



## ELLEN FRANCIS MURPHY

December 7, 1935 - September 12, 2021

MURPHY, Ellen Francis, age 85, of West Middletown, lived a life rich in family and friends. Born on December 7, 1935 to William Sullivan and Kathryn (Coyle Fielding) Sullivan, Ellen was the eldest of eight Sullivan siblings. She and her husband Donald "Donnie" Murphy built what the family lovingly calls "Murphy's Woods," a home and haven that hosted for many memorable weddings, graduations, and parties. As proud as she was of her sanctuary, Ellen was prouder of her children: Deborah "Debbie" Murphy, Donald "Bootie" (Janet) Murphy, Love (Daniel) Douglas, and Jamie (Phillip Harrison) Murphy. She adored her grandchildren Mecca (John) Sadler, Myra Mardis, Louisa (Sanjib) Murphy, and Emily (Dustin) Humphrey and great-grandchildren Ciera, William, Henry, Alivia, Benjamin, Patrick, Dylan, and Hudson. Ellen was willing to travel at the drop of a hat and was able to journey around the United States and the world with her husband, sisters, and children. Although she considered herself shy, Ellen's Spirit sparkled with God's love, joy, and compassion touching the lives of countless people. She was able to strike up conversations with strangers who quickly became friends. She loved taking field trips to the casino, watching birds and wildlife in her woods, playing cards, and waiting on Christmas Eve Santa to visit on West Middletown's Volunteer fire trucks. Ellen died peacefully on Sunday, September 12, 2021. She is loved and remembered by her children, grandchildren, sisters Phoebe Pearce, Molly (Henry) Craycraft, Dorothy Poplin, and Donna Franssen, and numerous nieces and nephews. She is reunited with her parents, husband,

brother John Sullivan, sister Janice Eaton, and sister Terry Sullivan, half siblings Mary Hald and Billy Fielding. During a private service, Ellen will be laid to rest in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Donations may be made in Ellen's memory to Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties. Condolences may be sent to the family via [www.herr-riggs.com](http://www.herr-riggs.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *ELLEN FRANCIS MURPHY*

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“ *I knew Ellen & Don back before 'Bootie' came along. May she rest in peace*

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