



## Mary Alice Ellis

January 11, 1936 - August 19, 2022

Mary Alice Ellis, 86, of Bloomington passed away on Friday, August 19, 2022 at her home with her family by her side.

She was born on January 11, 1936 in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of Robert John and Josephine Marguerite (Snyder) Barlow. Mary was a 1953 graduate of Leonia High School in Leonia, New Jersey. In 1956, she graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City, as a Registered Nurse. She went on to receive her bachelor's degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan. She married James Edward Ellis on July 26, 1970 in Ann Arbor. Mary worked as a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City and later for St. Joseph's Hospital and University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She especially loved her time as a Peace Corps Volunteer in North Borneo (now Sabah, Malaysia) from 1962-1964.

She was a homemaker and loved her family very much. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, and aunt. She was a lover of all creatures, especially dogs. She was an avid walker and until late February of this year, was still walking two miles every morning. Mary enjoyed reading and writing poetry. She was an excellent cook and baker, making the most delicious breads for family and friends. She will be fondly remembered for her easy laugh, kind heart, and delightful storytelling—and will be greatly missed.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Sarah Ellis of Bloomington; two brothers, John Preston Barlow of Owego NY; Robert (Sylvia) Barlow of Ocoee, FL; a sister, Sarah Kathryn Dragomer of Munster, IN; ten nieces and nephews; and

her dog, Angel.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Josephine Barlow; a nephew, Thomas Barlow; her husband, James Edward Ellis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to WildCare Inc. of Bloomington, IN.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and

friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Norma Jean Hill lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Ellis*



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**Norma Jean Hill** - August 30, 2022 at 12:53 AM

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“ *I knew Mary mainly through her sister, Sarah Dragomer, my good lifelong friend. When I think of Mary, I remember that big cheerful smile she had. She comes to my mind as a teenager back in New Jersey. Deepest sympathy to her daughter Sarah, her siblings and the rest of the family. RIP Dear Mary.*

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**Norma Jean Hill** - August 30, 2022 at 12:50 AM

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“ *We will miss dear Mary, her beautiful smile and her kind heart. We will miss seeing her outside and walking through the neighborhood waving to everyone. The love and care that she gave her dogs will always be remembered. More than that, Mary loved dear Sarah and left a forever legacy in her. Thank you for being a great neighbors and know that we are here to help in any way we can. Most sincerely, Valynda and Kevin Laird*

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**Valynda C. Laird** - August 24, 2022 at 06:13 AM