, We loved having you stay when you came over to visit in your beloved Greenock Scotland. We heard all the stories of the history of the Coupers, you all growing up and also the expirences of when you moved to America, where you brought up your loving family. We will love and will miss you always Aunt Ellen.
Love of love Robert, Julie, Amy, Thomas Anna, Ceri and your wee bestie Charlie dug ❤️

Robert and Julie Couper - April 06 at 03:34 AM