

## ELLIN M. HOPKINS



Ellin Marie (Meehan) Hopkins, 92, of Franklin Park, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, May 18, 2024. She was born in Elmhurst, NY, in 1931 to John Peter and Mary Ann Meehan and joined her beloved brother Edward in the home her father had built. Ellin's half-siblings Margaret, Frank, and Johnny were some of her favorite people in this world as they welcomed their youngest sibling to the family.

Ellin attended St Bartholomew's Elementary School, St. Agnes High School, and Hunter College. She spent three years in the Nursing program at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, graduating in 1953. Ellin was born to be a nurse and while her hospital career was cut short by the arrival of her first child, Ellin used her nursing skills throughout her life to care for family, friends and her community. Also in 1953, Ellin married Thomas Francis Hopkins, Sr. They moved several times due to Tom's jobs and eventually settled happily in Pittsburgh in 1972 to raise their family. Many wonderful and treasured memories were the times spent with her in her home. Her family was central to her identity and most important to her. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to laugh. Outside of the home, Ellin's passion was for her church, Saint John Neumann, where she had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother. She felt the love of community at the church where she had been a member since its inception. Later in years, she began to 'hold court' at the back of church to visit with her very kind friends after mass. She embodied it all: a wonderful mom, grandmother, friend and caregiver. She will be deeply missed. In addition to her parents and siblings, Ellin was predeceased by her beloved husband, Tom and her dearest son, Michael. She is survived by children Mary Ellin Miller (Scott), Thomas Francis Hopkins, Jr (Michelle) and John Patrick Hopkins (Leigh Ann); cherished Nana to Ryan, Matthew, Thomas, Caroline, Anthony, Jack, Daniel and Anna; and her most faithful furry companion, Liddy Jane, who brought her so much joy and will miss her terribly. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Animal Friends or AHN Hospice. She would have also asked that you 'take care of each other'. Family and friends are welcome on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7720 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15237 from 6-9 p.m. to pay respects, share some stories or just say hi. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 24, 2024, at St. John Neumann Church/Regina Coeli, 2230 Rochester Rd., Pgh., PA 15237, notice of time later.

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