



Ellen W. Dempsey

August 22, 1937 - August 12, 2021

Ellen Webb Dempsey, age 84, passed away peacefully on August 12 at her home in Cross City, Florida.

Ellen was born in Exmore, Virginia on August 22, 1937 to Purnell and Annie Webb. Ellen was preceded in death by her parents.

She grew up on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia, where she was the pianist for the local Methodist church. After graduating high school, Ellen earned her Bachelor's degree in Education at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia.

In 1959 Ellen moved to Washington, D.C. where she was employed as secretary at the United States Department of State. Her outstanding career also included secretarial positions at Ft. Bragg Air Force base in Fayetteville North Carolina and the Internal Revenue Service in Atlanta, Georgia.

While on a business trip with the State Department to Quito, Ecuador, she met her husband, William Richard Dempsey who was in Quito with the United States Army. They were married on September 26, 1965 in Arlington, Virginia where they made their home.

Ellen was an avid tennis player. She and Richard spent many hours on the

tennis courts. They enjoyed traveling to England, Ireland, India, Africa, France, Germany and Italy. Their favorite travel was to Czechoslovakia to visit their son, Erik, wife Anna, and grandchildren, Daniel and Fiona.

A celebration of Ellen's life will be held 2 p.m. Friday, August 20th at Rock Sink Baptist Church, 471 NE 816 Ave., Old Town, Florida.

Due to the increase in COVID cases, the family suggests we follow social distancing and mask recommendations

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City, Florida 352-498-5400 and Chiefland, Florida 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Service

AUG **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rock Sink Baptist Church
471 NE 816 Ave
Old Town, FL 32680-2588
(352) 542-9488

Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen W. Dempsey*

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Ellen W. Dempsey*

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen W. Dempsey.*



August 17, 2021 at 03:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellen W. Dempsey.*



August 16, 2021 at 07:05 PM