

ELLEN LAW

Memory Booklet





Hi, my name is Ellen Law. I was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on March 19, 1933 to parents William and Gertrude. I was blessed with such amazing parents and an incredible sister.



One of my favorite memories from my youth was when I fell through a ceiling and I was the talk of the town. I also remember lining up with my siblings before dinner so that we can take our cod liver vitamin. I think this may have helped with my longevity! I grew up in a big, old house on Sherman Place until I was seven, and then we moved to a similar house two doors down. I had a very big bedroom that I shared with my sister and we had lots of toys and books. We had a grumpy neighbor named Mr. Dugan and we were also neighbors with the Crone family and they were wonderful.

What were some of your favorite foods to eat as a child?

“Fried chicken, huckleberry pie, and Mr. Dugan’s puffie wuffies (doughnut hole filling).”

In 1954 I graduated from New Jersey State Teachers College. I spent the rest of my professional life working as a teacher, just like so many of the other women in my life had done before me. Being a teacher was one of the greatest joys of my life and I am very happy to have done it.

Pick a role model from your life.

What lessons did they pass along to you?

My mother was a strong woman who was widowed early. She never complained and worked hard to keep her family together. My sister also was a strong woman who thought she could conquer the world and she did.

What world events had the most impact on you?

World War II, flights to outer space, and the life and death of John F. Kennedy.

What was your first job?

I had a part time job operating an elevator in New York City.

What was your greatest professional accomplishment?

I think I was a good teacher and was always complimented by the principals I worked under.

What was your favorite job?

I taught in New Jersey, Hawaii, and Seattle. The most interesting group was in Chatham, New Jersey. The teachers were outstanding.



I married my husband on March 16, 1957. He proposed and gave me a ring a week later. We married a few days before my 24th birthday. One of my favorite things about my husband is his compassion, intelligence, and his smile. We took a cross country road trip one summer and we had a great time. We were married for 61 years.

How did you meet your spouse?

He was friends with my sister and we went to high school and college together.



In my life I have travelled to many incredible places, but my husband and I truly cherished our time in Paris. We loved the museums and Notre Dame. Throughout the years, we also travelled to Europe and the Caribbean, including St. Thomas, Aruba, and Puerto Rico, and we even lived in Hawaii!

Is there a place you wish you can visit?

Italy.

I am so proud of my nieces and nephews who have all grown up to be incredible and successful women and men.

Who were some of your role models?

My mother and father, my sister, and my husband.

If you can tell them one thing right now, what would you tell them?

I would tell them how much I miss them and thank them for the times they helped me.

Do you have a "bucket list"? What does your list entail?

Thanking my family for how each member has helped me. I am grateful to my brother for bringing me to Florida. I wish I could find a way to thank him for his help.



My happiest moment in my life was marrying my husband in a beautiful church wedding and reception with my friends and family.

What are you most proud of in your life? Why are you so proud about it?

My marriage. It lasted 61 years.

What are some of the important lessons you have learned in life thus far?

I learned to be good, loving, and patient.

How would you like to be remembered?

As a loving and caring person to my family.



Traveling

Ellen's favorite place she ever traveled to was Paris. Throughout the years she traveled to the Caribbean, including St. Thomas, Aruba, and Puerto Rico, lived in Hawaii and traveled to Europe. One place that she would love to visit today is Italy. **"My husband and I loved Paris. We loved the museums and Notre Dame."**



1954

Ellen graduates from New Jersey State Teachers College. During her career as a teacher, Ellen taught in New Jersey, Hawaii, and Seattle.

1952

First Election Ellen can remember voting in - for Eisenhower!



1939

Greatest Influence

When asked who influenced Ellen's life the most, she says, **"My mother, father, sister and husband."** She also shares that if she had the chance to speak to them now, **"I would tell them how much I miss them and thank them for the times they helped me."**

May 5, 1961

First American, Alan Shepard, travels to outer space. Ellen remembers feeling so much joy watching each trip to outer space.

March 16, 1957

Ellen marries her husband after attending high school and college together. Ellen considers this the happiest moment of her life. Ellen was married for over 61 years.



What was so special about your wedding? "It was a beautiful church wedding followed by a beautiful reception with my family and many friends."

March 19, 1951

Ellen's 18th birthday. At age 18, Ellen's cousin Gene teaches her how to drive. Ellen's first car was a 1938 Chevy.

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1939

Ellen watches her first movie in theaters -
the Wizard of Oz, which is also her
favorite childhood movie.

Highlight in Life

In a history book about your life,
what would the highlight be?
**"Probably when I fell through the
ceiling. It was the talk of the town!"**



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Role Model

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1933

Ellen is born to William, a dentist, and Gertrude, a stay-at-home mother, in Jersey City, New Jersey on March 19, 1933. Ellen loved her family and considers her mother, father, and sister to be some of the greatest influences in life.

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